

Sunday of the Samaritan Woman

The Holy Martyr Photina the Samaritan Woman, her sons Victor (named Photinus) and Joses; and her sisters Anatola, Phota, Photis, Paraskevĕ, Kyriake; Nero's daughter Domnina; and the Martyr Sebastian: The holy Martyr Photina was the Samaritan Woman, with whom the Savior conversed at Jacob's Well (John. 4:5-42).

During the time of the emperor Nero (54-68), who displayed excessive cruelty against Christians, Saint Photina lived in Carthage with her younger son Joses and fearlessly preached the Gospel there. Her eldest son Victor fought bravely in the Roman army against barbarians, and was appointed military commander in the city of Attalia (Asia Minor). Later, Nero called him to Italy to arrest and punish Christians.

Nero ordered that Saints Sebastian, Photinus and Joses be blinded and locked up in prison, and Saint Photina and her five sisters Anatola, Phota, Photis, Paraskevĕ and Kyriake were sent to the imperial court under the supervision of Nero's daughter Domnina. Saint Photina converted both Domnina and all her servants to Christ. She also converted a sorcerer, who had brought her poisoned food to kill her.

Three years passed, and Nero sent to the prison for one of his servants, who had been locked up. The messengers reported to him that Saints Sebastian, Photinus and Joses, who had been blinded, had completely recovered, and that people were visiting them to hear their preaching, and indeed the whole prison had been transformed into a bright and fragrant place where God was glorified.

Nero then gave orders to crucify the saints, and to beat their naked bodies with straps. On the fourth day the emperor sent servants to see whether the martyrs were still alive. But, approaching the place of the tortures, the servants fell blind. An angel of the Lord freed the martyrs from their crosses and healed them. The saints took pity on the blinded servants, and restored their sight by their prayers to the Lord. Those who were healed came to believe in Christ and were soon baptized.

After this Nero had her brought to him and asked if she would now relent and offer sacrifice to the idols. Saint Photina spit in the face of the emperor, and laughing at him, said, "O most impious of the blind, you profligate and stupid man! Do you think me so deluded that I would consent to renounce my Lord Christ and instead offer sacrifice to idols as blind as you?"

Hearing such words, Nero gave orders to again throw the martyr down the well, where she surrendered her soul to God (ca. 66).

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Friend of the Bridegroom: "He must increase, but I must decrease." (John 3:30)



Sunday, June 2nd, 2024

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Sunday, June 2nd 5th *Sunday of Pascha / Tone 4 / Samaritan Woman*
9:30 am Divine Liturgy followed by Coffee Hour

Wednesday, June 5th *Hieromartyr Dorotheus, Bishop of Tyre*
9:30 am Divine Liturgy
5:00 pm AA Meeting

Friday, June 7th *Martyrs Cyriaca, Caleria, and Mary, of Cæsarea in Palestine*
4:45 pm Catechuman Class

Saturday, June 8th *Greatmartyr Theodore Stratelates*
10:00 am Calling Hours for Johnathan Stehnach
11:00 am Funeral
5:00 pm Great Vespers followed by Confessions

Sunday, June 9nd 6th *Sunday of Pascha / Tone 5 / Healing of the Blind Man*
9:30 am Divine Liturgy followed by Coffee Hour

Attendance/Stewardship May 26th

Attendance: 70 Adults and 22 children	92
Weekly offering:	\$1,845.00
Candle Offering:	\$314.00
Charity of the Month: Children Services	\$85.00
YTD Budgeted Offering Amount	\$60,040.00
YTD Actual Amount Given:	\$61,904.91
YTD Budget Surplus/Deficit	\$1,864.91

Prayer Corner

Fr. Emil (Fr. Brian's friend)	Sbdcn Joseph (Clyde)
John Kornmaker	James & Eugene
Renee, Anna & Michael	Michelle Thompson
Tracey Fedak (Daria's Cousin)	Sarah Crivella
Shawn Ferry (Fr. Bri & Cheryl's Friend)	Ann (David Wood's Friend)
Patty DiGiacobbe	Pam & Laura (Des's Friends)
Barb Datish	James Scott & Bradley Dean
Greg Pappas	David (Laura Miklos' relative)
Lynn Luich (Betty-Ann's Niece)	James Livermore
Randy Stan	Rinehart Family
Jeff Sanders (David Wood's stepson)	Ventura Family
Zoë Stan	David Campbell
Azouria	Kira (Child w/ Bone Disease)
Donna (Cheryl's Friend)	Delmas Higgins (Denise's Bro In-Law)
Sharon McGee (David's friend)	Luke Smith
Kim Butcher (Sonya's Friend)	Bob & Rachel (Randy's Friends)
Tim (Paula's friend)	George Horodnic (Jane Z's brother-in-law)
James and Tommy	Joseph Petrarca (Fickes Family Friend)
Alan Bergeron (Malacky's inlaw)	Joanna (Adrienne's Friend)
Julie Marinkovich (Mary Gearhart's friend)	George Kaschak Jr.
Greg Kornmaker (Sbdcn John's Friend)	Jeffrey Tsipis (John Miklos Friend)
Claudine & Joe (Laura Miklos' Sis & Husband)	Eleanor (Sbdcn John's In-Law)
The Faculty, Teachers, and Students of Holy Trinity Orthodox Academy	
The Suffering Christians in Ukraine, Russia, & the Middle East	
Our Faithful Brothern at Saint Theodosius Cathedral	

Expecting: Elana & Nicholas Giannakos, Andrew & Kati Sawyer

Catechumens: Tom & Abigail Kirk, Lucian & Lilliana Vasil, Thomas Sacca, Kelly, Carter, Emma, & Bennett Worley, Kayla, Alexander, & Cesar Ventura, Kayla, Donald, Elizabeth, Rebecca, Robert, Timothy, Melissa, Ian, Christopher, & William Cunningham

Newly Departed: Johnathan Stehnach (5/31) Eugenia Koutsouras (5/20) (Fr. Dcn. John's family friend) Elizabeth Perschka (5/4) & Also Nicholas Angelo (5/26) (Gina's friend)

Birthdays: Jean Miller (2nd), Barbara Johnson (3rd), Abdrew & Nicolina Dejonavic, Kara DiBattiste, Juji Mediate, & Tiffany Tutoki (4th), Tammy Roscoe, & Vadim Stehnach (6th), & Laura DiGiacobbe & Denise Higgins (7th)

Anniversaries: Harrison & Eleanor Krenitsky (7th) & Albert & Donna Metz (8th)

Candle Commemorations

Theotokos	In Memory of Betty Ann Perschka
Altar	For the Birthday of Vadim
Christ	In Memory of John Stercak

Announcements**Prayers & Donations for Saint Theodosius Cathedral**

Please keep our brothers and sisters at St. Theodosius Cathedral in your prayers as they begin the long process of repairing and restoring the cathedral after the devastating roof fire they experienced. Many of you have asked how to donate to help the efforts. Donations for the restoration of the cathedral can be found on their website & in the e-mail Fr. Brian sent with the bulletin.

Prayer Corner Clean Up

Many names have been on the prayer list for some time. Please give Fr. Brian an update on how they're doing when you get a chance.

Volunteer Opportunity at Warren Family Mission

Warren Family mission is looking for teens (age 12-18) to help hand out fruit to those in need on July 5th from 9am-1pm. Those interested in having their teens volunteer should see Mary Niemi.