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Sunday, May 14, 2023
Sunday of the Samaritan Woman
St. Isidore the Martyr
Eothinon/Orthros Gospel: Seventh (John 20:1-10)
Mode of the Week: Fourth/Tĕtāρτος

Our Parish Hymn of the Holy Cross of Christ:
Save, O Lord, save your people and bless Your inheritance. Give victory to those who battle evil and protect us all by Your Holy Cross.

Σῶσον Κύριε τὸν λαόν σου καὶ εὐλόγησον τὴν κληρονομίαν σου, νίκας τοῖς Βασιλεῦσι κατὰ βαρβάρων δωρούμενος καὶ τὸ σὸν φυλάττων διὰ τοῦ Σταυροῦ σου πολίτευμα.

To Our Visitors and Guests: We extend a warm welcome to all worshiping with us today! While Holy Communion, following ancient practice, is reserved for Orthodox Christians, non-Orthodox may receive the blessed bread (antidoron) offered at the conclusion of the service.

Please join us in the Parish House after the Divine Liturgy for Coffee Fellowship!
In those days, the apostles who were scattered because of the persecution that arose over Stephen traveled as far as Phoenicia and Cyprus and Antioch, in which places they were preaching the word. In Antioch there was a group of greek-speaking disciples, so the ones among them who were men of Cyprus and Cyrene, who on coming to Antioch spoke to the Greeks also, preaching the Lord Jesus and the apostles. Saul (Paul) was with them, earnestly proclaiming and confirming the words of the apostles. Barnabas also was urged by the Spirit to go on his mission, so he took Saul with him and went to Tarsus to look for him. And he found him living in the house of a certain Jew named Modernus, who was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a large company was added to the Lord’s people in that place. But Barnabas and Saul returned to Jerusalem, and also took with them John who was called Mark.
**By the intercessions of Your Saints, O God, have mercy on us and save us. Amen.**

**Variable Hymns of the Day in the Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom (page 8 in the Pew Book):**

- **Hymn of the Resurrection (Χειρωτική ανάταξη, Plagal 1st Mode):** Χριστός ανέστη, - Ει και εν τάφω, - θρησκευόμενοι και υποτάσσομαι τον θάνατον τον ζωήν στον Κυρίου οικονόμο. Christ is risen from the dead, by death trampling down upon death, and to those in the tombs He has granted life.
- **Special Entrance Hymn (Εν εκκλησίαις, 2nd Mode):** Ευαγγελισται και νόησαν, και γλαύκησαν, και χορούσαν, Χριστός ανέστη, - θρησκευόμενοι και υποτάσσομαι τον θάνατον τον ζωήν στον Κυρίου οικονόμο. Give victory to those who battle evil and protect us all by Your 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 Photini, bearing women, and gave peace to Your Apostles, O Lord who to the fallen grant resurrection.
- **Weekly Resurrectional Hymn (Πάσχα, 4th Mode):** When the women of the disciples of the Lord heard the Angel joyously proclaim the resurrection they cast aside the ancestral verdict, and boasting in glory they said to the Apostles, "Death has been despoiled! Christ God has risen, granting the great mercy to the world!"
- **Hymn of Mid-Pentecost (Μεσούσης της εορτής, 4th Mode):** Ο Κύριος, μεταβαίνει στον ναό, και επισκέπτεται το έθνος, και επισκέπτεται την οικογένεια. When our Lord Jesus Christ, then, came at midday to this city, he boldly professed himself to worship Christ as God and to everyone, "Let whoever is thirsty come to Me and drink."
- **Hymn of the Holy Cross (Σώσων Κιρέτ, 1st Mode):** Χριστός ανέστη, - θρησκευόμενοι και υποτάσσομαι τον θάνατον τον ζωήν στον Κυρίου οικονόμο. Sign of the Cross over the child when it is asleep, and Pray when she breastfeeds it or gives it food."

**Upcoming Celebrations This Week**

**Name Days—Chronia Polya, Many Years!**

- **Birthdays—Happy Birthday!**
  - May 14: Jennifer Kangas
  - May 19: David Lee Bradford

**Announcements:**

- **We wish all of our mothers, Godmothers, grandmothers, everyone who is also a mother to us, to enjoy in our lives a very happy and blessed Mother’s Day today! God bless you all!**

- **Shut-Ins:** If you know of anyone who is unable to come to the Church because of illness, age, or any other reason, please contact Fr. Theodore so that he can visit with them, pray with them, and administer to them the Holy Mysteries.

- **YOUTH:** Today we will have a 30 min MAX “2nd Sunday” GOYA activity! The last day of School is Next Sunday May 21st, and we will also honor our Graduates. We’ll carry on our tradition of Ice Cream Sundays to celebrate our Vacation Church Camp (tent camping) in the works for June... stay posted!

- **Philoptochos:** Board Elections will be taking place next Sunday, May 21 after the Divine Liturgy. Philoptochos is a wonderful opportunity to be hands on with those in need and fulfill the commandments of our Lord—please consider being a part of this beautiful ministry! The Food Drive is continuing through today. Thank you to those that have participated!

- **For those that are interested in learning more about the Orthodox Christian faith, we are conducting our Intro to Orthodox/Catechumen courses online by Zoom meeting every other week next meeting: May 16. Please contact Fr. Theodore for more information!**

- **The next Red Cross Blood Drive in the Parish House will be on Wednesday, May 24 from 3:00 to 7:00pm. Come, give blood, and stay for the Great Vespers for the Ascension of the Lord at 6:00!**

**Christ is Risen! Χριστός Ανέστη!**