



Please remember in your fervent prayers the Coptic Orthodox Christians in Egypt who are undergoing severe persecution and death at the hands of radical Islamists. May the Lord God save, defend and protect our fellow believers from all harm. *“Let God arise, let His enemies be scattered, let those who hate Him flee from before His face!”* (From the Canon of Pascha)

The picture to the left is a photograph of the ancient Coptic Orthodox Church of St. Mena, having been set afire last week by radical Islamists. The Orthodox believers could only stand and weep.....

SUNDAY OF THE SAMARITAN WOMAN

ST. VASILISKOS, BISHOP OF COMANA

MAY 22, 2011



“My Savior and almighty God, who from a rock made water gush in the wilderness for the Hebrews, You traveled to Samaria; and with a woman You conversed and asked for a drink of water. Thus You drew her to faith in You; and now in heaven forever she enjoys life eternal.” (From Matins)



KONTAKION OF THE SAMARITAN WOMAN

The Samaritan Woman, having come to the well in faith, beheld You, the Water of Wisdom from which she drank plentifully and inherited the Heavenly Kingdom as one who is blessed forever

SUMMER LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

On Sunday, **June 5**, we will move to the summer schedule: **Orthros at 8:30 a.m. and Divine Liturgy at 9:30 a.m.** This will be in effect until after Labor Day.

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BIBLE STUDY CONTINUES

Our study of the Gospel of St. John continues on Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Join us for this important reflection on the last canonical Gospel written.

SUMMER ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES

The Holy Metropolis of New Jersey will sponsor the 2011 CAMP GOOD SHEPHERD at the Linwood MacDonald YMCA Camp and Conference Center in Branchville, New Jersey. The three sessions are July 10-16 (JOY session); July 17-23 (GOYA session #1); and July 24-30 (GOYA session #2). For more information and to obtain a registration packet, contact the Metropolis Youth Office at 908-301-0500, or go online to www.nj.goarch.org

LADIES PHILOPTOCHOS

All are invited to join us on Tuesday, June 7th at 7:30 p.m. at the new Stella's Restaurant on Traville Gateway in Rockville as we celebrate the end of a successful year for our Chapter as well as welcoming our new Board members. Total cost per dinner is \$30. For more information and to RSVP, please contact Mary Papadopulos at marypapa10@gmail.com or 301-530-1215.

In response to continued inquiries regarding church financials, the Church is publishing weekly and year-to-date operating income and expenses in the Sunday bulletin. God bless you and thank you for your support.

May 11 through May 17, 2011

Income	\$0.00*
Expenses	\$956.00**

January 1 through May 17, 2011

Income	\$490,475.98*
Expenses	\$442,747.64**

* - Includes any income from Stewardship, Candles, Trays, General Donations, Facility Rentals, Spring Festival, and Harbor School Rent.
** - Includes expenses incurred (funds disbursed) for Administrative Items, Candles, Facility Rentals, Spring Festival, Archdiocese Stewardship, For those Who Serve, Furniture, Fixtures & Equipment, Liturgical, Maintenance, Mortgage Interest, Program Expenses, Taxes & Insurance, and Utilities.

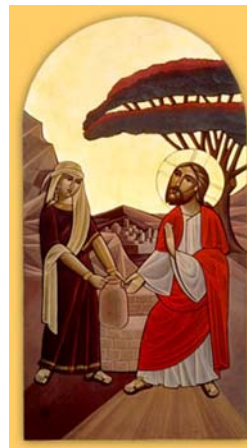
EPISTLE Acts 11:19-30

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 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."

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THE SAMARITAN WOMAN: BE HONEST WITH GOD

The Holy Church presents the Samaritan woman as an example of the raising up of sinful sinners from the depths, those who are looking for salvation and are ready to respond to the voice of God, who everywhere unceasingly calls out to them about raising up spiritually. The Samaritan woman, despite

"burning with the heat of many passions", did not extinguish the feeling of goodness in her heart, the susceptibility to truth and the desire to please God, and for this she was made worthy to find the Savior, "sitting on the well". During the conversation He, having stirred up sincere repentance of sins in her, reminded this woman about her sinful life. He caused her to see and understand her true self. He caused her to see herself as she really was, and promised her "living waters" to drink. No longer could she play games or avoid seeing her darker side. With all of this we also are inspired that Lord Himself always goes out to meet those searching for divine truth and grace and are capable of repentance, and mercifully grants them gifts even to establish their salvation, and through them the salvation of others also. Do we see ourselves as we really are before God? Are we aware of the games we play before Him – trying to hide our sins as did the Samaritan woman, thinking that we are guiltless and righteous before God? Jesus pierced through her cover-up and will pierce through ours as well – causing us to see ourselves as we really are. He then will give us living waters and we will thirst no more. The one thing needful is for us to stand honestly before the Risen Lord and admit our brokenness, our weakness, our need for Him and His great mercy. Once we do this, those living waters will flow without ceasing. **BE HONEST WITH CHRIST GOD!**

40 DAY BLESSING

A 40 Day Blessing will be given to **Jack Simon**, son of Maria Simon and Michael Robbins; and to **Yianni**, son of Yianni Tousimis and Elaine Sayson. May God grant him many years!.



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES

Congratulations to all our graduates! As you end another phase in your life, remember always that to God belongs the glory! May he bless your future days with health and holiness. May your dreams become a reality for you. Always make the effort to stay close to God in prayer and worship, for without Him you can do nothing. We are proud of all of you and ask God to grant you many years!

CLEAVE TO CHRIST

by the Nun Pelegia of Novo Diveyevo

The Holy Fathers tell us that in order to be able to remember God we should be striving at times to keep our conscience clean. When we get angry with someone or say or do something that wounds another, we should repent of this as quickly as possible, ask God's forgiveness and apologize to the person we offended. Arguing and judging come from pride, and pride immediately cuts us off from remembrance of and communion with God. St. Silouan said, "A cloud blows over and hides the sun, making everything dark. In the same way, one prideful thought causes the soul to lose grace, and she is left in darkness. But, equally, a single impulse of humility—and grace returns. Keeping our minds and hearts in the Goodness of God is not easy since so much in the world and our own bad habits pull us away from this. The Holy Fathers spoke of the importance of making a firm resolve to hold to Christ and to walk His narrow, uphill path. As soon as the soul does this, however, the demons, who never sleep and see this change, arm themselves against the soul, bringing out their guns and artillery. And if one gun or tactic doesn't work, they bring out another. Yet, the soul remains unharmed if she cleaves to Christ Who is All-Powerful. If she wavers, however, in fear and lack of faith, she falls. But—glory to God—this is not the end of the battle or the war. If a soul falls, she must quickly get up, without discouragement, since "All things work to the glory of God to those who love Christ." Our falls teach us faith and humility, and "a contrite and humble heart God will not despise." The power of repentance is exceedingly great, for as soon as we say, "Father, I have sinned," He runs to meet us and embrace us. And these embraces, these consolations, increase our love and longing to be ever with Him, Who is boundless Love.