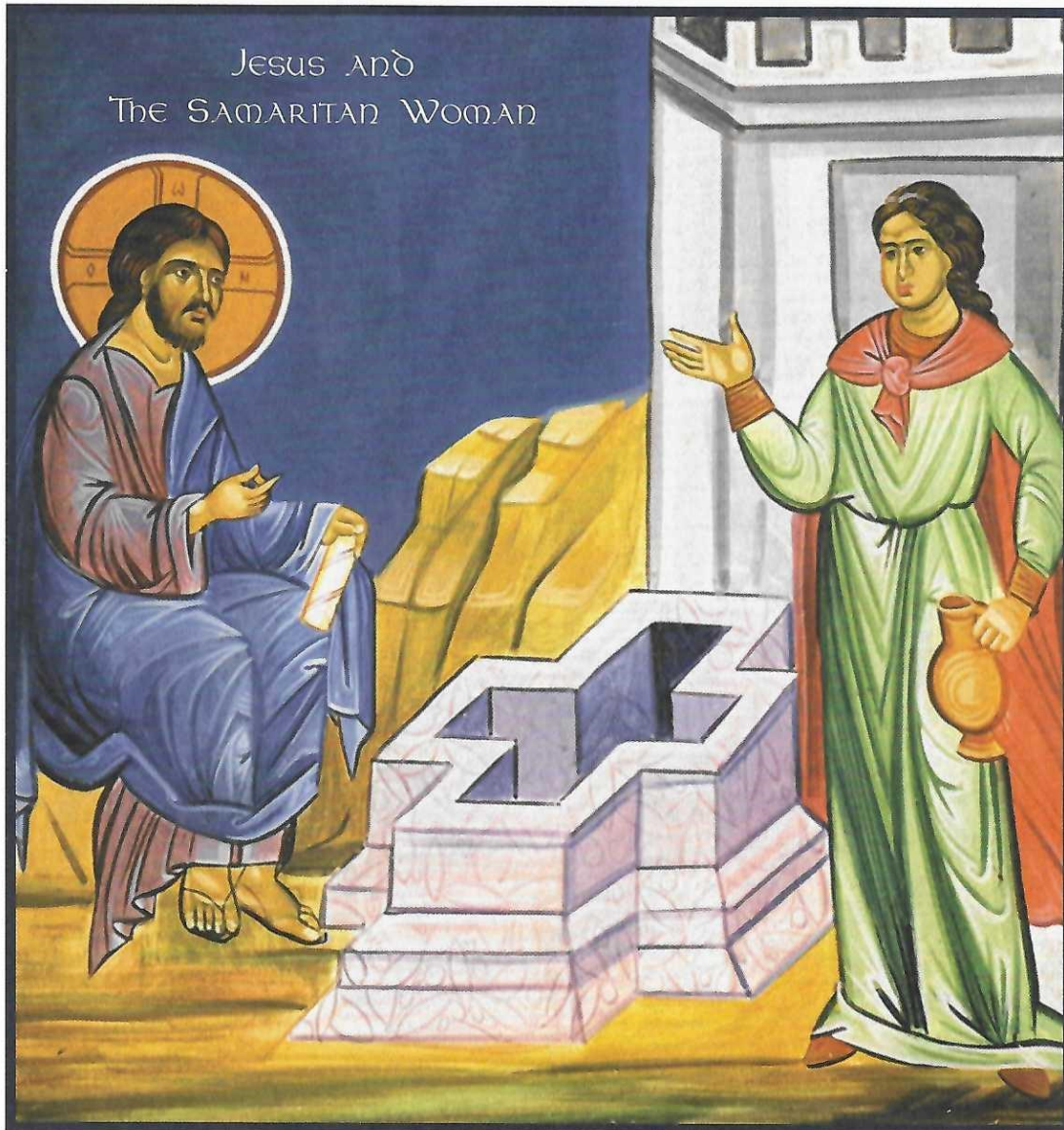


Jesus and
The Samaritan Woman



“COULD THIS BE THE CHRIST?”

Although we usually hear about Christ’s encounters with large groups of people, the setting for Sunday’s Gospel is markedly different. Today, we find the Lord engaged in a one-on-one conversation with an unlikely individual. More than a few eyebrows must have been raised when Jesus enters into a lengthy dialogue with a SAMARITAN WOMAN. At that time, Jews and Samaritans were bitter enemies, and women were not considered important enough to participate in intellectual discussions!

The conversation begins innocently enough. Weary from a tiring journey, Christ sits down near a well in the town of Sichar and asks the Samaritan woman for a drink of water. After satisfying His PHYSICAL needs, Jesus proceeds to teach the woman about “living water,” which can forever quench all of her SPIRITUAL longings. He patiently instructs her concerning how to worship God, and Who God really is. “God is spirit,” Christ tells her, “And those who worship Him must worship in spirit and in truth.”

The Samaritan woman is impressed with the wisdom Christ possesses, and she comments that she is aware that a Messiah is coming, “. . . Who will tell us all things.” It is then that the Lord shares the greatest of truths with her: HE IS THE MESSIAH!

The Gospel concludes with a wonderful lesson for all of us. Many others from the village come out to meet Christ, and they recognize Him as the Saviour, not because of the woman’s testimony, but because of what they heard for themselves. We ALL must come to know Jesus on our own.

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ST. HARALAMBOS SUNDAY BULLETIN

May 30, 2021

SUNDAY OF THE SAMARITAN WOMAN

Orthros 9:00 a.m.; Divine Liturgy immediately following the Orthros.

TODAY'S MEMORIAL:

40 Days: Mario Gaitanos

The Prosforo and Wine have been donated in his memory.

MAY HIS MEMORY BE ETERNAL.

Today's coffee hour is lovingly sponsored by the Gaitanos family.



MAY/JUNE SCHEDULE:

MON. May 31	MEMORIAL DAY- OFFICE CLOSED	
	Forest Hill Cemetery	9:00 a.m.
THUR. June 3	Greek Fest Drive Thru	11:00 a.m.
FRI. June 4	Greek Fest Drive Thru	11:00 a.m.
SAT. June 5	Greek Fest Drive Thru	11:00 a.m.
SUN. June 6	†Sunday of the Blind Man	9:00 a.m.
WED. June 9	Parish Council Meeting	6:30 p.m.
THUR. June 10	†Holy Ascension	9:00 a.m.
SUN. June 13	†Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council	9:00 a.m.
SAT. June 19	†Saturday of Souls	9:00 a.m.
SUN. June 20	†Holy Pentecost	9:00 a.m.
WED. June 23	Parish Council Meeting	6:30 p.m.
SUN. June 27	†Sunday of All Saints	9:00 a.m.
TUE. June 29	†Sts. Peter & Paul	9:00 a.m.

ADJUSTED COVID POLICY GUIDELINES FROM THE METROPOLIS OF PITTSBURGH

1. Masking and Social Distance during Services, at events and meetings are no longer required for those who are vaccinated.
2. Feel free to continue masking and distancing even if you are vaccinated.
3. Adequate space will be provided for those who are not vaccinated and need to continue masking and social distancing. *Please feel free to ask a Parish Council member for assistance.*
4. County and state requirements regarding non-worship activities must be observed.

OFFICE CLOSED

The church office will be **CLOSED** on **Monday, May 31, 2021**

for the **MEMORIAL DAY NATIONAL HOLIDAY.**

Have a safe and wonderful summer!



CANTON GREEK FEST DRIVE-THRU VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

The first of three Canton Greek Fest Drive-Thru events is this week: **Thursday, June 3rd, Friday, June 4th, and Saturday, June 5th!**

If you would like to volunteer, please contact Linda Natale, via **text or call** at **330-495-8427!**

Lunch hours have been added this year and volunteers are needed for both shifts;

**10:00 a.m.- 3 p.m. and
3 p.m.- 8 p.m.**

Thanks for all you do!

2021 SCHOLARSHIPS FOR GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS & UNDERGRADS

1) St. Haralambos Philoptochos

Michael & Dolly Sousaris Memorial Scholarship

Two (2) \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded to graduating high schools seniors or undergraduates from St. Haralambos who are in good standing. Deliver completed applications to the church office this morning. **TODAY IS THE DEADLINE.**

2) Harry Thomas Memorial Scholarship

Two (2) \$2500 scholarships are available; one for a graduating high school senior, one for an undergraduate student. Applicant's family must be members in good standing to obtain an application. Please call the church office for an application. **Deadline: June 11, 2021**

3) AFGLC/Peter & Sophia Kourmolis Scholarship

Two (2) \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded to undergraduate or graduate students in good standing. Applications available in the church office. **Deadline: June 21, 2021**



*The Daughters of Penelope Chloris Chapter 40
Presents...*

The 53rd Annual Debutantes' Ball

Sunday, July 25, 2021

*St. Haralambos Church
Alex D. Krassas Event Center*



Doors Open 7:00 pm - Presentation 8:00 pm

This year's Debutantes are:

*Eliana Antoniadis, Kirstin Aslanides,
Emma DeAngelis, Eftihia Geniatakis,
Aliko Kantzos, Ariana Manos,
Alexa Nastoff, Thena Pergins,
Brooke Pope, Bellamy Stead
and Clair Wilson.*

TICKETS: \$25 each

*Please contact Joanna Volas,
(330) 232-2237 or jpvolas@yahoo.com,
to purchase your tickets.*

ATTENTION: SILVER LINERS

Our first meeting is tentatively scheduled for **Tuesday, September 21st at 12:00 noon; a luncheon meeting in the St. Haralambos Cultural Center.**

We will begin collecting dues again in September 2021 for the year Sept. 2021-Sept. 2022. If you have already paid dues for 2020-21, they will be applied to 2021-2022.

Please be sure to pay your dues to advantage of several planned, free lunches and travel discounts. Thank you!



The St. Haralambos Ladies Philoptochos presents...

"Honoring Our Educators"

We are planning a special event to honor our educators! While the date has not been set due to COVID restrictions, we are anticipating a return to our normal activities and are asking for your help to identify our honorees.

If you would like to nominate an educator, please submit their name using the form in the May/June KOINONIA.

St. Haralambos Philoptochos OPERATION CLASSROOM

This is an ongoing project for the Philoptochos in 2021. Please donate school supplies or make a monetary donation toward this worthy cause.

School Supplies Needed:

Large Pencils	Notebooks
Large Crayons	Crayons
Washable Markers	Pencil-top erasers
Scissors	Supply boxes
Glue Sticks	Rulers
Kleenex	Spiral Notebooks
Paper Towels	Copy Paper
Pocket Folders	New Books
Wide-ruled Notebook Paper	

These supplies will be used as table centerpieces for the luncheon honoring our educators. They will then be donated to area schools.

*If you would prefer to make a monetary donation, please make your check payable to the **St. Haralambos Philoptochos**, noting "school supplies" on the memo line.*

CANTON
GREEK FEST DRIVE THRU

SAVE THE DATES!

June 3, 4 & 5, 2021

July 15, 16 & 17, 2021

August 19, 20 & 21, 2021

Hours: 11am - 1pm & 4pm - 7pm

Pre-order meals by 8pm the night before you would like to pick up.

www.cantongreekfest.com for more information.

May 30, 2021 Sunday Verses
Sunday of the Samaritan Woman

Απολυτικιον.

Βυζαντιου ποιμενες, και περιδοξοι προεδροι, ωφθηται σοφοι Ιεραρχαι διαφοροις εν ετεσι. Διο η Εκκλησια του Χριστου, ημων την πολιτειαν ευφημει. Δι αυτης γαρ φωστηρες περιφανεις, πυρσευετε τους κραζοντας: δοξα τω ενισγυσαντι υμας, δοξα τω στεφανωσαντι, δοξα τω βεβαιουντι δι υμων, πιστιν την Ορθοδοξον.

Apolytikion.

O illustrious leaders and shepherds of Byzantium, you have been regarded throughout different ages as wise Hierarchs. Wherefore, the Church of Christ praises the manner of your life. Through her, as eminent luminaries, you give light to those who cry out, "Glory to her who aided you, glory to Him who crowned you, glory to Him who, through you, affirmed the Orthodox faith.

Τοῦ Ναοῦ

Ως στῦλος ἀκλόνητος, τῆς Ἐκκλησίας Χριστοῦ, καὶ λύχνος ἀείφωτος, τῆς οἰκουμένης σοφέ, ἐδείχθης Χαράλαμπες· ἔλαμψας ἐν τῷ κόσμῳ, διὰ τοῦ μαρτυρίου. ἔλυσας καὶ εἰδώλων τὴν σκοτόμαιναν μάκαρ· διὸ ἐν παρρησίᾳ Χριστῷ. Πρέσβευε σωθῆναι ἡμᾶς.

Of the Church

As a pillar unshaken of Christ's holy Church, and lamp ever-burning to all the world you emerged, O wise Haralambos; in all the world you shined, with the martyrdom you suffered, you dispelled the dark night, of the idols, O blessed; whence, with courage do intercede, to Christ that we may be saved.

Κοντάκιον. Ἦχος πλ. δ'

Εἰ καὶ ἐν τάφῳ κατήλθες ἀθάνατε, ἀλλὰ τοῦ Ἀδου καθείλες τὴν δύναμιν, καὶ ἀνέστης ὡς νικητὴς, Χριστέ ὁ Θεός, γυναιξί Μυροφόροις φθεγξάμενος, Χαίρετε, καὶ τοῖς σοῖς Ἀποστόλοις εἰρήνην δωρούμενος ὁ τοῖς πεσοῦσι παρέχων ἀνάστασιν.

Holy Pascha. Kontakion. Mode pl. 4.

Though You went down into the tomb, O Immortal One, yet You brought down the dominion of Hades; and You rose as the victor, O Christ our God; and You called out "Rejoice" to the Myrrh-bearing women, and gave peace to Your Apostles, O Lord who to the fallen grant resurrection.

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Ἦχος πλ. α'.

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

Christos Anesti
(Greek with English Phonetics)

Christos Anesti ek nekron thanato, thanaton patisas ke tis en tis mni-ma-si, zo-in cha-ri-sa-me-nos.

Mode pl. 1.

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

Ἦχος δ'.

Τὸ φαιδρὸν τῆς Ἀναστάσεως κήρυγμα, ἐκ τοῦ Ἀγγέλου μαθοῦσαι αἱ τοῦ Κυρίου Μαθήτριάι, καὶ τὴν προγονικὴν ἀπόφασιν ἀπορρίψασαι, τοῖς Ἀποστόλοις καυχώμεναι ἔλεγον· Ἐσκύλευται ὁ θάνατος, ἡγέρθη Χριστὸς ὁ Θεός, δωρούμενος τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

Mode 4

When the women Disciples of the Lord * had learned from the Angel the joyful message of the Resurrection * and had rejected the ancestral decision, * they cried aloud to the Apostles triumphantly: * Death has been de-spoiled, Christ God has risen, * granting His great mercy to the world.

Ἦχος πλ. δ'.

Μεσοῦσης τῆς ἑορτῆς, διψῶσάν μου τὴν ψυχὴν, εὐσεβείας πότισοννάματα· ὅτι πᾶσι Σωτὴρ ἐβόησας· Ὁ διψῶν, ἐρχέσθω πρὸς με καὶ πινέτω. Ἡ πηγὴ τῆς ζωῆς, Χριστέ ὁ Θεός, δόξα σοι.

Apolytikion of the Feast. Mode pl. 4.

O Lord, midway through the feast, give drink to my thirsty soul from the living waters of right belief. You, O Savior, proclaimed to everyone, "Let whoever is thirsty come to Me and drink." You are the fountain of life, O Christ our God. Glory to You!

May 30, 2021 Sunday of the Samaritan Woman

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.

Ἐν ταῖς ἡμεραῖς ἐκείναις, διασπαρέντες οἱ Ἀπόστολοι ἀπὸ τῆς Θλίψεως τῆς γενομένης ἐπὶ Στεφάνῳ διῆλθον ἕως Φοινίκης καὶ Κύπρου καὶ Ἀντιοχείας, μηδενὶ λαλοῦντες τὸν λόγον εἰ μὴ μόνον Ἰουδαίοις. Ἦσαν δέ τινες ἐξ αὐτῶν ἄνδρες Κύπριοι καὶ Κυρηναῖοι, οἵτινες εἰσελθόντες εἰς Ἀντιόχειαν, ἐλάλουν πρὸς τοὺς Ἑλληνιστάς, εὐαγγελιζόμενοι τὸν κύριον Ἰησοῦν. Καὶ ἦν χεὶρ κυρίου μετὰ αὐτῶν· πολὺς τε ἀριθμὸς πιστεύσας ἐπέστρεψεν ἐπὶ τὸν κύριον. Ἠκούσθη δὲ ὁ λόγος εἰς τὰ ὠτα 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 προστετέθη ὄχλος ἱκανὸς τῷ κυρίῳ. Ἐξῆλθεν δὲ εἰς Ταρσὸν ὁ Βαρνάβας ἀναζητῆσαι Σαῦλον, καὶ εὗρών ἡγάγεν αὐτὸν εἰς Ἀντιόχειαν. Ἐγένετο δὲ αὐτοὺς ἐνιαυτὸν ὅλον συναχθῆναι τῇ ἐκκλησίᾳ καὶ διδάξαι ὄχλον ἱκανόν, χρηματίσαι τε πρῶτον ἐν Ἀντιοχείᾳ τοὺς μαθητὰς Χριστιανούς. Ἐν ταύταις δὲ ταῖς ἡμέραις κατήλθον ἀπὸ Ἱεροσολύμων προφῆται εἰς Ἀντιόχειαν. Ἀναστὰς δὲ εἷς ἐξ αὐτῶν ὀνόματι Ἄγαβος, ἐσήμανεν διὰ τοῦ πνεύματος λιμὸν μέγαν μέλλειν ἔσεσθαι ἐφ' ὅλην τὴν οἰκουμένην· ὅστις καὶ ἐγένετο ἐπὶ Κλαυδίου Καίσαρος. Τῶν δὲ μαθητῶν καθὼς εὐπορεῖτό τις, ὥρισαν ἕκαστος αὐτῶν εἰς διακονίαν πέμψαι τοῖς κατοικοῦσιν ἐν τῇ Ἰουδαίᾳ ἀδελφοῖς· ὁ καὶ ἐποίησαν, ἀποστείλαντες πρὸς τοὺς πρεσβυτέρους διὰ χειρὸς Βαρνάβα καὶ Σαύλου.

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The Gospel According to St. John Chapter 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."