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## **St. John the Baptist Greek Orthodox Church**

**May 22, 2022 - Sunday of the Samaritan Woman**

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**(Icon of the Samaritan Woman)**



## MINISTRY NEWS & UPDATES

**Sunday School End Of Year Party**-Join us after Divine Liturgy to celebrate the conclusion of this year's Sunday School! We will have hot dogs, yard games, ice cream, and lots of fun for all ages!

### **Ministry Photographs Meeting TODAY In the Church After Divine Liturgy-**

We are asking the following ministries to meet after Divine Liturgy in the church for group/ministry photos:

Immediately after Divine Liturgy - [Sunday School](#)

11:30 a.m. - [Welcome Ministry](#)

11:40 a.m. - [Bookstore & Veterans/1st Responders](#)

12:00 p.m. - [Philoptochos](#)

### **Welcoming All To Join the Photo Ministry—**

Love to take pictures? Please join our Photo Ministry! It's a fun and creative way to serve!

Call or text Karina Findlay (813)476-9632

### **St. John's Bookstore-Kid's Book Sale**

Stock up for summer reading! Look for the pink dots and receive 1/2 off selected children's books when you purchase another children's book of equal or greater value at our always low bookstore pricing!



**Monday Bible Study Update** - We will have our Bible Study at 6:30 pm on May 23 (no Bible Study the last Monday in May which is Memorial Day).

**College student night**—Monday, June 6—we are planning a summer get together at the church for any college students in the area for Monday, June 6, from 6:00-9:00 p.m. There is no cost. Please RSVP to Fr. Stavros by Wednesday, June 1 at [frstav@gmail.com](mailto:frstav@gmail.com)

**GriefShare to resume in August**—Thank you to Donna Hambos for finishing our fourth semester of GriefShare, our small group ministry dedicated to people who have lost loved ones. This group will resume either in later August or early September with another 13-week program. We know that there have been several people this spring who have lost loved ones. Please keep this very beneficial program in mind over the summer so that you can participate in the fall.

## **2022 Junior Olympics - We Need Your Help!**

The 2022 Junior Olympics is back with a full weekend of fun and fellowship. That means we need everyone's help!

You can sign-up on our Sign-Up genius and select what dates, times, and events you'd like to help out with.

Either scan the QR code on the right or click the link below to sign-up and support us:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0548a5af28a1fe3-junior>



## Readings for Sunday of the Samaritan Woman

**Prokeimenon:** O Lord, how manifold are your works. You have made all things in wisdom. Bless the Lord, O my soul.

### **The Epistle Reading is from the Acts of the Apostles (11:19-30)**

In those days, those apostles who were scattered because of the persecution that arose over Stephen traveled as far as Phoenicia and Cyprus and Antioch, speaking the word to none except Jews. But there were some of them, men of Cyprus and Cyrene, who on coming to Antioch spoke to the Greeks also, preaching the Lord Jesus. And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number that believed turned to the Lord. News of this came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. When he came and saw the grace of God, he was glad; and he exhorted them all to remain faithful to the Lord with steadfast purpose; for he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a large company was added to the Lord. So Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul; and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. For a whole year they met with the church, and taught a large company of people; and in Antioch the disciples were for the first time called Christians. Now in these days prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. And one of them named Agabos stood up and foretold by the Spirit that there would be a great famine over all the world; and this took place in the days of Claudius. And the disciples determined, every one according to his ability, to send relief to the brethren who lived in Judea, and they did so, sending it to the elders by the hand of Barnabas and Saul.

### **Gospel Reading is from John 4:5-42**

At that time, Jesus came to a city of Samaria, called Sychar, near the field that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and so Jesus, wearied as he was with his journey, sat down beside the well. It was about the sixth hour. There came a woman of Samaria to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans. Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have nothing to draw with, and the well is deep; where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well, and drank from it himself, and his sons, and his cattle?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will thirst again, but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst; the water that I shall give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, that I may not thirst, nor come here to draw." Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and he whom you now have is not your husband; this you said truly." The woman said to him, "Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. Our fathers worshiped on this mountain; and you say that Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for such the Father seeks to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that the Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ); when he comes, he will show us all things." Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am he." Just then his disciples came. They marveled that he was talking with a woman, but none said, "What do you wish?" or, "Why are you talking with her?" So the woman left her water jar, and went away into the city and said to the people, "Come, see a man who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?" They went out of the city and were coming to him. Meanwhile the disciples besought him, saying "Rabbi, eat." But he said to them, "I have food to eat of which you do not know." So the disciples said to one another, "Has anyone brought him food?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me, and to accomplish his work. Do you not say, 'There are yet four months, then comes the harvest'? I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see how the fields are already white for harvest. He who reaps receives wages, and gathers fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor; others have labored, and you have entered into their labor." Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony. "He told me all that I ever did." So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of your words that we believe, for we have heard ourselves, and we know that this is indeed Christ the Savior of the world."

**Prayer List:** Lord Jesus Christ, Physician of our Souls and Bodies, visit and heal your servants: Stavroula, George, Pam, and Liz; Roger Zesis; Christopher Labatos; Sylvia Michos; Eva Coppalla; Christopher; Christopher; Mary & Peter Nenos; Tony Ekonomou; Keith Lynn & Patrick Carroll; Ourania Tziotis, Irina, Marina, Yuri, and Christophoros; Ashley Snyder; Evangelos & Caroline Critkas; Constantinos & Kalotina Klimis; Christine Alex, June, Lillian Thomas; Scotty; Desi Serriera; Ashley Kladakis; Dora Kallas, Kathy & Andrew Bouzinekis; Anastasia; Virginia Georgiou, Toulia Tsaros, Nellie Pringle, Yolanda Webb, Angela Bougas, Tony Ekonomou, Ron, Jason Vickers, Rex Garrison, Tina Chakonas, Ann Demas, Christina Noel Kouzes Houck, Evangeline Xeroteris, Ashley Henderson, Natalie Henderson, Chris, Debbie, James, Avery, Lily, Jacob, Jesse, Ann, Rosario, Antonia Caffentzis, Alissa, John, Angela, Joey, Christine Scourtes, Steven, Phyllis, John Zelatis, Reagan, Peter Zaharis, Alexandra Ferrarolis, Leon & Despina Botham, Cindy Xenick, Mary Ellen Evdemon, Marie Sofia Panagopoulos, Maria Hursey, Chris Vamvakias, John Myer, Mike Trimis, Alice Stoccardo, John Alexander, Michael Romero, George Hambos, Dean Kondilis and Family, Bill and Nancy Manikas, Patricia Costello, Ekaterina & Anna Shushaalykova, Dora Koudouna, Debbie Phelps, Mary Voykin, David Voykin, Denise Badrane, Don Payne, and all victims of war, terrorism, crime, natural disaster, and all of whom we are unaware.



SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS & UPDATE

Sunday, May 22

Last Day of Sunday School  
Sunday School Graduation  
Ceremony for all students

Sunday School and Teachers’ Photo  
taken for Directory

Sunday School End of the Year Party on  
CAMPUS

Liturgical Notes

**The Pentecostarion - The 50 Days After Pascha** The period of 50 days between Pascha & Pentecost is referred to as the “Pentecostarion.” The period of forty days between Pascha Sunday and the day of the Ascension is known as the period of Pascha (or Easter). It is a period set aside by the Church for the specific celebration of Christ’s glorious resurrection. It is a celebration of “rebirth”. . . .The re-birth of God’s creation which surrounds us, and the rebirth of the spirit within each and every one of us! This period is not merely a ritualistic celebration but a celebration which can be seen, felt, heard and talked about. It is a very REAL celebration which CAN make our entire being jump with JOY. It is a celebration which offers us HOPE. It is a celebration which offers us the TRUE FREEDOM found only in Jesus Christ! During the 40 days of Pascha, we are to greet each other with the greeting “Christ is Risen” or “Χριστὸς Ἀνέστη!,” to which the response is “Truly He is Risen” or “Ἀληθῶς Ἀνέστη!”

No Kneeling until Pentecost

It is actually the Tradition in the Orthodox Church that we not kneel on Sundays in honor of the Resurrection of Christ. Because we do not worship on a daily basis in our church communities, priests have encouraged people to kneel on Sundays, the thought being that if we do not kneel on Sundays, that we’ll never kneel in church. It is a Tradition, that for 50 days after Pascha, we do not kneel in honor of the Resurrection. The next time we will kneel after April 23 is on the Feast of Pentecost (June 12) at the Vespers of the Descent of the Holy Spirit, when the priest says “Again and again on bended knees let us pray to the Lord.”


**Sunday, May 22 - Sunday of the Samaritan Woman** Christ talks about the water of eternal life which will never make us thirst again. The woman here is St. Photini.

**Sunday, May 29 - Sunday of the Blind Man** - The theme of LIGHT! Commemoration of the healing of the blind man which leads us to the reality of the healing of our own spiritual blindness.

**Tuesday, May 31- Apodosis (Leave-Taking) of Pascha** -This marks the end of the Paschal Season. It is a repeat of the Resurrection Service and Liturgy of Pascha and is the last time of the Liturgical year that we sing Χριστὸς Ἀνέστη. We will celebrate this feast on Tues-day, May 31, with an evening Liturgy at 6:00 p.m. (Orthros will begin at 5:00 p.m. and is a replication of the Resurrection Service from Pascha).

Thursday, June 2 - Ascension

This marks the feast where Christ ascended to heaven, 40 days after the Resurrection, thus completing His earthly ministry.



Our Food Pantry is very active helping people near and far in the Tampa Community

☐ Pasta

☐ Spaghetti Sauce

☐ Tomato sauce/ chopped tomatoes etc.

☐ All kinds of white flour

☐ Canned Tuna

☐ Canned Chicken

☐ Canned fruits and vegetables

☐ Gluten Free Foods and Flours

☐ Body Wash

☐ Cereal

☐ Whole wheat rice and pasta

☐ Men's and Women's razors and shaving cream (travel size)

☐ Toothbrushes

☐ Granola & Protein Bars

Vasili's Book Study Begins June 9!

Interested in having a theological, historical, and practical understanding of the Divine Liturgy? In Vasili's book study, you'll be reading *"The Divine Liturgy: A Commentary in the Light of the Fathers"* written by Hieromonk Gregorios. The class will meet every Thursday from 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., both in-person at St. John's and virtually.

Come for as many as you're able, even if you know you'll miss a couple of sessions. Don't worry, it will be easy to catch up and continue! A complete and detailed schedule is coming soon.

Please RSVP to Vasili by Sunday, June 5 to secure your copy of the book!

Happy Birthday and Happy Nameday!

If you want to make sure we have your birthdate on file, please call the office.

Birthdays		Namedays
May 22	Ariana Choundas Thatcher; Jacqueline Freeman; Evan Kremydas; Alexandra Laliotis;	Fotini; Emilios; Kodros; John-Vladimir;
May 23	Alexis Mulberry	Bathsheba;
May 24	Cheryl Apostolos; Markos Mangarides; Michael Trimis;	Christian; Markiani; Palladia;
May 25	Oliver Calamunci;	
May 26	Hannah Passalaris; Nomiki Patellis; Michael Sandborn;	Karpos; Sinesios;
May 27	Daniel LeMay;	Alypios; Ioannis; Rossos;
May 28	Aris Kolilias; Daphne Setzer-Torres;	

Altar Boy Schedule

Sunday, May 22 St. John	Captains	Sunday, May 29
Christos Nenos Constantine Ameres Zachary George Alex Findlay Gianni Matassini Grayson Borgeas-Beech Gryphon Borgeas-Beech Nathan Moran	John Palios Genaro Scarfogliero Nicholas Akrotirianakis Yanni Trimikliniotis James Magos Demetri Passalaris	Anyone attending may serve

