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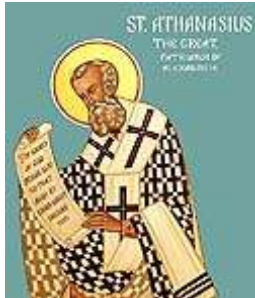
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Samaritan Woman

May 2, 2010



St Athanasius the Great the Patriarch of Alexandria

Saint Athanasius the Great, Archbishop of Alexandria, was a great Father of the Church and a pillar of Orthodoxy. He was born around the year 297 in the city of Alexandria into a family of pious Christians. He received a fine secular education, but he acquired more knowledge by diligent study of the Holy Scripture. In his childhood, the future hierarch Athanasius became known to St Alexander the Patriarch of Alexandria (May 29). A group of children, which included Athanasius, was playing at the seashore. The Christian children decided to baptize their pagan playmates.

The young Athanasius, whom the children designated as "bishop", performed the Baptism, precisely repeating the words he heard in church during this sacrament. Patriarch Alexander observed all this from a window. He then commanded that the children and their parents be brought to him. He conversed with them for a long while, and determined that the Baptism performed by the children was done according to the Church order. He acknowledged the Baptism as real and sealed it with the sacrament of Chrismation. From this moment, the Patriarch looked after the spiritual upbringing of Athanasius and in time brought him into the clergy, at first as a reader, and then he ordained him as a deacon.

It was as a deacon that St Athanasius accompanied Patriarch Alexander to the First Ecumenical Council at Nicea in the year 325. At the Council, St Athanasius refuted of the heresy of Arius. His speech met with the approval of the Orthodox Fathers of the Council, but the Arians, those openly and those secretly so, came to hate Athanasius and persecuted him for the rest of his life.

After the death of holy Patriarch Alexander, St Athanasius was unanimously chosen as his successor in the See of Alexandria. He refused, accounting himself unworthy, but at the insistence of all the Orthodox populace that it was in agreement, he was consecrated bishop when he was twenty-eight, and installed as the archpastor of the Alexandrian Church. St Athanasius guided the Church for forty-seven years, and during this time he endured persecution and grief from his antagonists. Several times he was expelled from Alexandria and hid himself from the Arians in desolate places, since they repeatedly tried to kill him. St Athanasius spent more than twenty years in exile, returned to his flock, and then was banished again.

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES & EVENTS

Sunday, May 2 – Samaritan Woman - Orthros 9:00am; Divine Liturgy 10:00am; Lunch following Liturgy - *Visitors Welcome!*

Tuesday, May 4 – Study Group on the origin of the veneration of the Theotokos in the Scriptures (at Caldaroni's home) 7:00pm

Wednesday, May 5 – Vespers 6:00pm; Choir Practice 7:00pm

Spring Retreat with Mother Gabriella – Friday through Sunday

Friday, May 7 – Spiritual Circle 9:30am; Paraklesis 6:30pm; Registration & Refreshments 7:15pm; Introductory Session 8:00pm

Saturday, May 8 – Continental Breakfast & Registration 8:00am; Daily Matins/Orthros 9:00am; Session II 10:00am; Discussion/Q&A 11:30am; Lunch 12pm; Session III 1:00pm; Dinner 4:30pm; Great Vespers 5:30pm; Session IV 6:45pm; Little Compline 8:30pm

Sunday, May 9 – Healing of the Blind Man - Orthros 8:30am; Divine Liturgy 10:00am; Lunch following Liturgy - *Visitors Welcome!* Family Promise week begins.

EPISTLE READERS

May 2 - Sbdcn. Barnabas Schaefer

May 9 - Reader Mark Felleggy

May 16 - Joy Corey

May 23 - Sbdcn. Mark (Eric) Townsend

LUNCHEON & CLEANUP

May 2 - Team 3 - Garbinski, Horton L., Tourous, Jenkin, Ayoub D., Weddle, O'Daniel

May 9 - Team 4 - Dancy, Goodsen J., Caldaroni, Brisbane, Sanman, Le Pley, Handeen

May 16 - Team 5 - Poland, Townsend, Schaefer, Gallatin, Nolan, Milojevic, Johnson

May 23 - Team 1 - Tsalaky, Ayoub M., Holmen, Goolsby, Vlahos, Felleggy

*Contact Mark Ayoub if you would like to join a lunch team, or have questions or comments.

PRAYERS OFFERED FOR THE SICK AND SUFFERING:

We pray, O Heavenly Physician of our souls and bodies, look down upon Your servants who are ill:
Fr. Basil, Bill Brisbane (Nanette's father), Jacob Hunter (Dan Monaghan's cousin in Afghanistan), Angelica Mamalakis (mother of Philip Mamalakis), Frank (relative of Barbara Garbinski), Marie (Chelsea's grandmother), Mat. Michaela Fenn (wife of Fr. Mark Fenn), Fr. Michael Lewis, Jill Foss (friend of Jeane Wood), Deacon John Tershay, Jan Isham (Godmother of Jordan Schaefer), Peggy Humby (Trish Bartlett's mother), Annie Cusella (friend of Caldaroni's), Kathy (friend of Chelsea Stillman), Joan (Allyson Gross' Mother), Nancy Schrom (Mary Charles' mother), Nancy Corey (Ed Corey's sister), Wanda (Mother of Lavonne Ayoub), Jim Parker (Chammy Ott's father), Jason Remington, Sarah Stevens, Sarah's mother, Lorrayne, Moses Kemper, Nikolay (Oksana Johnson's father), Jamie Landers, Nikolai Kupcow, Cheyenne, Lynda (Michelle Felleggy's mother), George Kucera, Bonnie (Jenny Dancy's mother), Joel Schaefer (Project Mexico), *for you are the fountain of all cures, and we pray to You, O Lord, hear us and have mercy!*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cemetery Clean-up day on Saturday May 15th – The clean-up day in the cemetery, originally scheduled for yesterday (but rained out), has been rescheduled for Saturday, May 15th. Please call Eleni at 687-2025 with any questions.

Scrip Program - Since Albertsons is no longer participating in the Scrip program, we are taking in less income. However, Safeway and Super One are still taking part in the Scrip program. If you shop at Safeway and have a Club Card, you can have your purchases linked onto St. John's. If you shop at Super One, you can purchase scrip and use it as cash. Please see Barbara Garbinski, if you would like to use either Scrip program. It is an easy way of helping St. John's.

Baby Shower for Tatiana (Horton) Bartlett - There will be a baby shower for Tatiana Bartlett on Saturday, May 15th at 1:00pm at the Sandpoint United Methodist Church, 711 Main Street in Sandpoint, Idaho. Please RSVP to Khouria Cindy Horton using the email address abounagregory@mybluelight.com. You may also RSVP by phone at 208-304-3673.

St. Herman of Alaska Scholarship Fund - St. Herman's Scholarship Fund has been established to help students who wish to pursue, or are currently pursuing, full time study in an institution of learning (two or four year college or university) or a vocational institute. Each year one or more students, depending upon funding in the scholarship account, will be selected to receive a stipend. In order to be eligible for the stipend, a student should be a member in good standing at St. John the Baptist Orthodox Church in Post Falls or at Christ the Savior Orthodox Church in Spokane or at Holy Myrrhbearers Orthodox Church in Bonners Ferry, and a full time student at a high school or college with a minimum grade point average of 3.0 on a 4 point scale. Academic excellence, financial need and church /community service will be taken into account in the awarding of the stipend. Please see Fr. Basil or Barbara Garbinski for an application form. June 12th is the deadline.

AN EVENING OF

FINE WINE, CHEESE AND DESSERT EXTRAVAGANZA

SHARE AN EVENING OF INSPIRATION, FELLOWSHIP AND SILENT AUCTION IN SUPPORT OF ST. JOHN THE FORERUNNER GREEK ORTHODOX MONASTERY

SUNDAY EVENING MAY 16TH ~ 5PM

GLENEAGLE GOLF COURSE
7619 W COUNTRY CLUB DR
ARLINGTON, WA 98223

TICKETS FOR THE EVENING \$25.00 PER PERSON. PLEASE RESERVE YOUR SPOT BY SENDING A CHECK TO: PO BOX 662, GOLDENDALE WA, 98620. SPACE IS LIMITED!

***Please let Barbara Schaefer know if you're interested in carpooling over OR in making something for Auction (Orthodox items).

Would you PLEASE help St. John host the upcoming Retreat - thank you!!!

We are so blessed to have friends and family coming not only from St. John, but our sister parishes, including from as far away as Annunciation in Missoula! We could really use help with some simple food items, plus some basic jobs before and during the retreat. The ladies who were able to attend last Sunday's Sisterhood Meeting generously filled in MANY of the slots - YEAH - thank you sweet ladies!!! But we'd REALLY APPRECIATE EVERYONE jumping in and helping please!

Regarding food items - some items are prepared food, some just require grabbing it at the store. **Please see Sbdcn. Barnabas who will be bring a signup sheet around during lunch today.**

Jobs - we'd LOVE to everyone coming to the retreat volunteer to assist w/ clean-up after just ONE meal - or volunteer to Set-Up OR Tear Down. The open spots are listed below. Even if you're not able to attend the retreat, we would GREATLY APPRECIATE your helping setting up on Wed night or tearing things down on Sat night. Please email back if you would like us to slot you in for any of these positions:

- Set-Up - Wed night (May 5th) at 6pm - we need three men please to help move tables and chairs.
- Saturday morning - Breakfast - Need one more volunteer - Clean-up after breakfast, wipe down tables, sweep, get kitchen ready for lunch.
- Saturday Evening - Dinner - Need one more volunteer - Clean-up after dinner, wipe down tables, sweep, get kitchen back in order.
- Take Down - Need LOTS of volunteers to QUICKLY break things down after the last session, getting room ready for Sunday lunch.

If you are bringing food, PLEASE BRING TO ST. JOHN by Paraclesis service on Friday night May 7th OR please bring on Wed night to the Set-Up at 6pm.

THANK YOU SO MUCH for helping us host our extended Orthodox family with LOVE!!!



YOUR HELP NEEDED – sign-up TODAY!

Family Promise begins next week! As we get closer to our host week, May 9th-16th, we still have many volunteer opportunities and slots available. Please contact Jordan Schaefer at today during coffee hour, at 208.964.3410 or schaefer.jd@gmail.com to share a dinner or host overnight at the church. *“Let us not be satisfied with just giving money. Money is not enough, money can be got, but they need your hearts to love them. So, spread your love everywhere you go.” ~Mother Teresa*



Epistle: Hebrews 13:7-16

Remember those who rule over you, who have spoken the word of God to you, whose faith follow, considering the outcome of their conduct. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever. Do not be carried about with various and strange doctrines. For it is good that the heart be established by grace, not with foods which have not profited those who have been occupied with them.

We have an altar from which those who serve the tabernacle have no right to eat. For the bodies of those animals, whose blood is brought into the sanctuary by the high priest for sin, are burned outside the camp. Therefore Jesus also, that He might sanctify the people with His own blood, suffered outside the gate. Therefore let us go forth to Him, outside the camp, bearing His reproach. For here we have no continuing city, but we seek the one to come. Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name. But do not forget to do good and to share, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.

Gospel: 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."

St Athanasius (continued)... When Julian the Apostate (361-363) began a persecution against Christians, his wrath first fell upon St Athanasius, whom he considered a great pillar of Orthodoxy. Julian intended to kill the saint in order to strike Christianity a grievous blow, but he soon perished himself. Mortally wounded by an arrow during a battle, he cried out with despair: "You have conquered, O Galilean." After Julian's death, St Athanasius guided the Alexandrian Church for seven years and died in 373, at the age of seventy-six.

Numerous works of St Athanasius have been preserved; four Orations against the Arian heresy; also an Epistle to Epictetus, bishop of the Church of Corinth, on the divine and human natures in Jesus Christ; four Epistles to Serapion, Bishop of Thmuis, about the Holy Spirit and His Equality with the Father and the Son, directed against the heresy of Macedonius. Other apologetic works in defense of Orthodoxy have been preserved, among which is the Letter to the emperor Constantius. St Athanasius wrote commentaries on Holy Scripture, and books of a moral and didactic character, as well as a biography of St Anthony the Great (January 17), with whom St Athanasius was very close. St John Chrysostom advised every Orthodox Christian to read this Life.