

## May 14, 2023

### Sunday of the Samaritan Woman

Saint of the Day: Isidore the Martyr of Chios, Hieromartyr Therapon

## CHRIST IS RISEN!

### WELCOME TO ALL VISITORS!!!

Thank you for worshipping with us!!! Please join us for fellowship immediately following The Divine Liturgy. For those visiting an Orthodox Church for the first time, please be aware that Holy Communion is a sign of unity of faith which is only offered to Baptized or Chrismated Orthodox Christians. All present are welcome, and encouraged, to receive the antidoron (bread given to those who do not/are not able receive Holy Communion) which is distributed at the end of the service. For those interested in learning more about the Orthodox Christian faith, please feel free to speak with Fr. Demetri after the service.

## WE ENCOURAGE EVERYONE TO FOLLOW ALONG AND PARTICIPATE IN THE DIVINE LITURGY WITH THE BOOKS PROVIDED!!!

### **WEEK IN PREVIEW**

Mon May 8

Tue May 9

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Orthros 8:45am	Mother's Day Dinner at	Library Memory Project
Divine Liturgy 10am	Filotimo by Anagennesis	Photo ID by Zoom 7pm
General Assembly	6pm	
Sponsored Coffee Hour		
Wed, May 10	Sat, May 13	<u>Sun, May 21</u>
Learn to Chant in the	Greek Preschool 9am	* Note Time Change *
Library 7pm		Orthros 8:30am
		Divine Liturgy 9:30am
		Memorial Services
		Sunday School
		Graduation
		Sponsored Coffee Hour

### HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!!!

To all mothers, grandmothers, great grandmothers, Godmothers and mother figures – may God continue to bless you and Happy Mother's Day! We will also remember those who have fallen asleep and ask God to give them eternal rest in His Heavenly Kingdom!

## Hymns Chanted Following the Small Entrance

### Resurrectional Hymn in the Fourth Tone.

Τὸ φαιδρὸν τῆς ἀναστάσεως κήρυγμα, ἐκ τοῦ Ἁγγέλου μαθοῦσαι αὶ τοῦ Κυρίου Μαθήτριαι, καὶ τὴν προγονικὴν ἀπόφασιν ἀπορρίψασαι, τοῖς Ἀποστόλοις καυχώμεναι ἔλεγον Ἐσκύλευται ὁ θάνατος, ἠγέρθη Χριστὸς ὁ Θεός, δωρούμενος τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

When the women 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!"

### Anthem for the Feast in the Plagal of the Fourth Tone

Μεσούσης τῆς ἑορτῆς, διψῶσάν μου τὴν ψυχήν, εύσεβείας πότισον νάματα' ὅτι πᾶσι Σωτὴρ ἐβόησας' Ὁ διψῶν, ἐρχέσθω πρός με καὶ πινέτω. Ἡ πηγὴ τῆς ζωῆς, Χριστὲ ὁ Θεός, δόξα σοι.

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!

### Anthem of St. George in the Fourth Tone

Ώς τῶν αἰχμαλώτων ἐλευθερωτής, καὶ τῶν πτωχῶν ὑπερασπιστής, ἀσθενούντων ἰατρός, βασιλέων ὑπέρμαχος, Τροπαιοφόρε Μεγαλομάρτυς Γεώργιε, πρέσβευε Χριστῷ τῷ Θεῷ, σωθῆναι τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

Liberator of captives and defender of the poor, physician of the sick and champion of kings, oh Trophy-bearer and Great Martyr George, intercede with Christ our God, that our souls be saved.

### Seasonal/Kontakion Hymn in the Plagal of the Fourth Tone

Εί καὶ ἐν τάφῳ κατῆλθες Ἀθάνατε, ἀλλὰ τοῦ ἄδου καθεῖλες τὴν δύναμιν' καὶ ἀνέστης ὡς νικητής, Χριστὲ ὁ Θεός, γυναιξὶ Μυροφόροις φθεγξάμενος, Χαίρετε, καὶ τοῖς σοῖς Ἀποστόλοις εἰρήνην δωρούμενος, ὁ τοῖς πεσοῦσι παρέχων ἀνάστασιν.

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.

### SCRIPTURE READINGS

Due to the length of the scripture passages for today, we have only printed them in English for this bulletin.

#### 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.

### 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.

## Mother's Day and the Church

By Petros Panagiotopoulos

Today is Mother's Day and children throughout the earth have an opportunity to remember and honor their mother. Besides these there are also several challengers who see the introduction of this "celebration" as a marketing event, or others who believe that the sanctity of a mother is such that it belongs to every day of the year and not just a special one.

The Church displays the person of the Panagia as the mother *par excellence* and subtly commemorates the feast of the Presentation (February 2nd) as the day in which a mother is to be honored.

Furthermore, in our tradition we encounter the very Church as a mother, who gives birth to us and



regenerates us in Christ, leading us to salvation. This does not mean, however, that there is some contradistinction: the wisdom and obedience of the Theotokos is considered the center of the Church. In her person we encounter the Mystery of the Divine Economy, says St. John of Damascus. And her free acceptance of God's will opened the path for humanities return to the divine embrace. The Incarnation of God the Word which took place in her womb, brought to reality the union of the divine with human. The Church, therefore, treads down history as a "continuous Theotokos" (Paul Evdokimov).

The Panagia is an eternal model of a mother, who sympathizes and co-suffers with every person in pain and is both a shelter and comfort for all the persecuted. The sad icon of the sword that pierced her as she watched her Son suffer for humanity, makes her a person par excellence of compassion and philanthropy. She is the archtypal mother, aching and caring for her children for the grief and injustice which prevails in the world, continually sighing for suffering man. In her person mothers primarily find a unique assistant and absolute understanding in their concern for the future of their children and that of the whole world. In wars it is mothers who die, says the poet.

For these reasons, the ecclesiastical proposal is to eminently honor the person of the mother.

Taken from www.johnsanidopoulos.com

### **SATURDAY OF SOULS: JUNE 3, 2023**

Following the Liturgical cycle of the Church, the day before Pentecost Sunday, the Church remembers those who have fallen asleep (just as the three Saturdays of Souls that fall during the Triodion). This Saturday of Souls will take place on Saturday June 3, beginning with Orthros at 8:30am and The Divine Liturgy at 9:30am. On these Memorial Saturdays commemoration is made on behalf of all those who have fallen asleep unknown or who have been otherwise remembered, as well as for all the faithful departed in Christ. Our faith teaches that not until the Second Coming of our Lord and His Final Judgment, will final retribution be made to every man according to his works, and that meanwhile the souls of the faithful departed are benefited by the prayers of the living, especially when offered in conjunction with the Divine Liturgy.

Below you will find a commemoration slip on which to write the first name (Christian name <u>NO</u> Nicknames) of your deceased loved ones so that they may be remembered at the special Memorial Service to be held on June 3. (**please print names clearly**).



For the repose of the souls of the servants of God.



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St. George Greek Orthodox Cathedral



Saturday, June 10, 2023 9am to 3pm 650 Hanover Street, Manchester, NH

Last day to drop off items for sale is Thursday June 8.



## eek Celehration

Join us for a Greek Celebration at Fenway Park! Each ticket purchased through this promotion will include a special-edition Red Sox Greek Heritage jersey!



Thursday, June 1, 7:10 PM



In honor of the late great Harry Agganis

Regular Tickets Includes Red Sox game ticket



**VIP Tickets** Includes ticket and jersey, plus reception and buffet in the Vineyard Vines Club



Net proceeds benefit the Alpha Omega Council Charities

Stay Tuned: St. George will organize a bus to this event.



### PRAYER LIST

Pondering on the words of St. Paul, "Let no one seek his own, but each one the other's wellbeing. (I Cor. 10:24).

Give rest to the weary, visit the sick, support the poor, for this is also worship. Aphahat

For any prayer concern (salvation, health, employment, stress and anxieties, etc.) please send baptismal names only to: office@stgeorgenh.org

We may not be able to help others materially or medically, but God does hear our prayers and always asks us to pray for each other and so build up the Body of Christ (Eph. 4:11-16).

For health, recovery from illness and surgery: Fr. Nicholas, Fr. Peter, Leah, Thomas, Tom, Soultana, Nick, Maura, Ernie, Dean, Vasilios, Rigley, Zachary, Rachel, Daniel, Kathy, Helen, Elanie, Andrew, Jamie, Megan, Stephanie, Katherine, Christos, Maureen, Vasiliki, Maria, Faye, Emily, Nicole, Olivia, Georgia, Mark, Maryann, James, Vasilios, Maria, Anna, Efthimios, Christopher, Katerina, Debra

<u>For comfort, spiritual help & strengthening of faith:</u> Pres. Patricia and family, Pres. Diane, Pres. Sophia, Pres. Dianthe, Barbara, Nancy, Amantha and Family, Maddie, Dino, Nick, Connie, Amy, Christopher

<u>For couples, parents and their families:</u> Neal and Elena, Paul - Kristin & Michael Francis, Penelope & Florence, Teddy, Tracy & family, Christina & Casey, Melanie and Michael, Alex

For those engaged to be married: Karleigh and Stavros, Katerina and Dennis

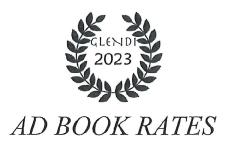
### For conceiving of children:

### For childbearing:

For those in the Armed Forces: Benjamin, Michael, Gabriel, Felipe

For those travelling abroad: John, Patrick

For those seeking employment: Lia, Jillian, Sophia, Gary, Nick



### \*\*\* DEADLINE FOR ADS IS JUNE 30! \*\*\*

For quarter-, half-, and full-page ads, please send ads by email to beth@stgeorgenh.org in PDF, TIFF, JPG, or Word format.

Option 4: Full-page ad \$300.00 Dimensions are 7.5" wide by 10" high.

Option 3: Half-page ad \$150.00

Dimensions are: 7.5" wide by 4.75" high OR 3.5" wide by 10" high.

Option 2: Quarter-page ad \$75.00 Dimensions are 3.5" wide by 4.75" high.

Option 1: Patron List \$25.00

This option lists your name on the Patrons page. Write as legibly as possible how you would like your name to appear on the page on this line:

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### PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**SPRING GENERAL ASSEMBLY TODAY** – Following dismissal from the Divine Liturgy our Spring General Assembly will take place.

**NO BIBLE STUDY THIS WEEK** - Please note that there will be NO Bible Study Class this Wednesday, May 17. We will meet the following week on May 24, in the library/museum at 11am.

<u>SATURDAY OF SOULS</u> - Final Saturday of Souls for this Liturgical year will take place on Saturday, June 3. Matins 8:30am Divine Liturgy (memorials to follow) 9:30am. See attached form in this Bulletin with more information.

SERVICE START TIME CHANGE ON SUNDAY SCHOOL GRADUATION SUNDAY, NEXT

<u>SUNDAY</u>-We will recognize students in our Church School on this day. Students will receive a certificate and some classes will offer a prayer together. Please remember that on this day, *Orthros/Matins will start at 8:30am and The Divine Liturgy will begin at 9:30am.* 

<u>GREEK HERITAGE NIGHT AT THE RED SOX</u> - Thursday, June 1 is Greek Heritage Night at Fenway Park. See the enclosed flyer for more information.

EDUCATION & SCHOLARSHIP SUNDAY JUNE 11- This is a call to ALL who are High School Seniors. This is a day in which all those who are graduating from High School will be recognized following the Divine Liturgy. We ask that those who are graduating provide your name, a little write up about yourself including which high school you are graduating from or if home schooled, a recent picture, your plans for the future, and your community involvement here at St. George or elsewhere.

In order to have these names appear in the Weekly Bulletin on this day, we need all the information by Sunday, June 4. If we do not have your name and this information, you will not be able to be acknowledged as a graduate in the printed weekly bulletin. Please take the time and give our office a call or better yet, send an e-mail to beth@stgeorgenh.org with all the information we are asking!

The scholarship awards program will take place in our community center following coffee hour.

**2023 METROPOLIS AWARD RECIPIENT** – We are pleased to announce that this year's St. George recipient is **Diane LaRoche**. The awards banquet will be on Sunday June 11, at Gillette Stadium, Foxboro, Ma. Reception is at 4:30 p.m. and dinner will be at 5:30 p.m. Tickets: \$100. If you would like to purchase tickets, please contact the church office at 603-622-9113. Congratulations to Diane and we thank her for many years of service to our Cathedral!

<u>ASSUMPTION GREEK SCHOOL GRADUATION CELEBRATION</u> – Everyone is welcome to attend the Graduation Celebration that will take place on Sunday, June 11 at 1pm in the Assumption Church Hall.

<u>UPCOMING MEMORIAL SERVICES</u> – May 21: William Pappas (40 days), Soultana (1 year) & George (35 years) Mokas

ST. GEORGE NAME DAY DANCE – A great time was had by all the wonderful people who attended the dance. Not only the adults, but 25 young people danced and enjoyed the Greek experience. I would like to thank Louise, Maria and John, Vangi and Tim, Chirstine, Vasoula, Steve, Jim, Ken, Jenny, Beth, Dan, Liz, and Toula (our PR woman). Respectfully yours, John Stavropoulos.

### "HE TOLD ME ALL THAT I EVER DID"

he icon on the cover of this morning's Church Bulletin depicts the subject matter for this 5th Sunday of Pascha: Christ's encounter with the SAMARITAN WOMAN. Weary from His travels, our Lord seeks rest at the local well in the tiny town of Sichar. It is here that Jesus goes against the accepted social and political norm of His time: He engages in conversation with a woman!

And what a conversation they have! The Samaritans were a mixed race and were fierce enemies of the Jews. While they, too, worshipped the one true God of Israel and were awaiting the coming of the Messiah, the Samaritans accepted only the five books of Moses as their Scriptures. The Samaritan woman of the Gospel listens intently as Christ explains to her the significance of partaking of "living water." "WHOEVER DRINKS THE WATER THAT I SHALL GIVE HIM WILL NEVER THIRST." (John 4:14) He instructs her in the proper manner of giving glory to God. "GOD IS SPIRIT, AND THOSE WHO WORSHIP HIM MUST WORSHIP IN SPIRIT AND IN TRUTH." (John 4:24) In response to her statement that she knows the Messiah is coming, Who will reveal all things, our Lord tells her plainly: "I WHO SPEAK TO YOU AM HE." (John 4:26)

According to Sacred Tradition, the Samaritan woman is later baptized into Christianity and given the name PHOTINI, meaning "the enlightened one." During the reign of Nero, she suffered martyrdom by being thrown into a well.

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Lord's Day (Sunday) Services: Orthros/Matins: 8:45 a.m. Divine Liturgy: 10:00 a.m.

An electronic copy of this bulletin is available on the website.

# The Children's Word

"Let the little children come to me, and do not forbid them, for to such is the Kingdom of Heaven." Mark 10:14

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## **The Living Water**



Have you ever been so thirsty you felt like you could drink a whole water fountain dry? Sometimes, after a long, hot day in the sun, a glass of cold water is the only thing we can think about!

In today's Gospel reading, we hear a conversation. And who is talking in this conversation? It's our Lord, Jesus

Christ, talking to a woman He had just met. They are standing near a well, so they talk about water. Jesus tells the woman, "Everyone who drinks of this water will thirst again, but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst." Jesus calls His water "living water."

What is this living water? Well, it's really Christ Himself! Sometimes we try to fill our lives with lots of things: sports, food, fun times, clothes, and more! But all these things pass away and they turn out not to be so important. Those things are like the water that we just keep wanting to drink—we're still thirsty! But the living water is the kind that lasts forever. It's the kind that really satisfies us. It's the kind that really matters!

We can fill ourselves with this living water (Jesus Christ), too! We can ask our Lord to help us, just like he helped the woman in the story today.

WORD SEAR( S Can you find these G 0 M Ε G words in the jum-M S N ble? Χ Q Q Α Ε S S Н **Baptism** D Good News S L Living Water 0 D Lydia W Message В Preaching W Υ D Samaritan Z L Е Well R Witness W

## WHAT'S IN THE ICON?

Here is a little icon of Saint Paul preaching to Saint Lydia and the people in Philippi.

She listened to Saint Paul's words, and she was soon baptized.



## SAINT LYDIA

## THE FIRST CONVERT IN EUROPE

## You probably became Christian as a baby,

when your parents took you to church to be baptized. Maybe your parents became Christian when their parents took them to church to be baptized. And probably, so did their parents!

But what happened long ago, when there weren't too many



You can find this icon of Saint Lydia in the church named after her in Philippi, the town in Greece where she lived.

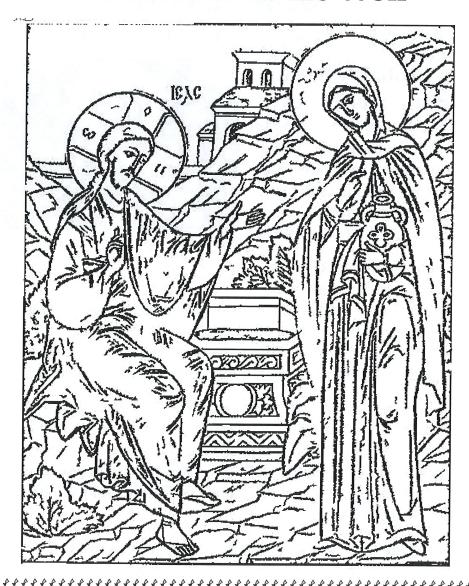
Christians in the world? The apostles traveled all around, telling people about Jesus Christ, how He died and rose from the dead, and how He wants us all to be with Him in heaven one day. People listened to this good news, and after that, many people became Christian.

Saint Paul, the Apostle, traveled to Greece, to a place called Philippi. He met a woman named Lydia there. She invited St. Paul to her house and heard what he had to say. Then she began to believe in Christ and was even baptized. She was the very first convert to Christianity in Europe. Before that, nobody in Greece, or anywhere in Europe was Christian!

Did you know that you can visit the very place where Saint Paul baptized Lydia? There is a church there. It has a baptistery, kind of like a little pool where many people go to be baptized. What a special place!

We remember Saint Lydia on Saturday, May 20th (OC: June 2nd).

## The Woman at the Well



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