



**Special Visitor Next Sunday, May 20th!**

We are pleased to announce that Fr. Jordan will be coming back to Transfiguration next Sunday, visiting us and concelebrating the Divine Liturgy with Fr. Vasileios.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL SHOWDOWN and PICNIC!**

All Sunday School youth, pre-K through high school, get ready for the Sunday School Showdown

**NEXT Sunday, May 20, during coffee hour.**  
Following the showdown, there will be a fun picnic to enjoy.

This was so much fun last year and will be even better this year. Plan to be there!

**2012 GRADUATES!**



Next Sunday, May 20th All high school, college and university graduates will be recognized during the Divine Liturgy.

Please make sure that your student will be here to receive a special blessing and a gift from Fr. Vasileios!

**Prison Ministry Sunday is on May 20**

*"I WAS IN PRISON AND YOU CAME TO ME..."* Matthew 25:36

Since 2005, OCPM has represented SCOPA, now the Assembly of Bishops, bringing the love of Christ to those in prison and their families by providing encouragement, material support, transition and reintegration services, Christian education, spiritual guidance and the sacramental life of the Church.

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**Thank you to today's Mother's Day Luncheon Sponsors:**

*The Men's Fellowship Group*

**Thank you to last week's Coffee Hour Sponsors:**

*Qatato, Randol, Read, Rigney, Roberts*

**Next Week Please Join Us For Our  
Sunday School Picnic!**

**Thank you to today's ushers:**

*Ioannis Ousaklidis, Maria Miller and Julie Wynn*

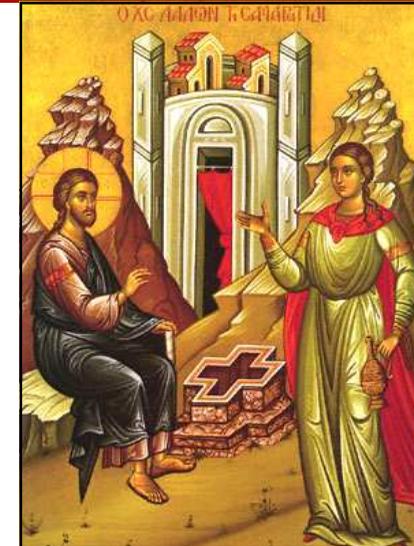
**Thank you to last week's ushers:**

*Pat Mitchell, Tricia and Kevin Koriath*

**Next week's ushers are:**

*Stuart Yoder, Chrissie Spiropoulos, Allen Wynn*

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF PASCHA  
SUNDAY OF THE SAMARITAN  
WOMAN**



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**SUNDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE**

ORTHROS 8:45AM; DIVINE LITURGY 10:00AM

**Reverend Fr. Vasileios Flegas, Proistamenos**  
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## Hymns for Today

### Resurrection Pascha Hymn

Χριστὸς ἀνέστη ἐκ νεκρῶν, θανάτῳ θάνατον πατήσας, καὶ τοῖς ἐν τοῖς μνήμασι ζωὴν χαρισάμενος.

*Christós anésti ek nekrón, thanáto thánaton patisas, ke tis en tis mnimasi zoin harisámenos.*

*Christ is risen from the dead trampling down death by death, and to those in the tombs He has granted Life.*

### Special Entrance Hymn for the Pascha Season

*In the congregations bless God, the Lord, from the springs of Israel.*

*Save us O Son God who did Rise from the dead. We sing to You Alleluia.*

### Resurrection Hymn (4<sup>th</sup> Tone)

*“When the tidings of the resurrection from the glorious angel was proclaimed unto the women disciples and our ancestral sentence also had been abolished to the Apostles with boasting did they proclaim that death is vanquished ever more and Christ our God has risen from the dead and granted to the world His great mercy.”*

### Hymn for Mid-Pentecost

*“At Mid-Feast give Thou my thirsty soul to drink of the waters of piety;*

*for Thou, O Saviour, didst cry out to all: Whosoever is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink.*

*Wherefore, O Wellspring of life, Christ our God, glory be to Thee.”*

### Hymn for the Samaritan Woman

*Having come to the well in faith, the Samaritan woman beheld Thee, the Water of Wisdom, whereof having drunk abundantly, she, the renowned one, inherited the Kingdom on high for ever.*

### Apolytikion of the Transfiguration of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ

*Metemorfothis en to ori, Christe o Theos, dixas tis mathites Sou tin doxan Sou, kathos i dynando. Lampson ke imin tis amartolis to fos Sou to aidion, presvies tis Theotokou Fotodota doxa Si.*

*When O Christ our God Thou wast Transfigured on the mountain*

*Thou didst reveal Thy glory to Thy disciples in proportion as they could bear it.*

*Let Thine everlasting light also enlighten us sinners.*

*By the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Thou Bestower of light, glory to Thee.*

### Kontakion of the Pascha Season

*Though Thou did descend into the grave, O Immortal One, yet did Thou destroy the power of Hades, and did arise as victor, O Christ God, calling to the myrrh-bearing women, Rejoice, and giving peace unto Thine Apostles, O Thou Who grants resurrection to the fallen.*

### Hymn in place of “Axion estin...”

*The angel cried to her who is full of grace, O Pure Virgin rejoice and again I say rejoice for your Son has risen from the grave on the third day. Shine, shine O new Jerusalem for the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. Dance now and be glad O Zion and do you exalt O pure Theotokos in the arising of Him Whom you did bear.*

### Special Communion Hymn

*Soma Christu metalavete pigis athanatu gevsasthe. Alleluia.*

*Body of Christ receive, the fountain of life, taste the source of immortal life.*

## WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS: Sunday, May 13, 2012

### 40 Day Blessing

The 40 Day Blessing today is for Michael John Sewell.

Congratulations to Christa and Shane Sewell!

God grant you many years!

### Mother's Day Luncheon

The Men's Fellowship is sponsoring a luncheon in honor of Mother's Day today!

The scrumptious menu includes:

- ◆ Grilled Chicken
- ◆ Roasted potatoes
- ◆ Green Beans & Tomatoes
- ◆ Salad/dressing
- ◆ Bread
- ◆ Dessert
- ◆ Hotdogs/buns & Chips for the kids

See you next door after the Liturgy!

### A Special Thank You!

A special thank you to Stuart Yoder, chair of the Maintenance Committee, for his work in completing the repairs of our new parking lot.

### Memorial Day Celebration

Fr. Vasileios is planning a special service honoring all of the men and women in our community who have or are presently serving in any branch of the military. This service will happen as part of the Liturgy on Sunday, May 27th. If you have ever been a part of the armed services, please submit your name to the church office by Sunday, May 20th; AND if you still have your uniform (or any part of it!), please wear that to church on May 27th!

### YAL

Bible Study will continue with Father Vaseleios on Tuesday, May 22.

Please arrive to grab a snack so the study can begin at at 6:30 pm.

*Women's Study with Presbyteria Vasiliki was a huge success this past week!  
Please plan to attend our next meeting on Wednesday, May 23 at 7pm.*

### Volunteers are needed for the Capital of Texas Triathlon - Monday, May 28 (Memorial Day)

Specifically, the paratriathlon portion for handicapped racers (athletes who might be paraplegic, have amputated limbs, or who are blind). Many of these triathlon participants are professional athletes.

Volunteers would assist them with transitioning between the portions of the race and ensuring they have everything they need to continue throughout the event.

Please email [austin.oja@gmail.com](mailto:austin.oja@gmail.com) for more information. To learn more, visit: <http://www.captextri.com>



## Sunday of the Samaritan Woman

One of the most ancient cities of the Promised Land was Shechem, also called Sikima, located at the foot of Mount Gerazim. There the Israelites had heard the blessings in the days of Moses and Jesus of Navi. Near to this town, Jacob, who had come from Mesopotamia in the nineteenth century before Christ, bought a piece of land where there was a well. This well, preserved even until the time of Christ, was known as Jacob's Well. Later, before he died in Egypt, he left that piece of land as a special inheritance to his son Joseph (Gen. 49:22). This town, before it was taken into possession by Samaria, was also the leading city of the kingdom of the ten tribes. In the time of the Romans it was called Neapolis, and at present Nablus. It was the first city in Canaan visited by the Patriarch Abraham.

Here also, Jesus of Navi (Joshua) addressed the tribes of Israel for the last time. Almost three hundred years later, all Israel assembled there to make Roboam (Rehoboam) king.

When our Lord Jesus Christ, then, came at midday to this city, which is also called Sychar (John 4:5), He was wearied from the journey and the heat, and He sat down at this well. After a little while the Samaritan woman mentioned in today's Gospel passage came to draw water. As she conversed at some length with the Lord and heard from Him secret things concerning herself, she believed in Him; through her many other Samaritans also believed.

Concerning the Samaritans we know the following: In the year 721 before Christ, Salmanasar (Shalmaneser), King of the Assyrians, took the ten tribes of the kingdom of Israel into captivity, and relocated all these people to Babylon and the land of the Medes. From there he gathered various nations and sent them to Samaria. These nations had been idolaters from before. Although they were later instructed in the Jewish faith and believed in the one God, they worshipped the idols also. Furthermore, they accepted only the Pentateuch of Moses, and rejected the other books of Holy Scripture. Nonetheless, they thought themselves to be descendants of Abraham and Jacob. Therefore, the pious Jews named these Judaizing and idolatrous peoples Samaritans, since they lived in Samaria, the former leading city of the Israelites, as well as in the other towns thereabout. The Jews rejected them as heathen and foreigners, and had no communion with them at all, as the Samaritan woman observed, "the Jews have no dealings with the Samaritans" (John 4:9). Therefore, the name Samaritan is used derisively many times in the Gospel narrations. After the Ascension of the Lord, and the descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, the woman of Samaria was baptized by the holy Apostles and became a great preacher and Martyr of Christ; she was called Photine, and her feast is kept on February 26.

### IOCC AUSTIN PENTECOST DINNER

Please join us for a Pan-Orthodox fundraiser to benefit IOCC!

Sunday, June 3, 2012- 5:00pm - 9:00pm in the Mt. Tabor Hall

There will be Live Music • A Silent Auction • And a Mediterranean Meal

GUESTSPEAKER: Mark Ohanian, IOCC Program Director

Tickets: \$40 per adult/ \$50 if registered after May 27 • \$20 per child under 12

REGISTER ONLINE AT IOCC.ORG/AUSTIN Questions: austinmet@iocc.org or 512-476-2314

All proceeds from this event will benefit IOCC's humanitarian relief fund

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**Imad Zaccak is the chair of the IOCC Metropolitan Committee in Austin, and is seeking our help to assist with this event. Volunteer opportunities include assisting with setup/cleanup, the Silent Auction, publicity, reaching out to the other Orthodox and ethnic communities, ideas for a guest speaker, and serving food/ beverages to tables. Please email Imad at [iz2000ca@yahoo.ca](mailto:iz2000ca@yahoo.ca) if you are able to help out!**

May 13, 2012 - Sunday of the Samaritan Woman

Epistle - Acts II: 19-30

Now those who were scattered because of the affliction that arose about Stephen went abroad as far as Phoenicia and Cyprus and Antioch, speaking the word to no one except to Jews only. But some of them were men of Cyprus and Cyrene, who, after they came to Antioch, began speaking to the Hellenists, preaching as good tidings the Lord Jesus. And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number believed and turned to the Lord. Then the report concerning them was heard in the ears of the Church which was in Jerusalem. And they sent forth Barnabas to go through as far as Antioch, who, after he came and saw the grace of God, was glad and was exhorting all to keep on remaining near to the Lord with purpose of heart. For he was a good man, and full of the Holy Spirit and of faith; and a considerable crowd was added to the Lord. And Barnabas went forth to Tarsus to search for Saul. And having found him, he brought him to Antioch. And it came to pass that they were gathered together with the Church for a whole year, and taught a considerable crowd. And the disciples were called Christians first in Antioch.

And in these days prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. And one of them, by name Agavos, rose up, and signified by the Spirit that there was about to be a great famine over all the inhabited world, which also came to pass in the time of Claudius Caesar. And according as any one of the disciples was prospered, each of them determined to send relief toward ministering to the brethren who dwelt in Judaea, which also they did, sending it off to the presbyters by the hand of Barnabas and Saul.

Ἐν ταῖς ἡμεραῖς ἐκεῖναις, διασπαρέντες ἀπὸ τῆς θλίψεως τῆς γενομένης ἐπὶ Στεφάνῳ διήλθον ἕως Φοινίκης καὶ Κύπρου καὶ Ἀντιοχείας, μηδενὶ λαλοῦντες τὸν λόγον εἰ μὴ μόνον Ἰουδαίους. Ἦσαν δὲ τινες ἐξ αὐτῶν ἄνδρες Κύπριοι καὶ Κυρηναῖοι, οἵτινες εἰσελθόντες εἰς Ἀντιόχειαν, ἐλάλουν πρὸς τοὺς Ἑλληνιστάς, εὐαγγελιζόμενοι τὸν κύριον Ἰησοῦν. Καὶ ἦν χεὶρ κυρίου μετ' αὐτῶν· πολὺς τε ἀριθμὸς πιστεύσας ἐπέστρεψεν ἐπὶ τὸν κύριον. Ἠκούσθη δὲ ὁ λόγος εἰς τὰ ὦτα τῆς ἐκκλησίας τῆς ἐν Ἱεροσολύμοις περὶ αὐτῶν· καὶ ἐξαπέστειλαν Βαρνάβαν διελθεῖν ἕως Ἀντιοχείας· ὃς παραγενόμενος καὶ ἰδὼν τὴν χάριν τοῦ θεοῦ ἐχάρη, καὶ παρεκάλει πάντας τῇ προθέσει τῆς καρδίας προσμένειν τῷ κυρίῳ· ὅτι ἦν ἀνὴρ ἀγαθὸς καὶ πλήρης πνεύματος ἁγίου καὶ πίστεως· καὶ προσετέθη ὄχλος ἰκανὸς τῷ κυρίῳ. Ἐξῆλθεν δὲ εἰς Ταρσὸν ὁ Βαρνάβας ἀναζητῆσαι Σαῦλον, καὶ εὗρών ἤγαγεν αὐτὸν εἰς Ἀντιόχειαν. Ἐγένετο δὲ αὐτοὺς ἐνιαυτὸν ὅλον συναθῆναι τῇ ἐκκλησίᾳ καὶ διδάξαι ὄχλον ἰκανόν, χρηματίσαι τε πρῶτον ἐν Ἀντιοχείᾳ τοὺς μαθητὰς Χριστιανούς. Ἐν ταύταις δὲ ταῖς ἡμέραις κατήλθον ἀπὸ Ἱεροσολύμων προφήται εἰς Ἀντιόχειαν. Ἀναστὰς δὲ εἰς ἐξ αὐτῶν ὀνόματι Ἀγαβος, ἐσήμανεν διὰ τοῦ πνεύματος λιμὸν μέγαν μέλλειν ἔσεσθαι ἐφ' ὅλην τὴν οἰκουμένην· ὅστις Ν καὶ ἐγένετο ἐπὶ Κλαυδίου Καίσαρος. Τῶν δὲ μαθητῶν καθὼς εὐπορεῖτό τις, ὥρισαν ἕκαστος αὐτῶν εἰς διακονίαν πέμψαι τοῖς κατοικοῦσιν ἐν τῇ Ἰουδαίᾳ ἀδελφοῖς· ὃ καὶ ἐποίησαν, ἀποστείλαντες πρὸς τοὺς πρεσβυτέρους διὰ χειρὸς Βαρνάβα καὶ Σαύλου.

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."

### Pascha Greetings

During the forty-day period from Pascha to Ascension, Orthodox Christians throughout the world greet one another with the Paschal Greeting:

**English** - Christ is Risen / Truly He is Risen or Indeed He is Risen

**Greek** - Christos Anesti / Alithos Anesti

**Spanish** - Christo ha resucitado / En verdad ha resucitado

**Ukrainian** - Khristos Voskres / Voistynu Voskres

**Romanian** - Hristos a Inviat / Adevarat a Inviat

**Arabic** - Al masi h qam / Hakan qam

**Slavonic** - Khrystos Voskrese / Voistyne Voskrese

**Swahili** - Kristo Amefufukka / Kweli amefufukka

### *Receiving Holy Communion*

*The sacrament of Holy Communion is reserved for only baptized and/or Chrismated Orthodox Christians who have properly prepared by fasting, prayer and confession. The Orthodox Church is not in sacramental communion with any other church outside the Orthodox Christian Faith. If you are not Orthodox, you are invited with everyone to receive the Antidoron (blessed bread) at the end of service. If you would like information about the Orthodox Church and becoming an Orthodox Christian, please see Father Vasileios after services.*

### *PRAYERS FOR HEALTH*

*Dolly, Betty, Arlena, Sophie, Archie, Lou, Thomas, Kathy, Suzanne, Pat, Steve, Nina, Katheryn, Panayioti, Anna, Margaret, Sami, Ibrahim, Mary, George, Susan, Matthew, Ellen, Katina, Nelda, Nick, Elaine, Malone, Tracy, Richard, Lilly, Kimberly, Jamil, Dimitrios, Lisa, Maggie, Mindy, Joan, Nakis, Micky, Kiane, Lari, Ed, Sally, Mariana, Brian, Kaeley, Tristan, Matt, Jeff, Sophia, Angela, Jennifer, Romeo, Konstandinos, Elia, Rose Marie, Bilyana, Maria, Susan, Jane, Clara, Costa, Cindy, Philip, Trey, Barbara, Evangia, Michael, Jeffrey, Victoria, Nicole, Anastasia, Katie, Suzanne, Katie, Stella, Michael, Nicole, George, Katherine, Fr. Peter, Venton, Nick, Sandy, Caleb, Pete, Wendy, Lorraine, Tina, Anna, Michael, Anna, Pamela, Shawn, Megan, Leo, Christy, Glenn, Philip, Katelyn, Joshua, Jason, John, Julia, Nick, Maria, Carolyn, Betty, Ruth, Nicholas, Joyce, Connie, Deacon George, Ralph, Vana, Andreas, the Nun Elizabeth, Alexandra, Arsinoi, Sultana, Boyd, Argyre, Carol, Susie, Soultana, John, Eliana, John, Dimitrios, John, Nick, Cecilia, George, Ricky, Mackenzie, Leah, Cynthia, Georgia, Eudoxia, Mark, infant James, Ben, Michael, Rod, Nici, Phyllis, George, Helena, Kinley, Shiloh, Lili, Jacob, Bill, Albina, Allison, Nina, Kimberly, Madeleine, Michael, Dion, Harry*

### *PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN OUR ARMED FORCES:*

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