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*Holy Resurrection
Orthodox Church*

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**June 2, 2024
Sunday of the
Samaritan Women**

Christ Is Risen! Indeed He Is Risen!

Services	Sat., June 8 th	Great Vespers with Confession Back Home at HROC	6 pm
	Sun., June 9 th	Sunday of the Blindman Hours Divine Liturgy Back Home at HROC <i>*We will be transitioning to our summer start time of 9:30 a.m. on Sunday, June 9th</i>	9:15 am 9:30 am*

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

Epistle: Acts 16:16-34

Gospel Reading: John 9:1-38

<p>Tone 4 Troparion (Resurrection)</p> <p>When the women disciples of the Lord learned from the angel the joyous message of Thy Resurrection, they cast away the <u>ancestral</u> curse and elatedly told the <u>apostles</u>:</p> <p>“<u>Death</u> is overthrown! Christ God is <u>risen</u>, granting the world great <u>mercy</u>!”</p> <p>Tone 8 Troparion (Midfeast)</p> <p>In the middle of the <u>feast</u>, O <u>Savior</u>, fill my thirsting <u>soul</u> with the <u>waters</u> of piety, as Thou didst <u>cry</u> to all:</p> <p>“If anyone <u>thirst</u>, let him <u>come</u> to <u>Me</u> and drink!”</p> <p>O Christ God, <u>Fountain</u> of our <u>life</u>, <u>glory</u> to Thee!</p>	<p>Tone 8 Kontakion (Pentecostarion)</p> <p>The Samaritan <u>Woman</u> <u>came</u> to the <u>well</u> in faith; she saw Thee, the <u>Water</u> of <u>wisdom</u> and drank <u>abundantly</u>.</p> <p>She inherited the <u>Kingdom</u> on <u>high</u>, and is ever <u>glorified</u>!</p> <p>Tone 4 Kontakion (Midfeast)</p> <p>Christ God, the Creator and <u>Master</u> of all, cried to all in the midst of the <u>feast</u> of the Law:</p> <p>“Come and draw the water of <u>immortality</u>!”</p> <p>We fall before Thee and <u>faithfully</u> cry:</p> <p>“Grant us Thy mercies, for Thou art the <u>Fountain</u> of our life!”</p>	<p>Tone 3 Prokeimenon (Pentecostarion)</p> <p>Sing praises to our God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises! (Ps. 46:6)</p> <p>V. Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy! (Ps. 46:1)</p>
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Epistle (Resurrection) (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 (*Resurrection*) (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."

Announcements:

Please remember to extend your Paschal greetings to everyone!

Congratulations to our First Confession group ~~ *Elijah Lofink and Isaac Evick!* Please remember Elijah and Isaac in your prayers as they take their sacraments. May God Grant Them Many Years!

A *special thanks* for all of the efforts behind the scenes to make the services in Charleroi possible. It was truly beautiful.

The next Parish Council Meeting is scheduled for **Monday, June 10th at 6:30 pm.**

Parish Council is also accepting donations to help defray costs of the much needed restroom renovation. Please place your donation in an envelope labelled "Restroom Renovations" and leave in the basket at the candlestand. Many thanks in advance for your generosity!

The grave blessings have gone well so far. The graves of our loved ones at the Belle Vernon, West Newton, Monongahela, Sacred Heart, Donora, and Grandview cemeteries have been blessed. Please contact Father Stephan to schedule grave blessings at other locations.

Father Stephan will be attending the Diocesan Council meeting Monday, June 3rd.

This week marks the 50th Wedding Anniversary of Father Sam and Matushka Marsha. Please extend your greetings and keep them in your prayers. May God grant them many years!

National Orthodox Baby Shower

Did you know that pregnancy resource centers across the country provide free consultations, medical services, and material resources to help women in crisis pregnancies? Our parish is joining with Orthodox parishes across the country to hold a “baby shower” to support mothers who choose life for their unborn children! Join us in collecting supplies to be donated to New Life Options in Monongahela, our local pregnancy resource center. Babies use an average of 2,500 - 3,000 diapers in the first year of life. That’s a lot of diapers!

New Life Options has provided us with a list of needs:

Wipes	Baby Wash	Shampoo (unscented)
Diaper Cream	Diapers -Newborn, 4 & 5	Hooded baby towels, wash cloth
Crib sheets	Pacifiers	Nail clippers
Teething rings	Nasal aspirated	Comb/brush set
Sippy cups	Seasonal clothing (new) Boys needed most	Gently used clothing-babies & children's

If interested in participating, we will be collecting the much needed items through **Saturday, June 8th**. Deacon David Rostcheck will pick up the collected items and deliver to New Life Options on our behalf.

“He restores my soul, He leads me in the paths of righteousness for his name’s sake.” (Psalm 23:3)

The Paths of Righteousness, the hiking group launched in 2020 at St. Michael’s in Greensburg under the leadership of Fr. Sam is eagerly planning to embark on wilderness hikes of 5-7 miles in length on Saturdays on established trails in Westmoreland, Fayette, Somerset, Indiana and Cambria counties of which Fr. Sam is familiar with. Adult hikers of both genders are welcome, with the only requirement being that they be fit enough and able to do the hike. The hikes will take place approximately once every 6 weeks. See the flyer on the vestibule bulletin.

Save the Date: On June 20th, Orthodox Christians for Life at St. Alexander Nevsky will have a Moleben Service for Victims of Abortion at 7 pm followed by a presentation by Jessica Patterson about BREATHE, an After-Abortion Care Program at 7:30 pm. Refreshments will be provided.

Special Prayer Request ~~ On Tuesday, May 28, the historic St. Theodosius Cathedral in Cleveland, OH suffered significant damage when the roof caught fire. The fire broke out in the afternoon around 3:30 pm EST. Local fire crews began to fight to put out the fire in an effort to save the temple. Priest Jan Cizmar, Cathedral Dean, along with other local clergy, faithful, and neighbors began to remove and preserve holy items from the Cathedral. In a post on the Cathedral Facebook page, Father Jan expressed his gratitude to the local firefighters and faithful who came offering their prayers. He also encouraged everyone to pray and support one another. His Eminence Archbishop Daniel of Chicago and the Midwest arrived later that evening to inspect the Cathedral. The following day, Archbishop Daniel led a service on the Cathedral grounds offering a prayer asking for God’s mercy during this challenging time. *Please remember the faithful of St. Theodosius’ in your personal prayers.*

Note from Council: There is an open position on Parish Council. If anyone is interested, please contact one of the Parish officers: Tim Laciak, Joe Niro or Michelle Meisner.