

Christ is Risen! Indeed He Is Risen!

May 26, 2019

(Sunday of the Samaritan Woman)

Epistle Reading: Acts 11:19-26, 29:30 **Gospel Reading:** John 4:5-42

Next Week: Acts 16:16-34 **Gospel Reading:** John 9:1-38

*Take time to read the scriptures to prepare your heart and mind for Sunday's Liturgy.

Services Sat., June 1st **Great Vespers** **7 pm**
(Holy Sacrament of Confession to follow)

 Sun., June 2nd **Sunday of the Blindman**
(6th Sunday of Pascha)
 Hours **9:15 am**
 Divine Liturgy **9:30 am**

Announcements:

Happy 100TH Birthday
Katherine Dupay!

May God Grant You Many Blessed Years!
Mnohaja I Blahaja L'ita!

From Father Stephan and Your Parish Family!

Don't forget to visit our Homebounds over this Paschal season!

The weather just barely held out last Sunday for Fr. Stephan to bless all the graves of our loved ones in the Belle Vernon Cemetery. While Fr. Stephan is away this weekend, Mary Merella will collect names and locations to arrange grave blessings of loved ones at other cemeteries for Sunday, June 2nd. Please see her, give her a call at (724) 880-9010 or e-mail her at mmerella@bccz.com with your request. Hopefully, the weather will hold out for us on Sunday, June 2nd!

Save the Dates:

- ❖ We will be transitioning to our **summer start time of 9:30 a.m. on June 2nd**
- ❖ HROC's Church Summer Yard Sale will be held **Friday, June 21st and Saturday, June 22nd from 8 am to 2 pm** (see below for more details).
- ❖ This year's **Annual Fall Festival** will be held on **Sunday, September 29th from 12 pm to 6 pm** or until we're sold out.

This year's HROC Summer Yard Sale will be held on **Friday, June 21st and Saturday, June 22nd from 8 am to 2 pm**. Collection of gently used items for the sale will begin Sunday, June 2nd until Thursday, June 13th. **Please NO televisions or computers!** Call Jack Lofink (724/963-7664) if you need assistance in having an item moved. Anyone wishing to help? Your assistance is greatly appreciated! We will start setting up and pricing items on Friday, June 14th. With enough help, we may be ready for a Pre-Sale during Coffee Hour on June 16th. Jack would also like to take the Yard Sale up a notch this year by offering a Bake Sale in addition to offering food items from Jack's Kitchen. If you're interested, please bring in your delicious homemade baked goodies Friday and/or Saturday morning before 8 am. Thank you in advance and God Bless!

Collection: May 19th: \$1,307

The Fifth Sunday of Pascha: St. Photini, the Samaritan Woman

By Very Rev. Fr. Lawrence Farley

Photini (or "enlightened") is the name given to the Samaritan woman whom Christ met at the well. She had a colorful history: she had had five husbands, and at the time she met Christ was living with another man who was not her husband. She was something of an outcast, which is probably why she had come to draw water at the sixth hour, the hottest time of the day. The other village women would have come at a cooler and earlier hour, and at noon she could be assured of being left alone.

As she was drawing water from the well, Christ asked her for a drink. Startled that a Jewish man was asking to drink from her water pot (for Jews had no such dealings with Samaritans, much less with Samaritan women), she began to speak with Him, Christ brought her to faith, speaking with divine prophetic knowledge of her past and of the things of God. She ran in haste to tell the others in her village of this man, who claimed to be the Messiah. Christ stayed with the villagers two days, convincing them that He was indeed the Messiah all were expecting.

Photini was evidently a woman of determination and spirit. It is said that she converted her four sisters and two sons to Christ and died a martyr. Her example reveals that we also, through baptism and faith, can find the spring of water welling up to eternal life. We also can drink abundantly of the water of wisdom and be ever glorified.

