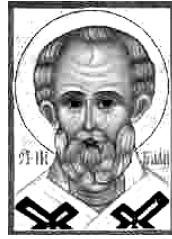


May 2, 2010

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Sunday of the Samaritan Woman (Fifth Sunday of Pascha)

Schedule of Services and Activities

Saturday, May 8th – 5:00 PM

Sunday, May 9th – 10:00 AM

Great Vespers

Divine Liturgy

A special parish meeting will be held on Sunday, May 9th (after the Mother's Day Brunch) to discuss and unsolicited offer to purchase all or part of the St Mark's properties. The meeting will be to present the current offer and to vote on it. Only members in good standing (those who participate sacramentally in the Church and financially support the Church) may vote in the meeting.

Konevets Quartet Concert is being rescheduled for Saturday, June 5th. More information will be released this week as to the specific venue and time.

Everyone is invited to our annual Mother's Day Brunch to be held next Sunday, May 9th after the Divine Liturgy, in honor of the women of the parish, presented by the men of the parish. There is no cost for brunch, but all men should read the announcement below...

Calling all men! All men of the parish are asked to participate (financially and/or working) to prepare and serve our annual Mother's Day Brunch next Sunday, May 9th to be held after the Divine Liturgy. Please see Paul Parlock today to see how you can help!

Our church has opened up an account at GFS. When shopping at GFS, please mention that you would like your purchase amount to go towards supporting St. Nicholas Orthodox Church. All purchases are recorded and at the end of the year, our church can earn rewards either in a form of a gift card or a rebate check. If you have any questions, please see Michelle Bittner. Thank you.

The next Bible Study will be held on Wednesday, May 19th (not the 12th). Everyone is welcome to join in!

Our Church School Picnic will be held on Saturday, May 22nd beginning at 11:00 AM at Moon Park (Saturn Pavillion). Everyone is welcome to join the Church School children, their families and their teachers for this wonderful annual outing! Please see Matushka Joni to sign up for things to bring to the picnic!

St John's Ukrainian Catholic Church, 204 Olivia St, McKees Rocks, will sponsor a Spaghetti Dinner today from noon until 5:00 PM. There will also be a bake sale and Chinese auction, and take-out orders will be available. \$7.00 for adults, \$4 for children 12 and under.

The Holy Ghost Orthodox Church Ladies Altar Society of Ambridge will sponsor at Victorian Tea and Basket Raffle on Saturday, May 8th beginning at noon. Admission is \$15 and includes lunch and 10 raffle tickets. Call Mary Wagner at 724-375-8952 for reservations.

The AFR Listener's Conference scheduled for June 4-6 has been cancelled and will be rescheduled. See ancientfaith.com for details.

The THEOS Orthodox School will hold its annual fundraising dinner and silent auction on Sunday, June 6th at Bella Sera restaurant in Canonsburg. For more information or reservations, please contact Pam Onest 724-809-9545 or tpabee98@yahoo.com or Tina Patrinos 412-551-6230.

An Pan-Orthodox Men's Retreat will be held at the Antiochian Village June 11th through 13th on the theme, "Exploring the Passions that Drive Us and the Virtues that Save Us." The retreat master will be Paul Karos of Minneapolis, MN. Call 724.238.3677 x425 for more details.

Thank you to our May donors! Altar Candles (\$25) from Doris M Wasilko in memory of her parents, Charles and Mary. **Holy Bread (\$50)** from Marsha Wasilko for all deceased relatives. **Communion Wine (\$40)** from Marsha Wasilko on the occasion of her birthday. **Incense (\$10)** from Fr Tom and Matushka Joni Soroka for the health of their daughter, Jacqueline, on the occasion of her 11th birthday.

Helen Cobb would like to thank all those who showed her such kindness in the form of gifts, cards, letters and phone calls during her recent 102nd birthday. May God richly bless you for your thoughtfulness!

Vigil Light Donations (*Please remember the following people in your prayers*) **From Helen Cobb** for the departed servants, George, Ray Cobb, Fr. Vladimir & Mat. Olga, Darius Walat; for the health of Ruth, Vic, Todd, Aleisha, Dick, Jared, Helen March Shancey, Stephanie Kowal, the Tichy, Fuller, Kasnot, Speth, Wasilko, Barsom, Soroka and Mell families. **From Doris M. Wasilko** for the departed servants, (parents) Charles & Mary; for the health of the Wasilko family, Carol Kowalcheck; Happy Birthday & Many Years to Marsha & Fr. Tom. **From Charles A. Wasilko** for the health of sister, Marsha on her birthday. **From Alexandria Tirpak** for the departed servants (parents & grandparents) Amelia & John, Marie & Nicholas, Ann & Frank and (brother & nephew) Nicholas & Nicholas; for the health of John, Theodore, (my children), Amelia, Andrea, Richard & their families, Carol, Nancy, Steve, Violet; Community of St. Nicholas Parish; men & women serving our country; special intentions. **From Marsha Wasilko** for the health of the Wasilko family and Julie Yurkowski. **From John & Carol Kowalcheck** for the health & salvation for our family. **From John Kowalcheck** for the health of Carol Ann Kowalcheck. **From Carol Ann Kowalcheck** in thanksgiving for all of God's blessings. **From Susan Sipes Stroehlen** for the departed servant, husband, Jon. **From Donya Yewisiak** for the departed servant, Kathryn Orlowski; for the health of Rachel Robes, Juliana Hollowood and Carol Kowalcheck. **From Tatiana Sechler** for the departed servants, Victor, Slava, Polina, Valentina, Nicolay, Maria, Maxim, Maria, Nikolay, Marina, Sergei and Tamara; for the health of Galina, Roman, Tatyana, Dasha, Valentina, Valera and Domenik.

This bulletin is offered by Marsha Wasilko in memory of all deceased family members.

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Tone 4

Troparion of the Resurrection

When the women disciples of the Lord learned from the angel
the joyous message of Thy Resurrection,
they cast away the ancestral curse
and elatedly told the apostles:
Death is overthrown!
Christ our God is risen,
granting the world great mercy.

Tone 8

Troparion of the Midfeast

In the middle of the feast, O Savior,
fill my thirsting soul with the waters of godliness.
As Thou didst cry to all: If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink!
O Christ God, Fountain of our life, glory to Thee!

Tone 8

Kontakion of the Sunday

The Samaritan woman came to the well in faith;
she saw Thee, the Water of Wisdom, and drank abundantly.
She inherited the Kingdom on High and is ever glorified.

Tone 4

Kontakion of the Midfeast

Christ God, the Creator and Master of all
Cried to all in the midst of the Feast of the law:
Come and draw the water of immortality!
We fall before Thee and faithfully cry:
Grant us Thy bounties, for Thou art the Fountain of our Life.

Tone 3

Prokeimenon (Psalm 46)

Sing praises to our God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises!

Epistle (Acts 11:19-26, 29-30)

Now those who were scattered after the persecution that arose over Stephen traveled as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus, and Antioch, preaching the word to no one but the Jews only. But some of them were men from Cyprus and Cyrene, who, when they had come to Antioch, spoke to the Hellenists, preaching the Lord Jesus. And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number believed and turned to the Lord.

Then news of these things came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent out Barnabas to go as far as Antioch. When he came and had seen the grace of God, he was glad, and encouraged them all that with purpose of heart they should continue with the Lord. For he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a great many people were added to the Lord.

Then Barnabas departed for Tarsus to seek Saul. And when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. So it was that for a whole year they assembled with the church and taught a great many people. And the disciples were first called Christians in Antioch.

Then the disciples, each according to his ability, determined to send relief to the brethren dwelling in Judea. This they also did, and sent it to the elders by the hands of Barnabas and Saul.

Gospel (John 4-5-42)

So He came to a city of Samaria which is called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Now Jacob's well was there. Jesus therefore, being wearied from His journey, sat thus by the well. It was about the sixth hour.

A woman of Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give Me a drink." For His disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.

Then the woman of Samaria said to Him, "How is it that You, being a Jew, ask a drink from me, a Samaritan woman?" For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.

Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is who says 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 then do You get that living water? Are You greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well, and drank from it himself, as well as his sons and his livestock?"

Jesus answered and said to her, "Whoever drinks of this water will thirst again, but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting 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 and said, "I have no husband."

Jesus said to her, "You have well said, 'I have no husband,' for you have had five husbands, and the one whom you now have is not your husband; in that you spoke truly."

The woman said to Him, "Sir, I perceive that You are a prophet. Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, and you Jews say that in Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe Me, the hour is coming when you will neither on this mountain, nor in Jerusalem, worship the Father. You worship what you do not know; we know what we worship, for salvation is of the Jews. But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such 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 Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When He comes, He will tell us all things."

Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am He."

And at this point His disciples came, and they marveled that He talked with a woman; yet no one said, "What do You seek?" or, "Why are You talking with her?"

The woman then left her waterpot, went her way into the city, and said to the men, "Come, see a Man who told me all things that I ever did. Could this be the Christ?" Then they went out of the city and came to Him.

In the meantime His disciples urged Him, saying, "Rabbi, eat."

But He said to them, "I have food to eat of which you do not know."

Therefore the disciples said to one another, "Has anyone brought Him anything to eat?"

Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to finish His work. Do you not say, 'There are still four months and then comes the harvest'? Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look at the fields, for they are already white for harvest! And he who reaps receives wages, and gathers fruit for eternal life, that both he who sows and he who reaps may rejoice together. For in this the saying is true: 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap that for which you have not labored; others have labored, and you have entered into their labors."

And many of the Samaritans of that city believed in Him because of the word of the woman who testified, "He told me all that I ever did." So when the Samaritans had come to Him, they urged Him to stay with them; and He stayed there two days. And many more believed because of His own word.

Then they said to the woman, "Now we believe, not because of what you said, for we ourselves have heard Him and we know that this is indeed the Christ, the Savior of the world."

Hymn to the Theotokos of Pascha

The Angel cried to the Lady, full of grace:

"Rejoice, O pure Virgin! Again, I say: 'Rejoice,
your Son is risen from His three days in the tomb!
With Himself He has raised all the dead.'"
Rejoice, O ye people!

Shine, shine, O new Jerusalem!
The glory of the Lord has shone on you.
Exult now, and be glad, O Zion!
Be radiant, O pure Theotokos,
in the Resurrection of your Son!

Communion Hymn of the Sunday

Receive the Body of Christ! Taste the Fountain of Immortality!
Praise the Lord from the heavens! Praise Him in the Highest!

*While Holy Communion is reserved for Orthodox Christians
who prepare themselves by prayer and fasting,
non-Orthodox visitors are welcome to come forward to venerate the cross
and receive the Antidoron (blessed bread) at the conclusion of the service.*

Please join us downstairs for coffee hour following the Divine Liturgy.

When someone comes to know the Truth, Truth takes up its abode in him. He becomes one with the Truth and is no longer half a man but a whole man. Truth heals him and makes him whole, while illusion chops a man up into pieces and grinds him into powder.

- St Nikolai Velimirovic