



# ST. MARY'S HOLY DORMITION

May 14th, 2023

## SUNDAY OF SAMARITAN WOMAN, SAINT FOTINI

### Scripture Readings

**Epistle: 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: John 4:5-42**

At that time, as the Lord 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; **(CONT. ON BACK)**

### MAY Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 1st - Christopher Rozdilski
- 2nd - Leonard Volosin
- 3rd - Jeb & Jennifer Billmire
- 5th - Austin Jackson
- 5th - Colleen Hendrix
- 7th - Vickie Tipton
- 8th - Victor Volosin
- 8th - Nadia Sisneros
- 10th - Ben & Linda Hendrix
- 10th - Makenzie Schulte
- 13th - Madeleine Hlatki
- 14th - Joshua Sisneros
- 16th - Butch & Helen Sakala
- 18th - Dee Eurich
- 19th - Abigail Heuberger
- 24th - Rachel Stevens
- 25th - Bill & Colleen Hendrix
- 26th - Betty Eurich
- 27th - Harry Mikita
- 27th - Josh & Lacie Leithead
- 28th - Tori Jackson
- 28th - Kaleb Ritter
- 29th - Matt & Libbie Dawson
- 29th - Fr. Stephen & Mat. Lindsey Osburn
- 30th - Brock Burnside

### SCHEDULE

- May 20th - Great Vespers (5:00 PM)
- May 21st - Divine Liturgy (9:30 AM)

### WISDOM

*"A mother goes to the graves of her children, as though to raise them to life in her soul, to redeem them by her tears, to have compassion on them by her thoughts. A mother's love saves her children from disappearance and annihilation in this world." - St. Nikolai Velimirovich*

### WEEKLY JOKES

*What do you call a small mother? A Minimum.*

*Son: Dad, do you know the difference between a pack of cookies and a pack of elephants? Dad: No. Son: Then it's a good thing Mom does the grocery shopping!*

# HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

**Gospel: John 4:5-42 (Cont.):** 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."

## Thank you to all of our Mothers, Grandmothers, Godmothers, and Mother figures in our parish!

As we celebrate Mother's Day today, we honor and express gratitude for all the wonderful mothers, grandmothers, godmothers, and motherly figures in our lives. We thank each of them for their unwavering love, sacrifice, and dedication to their families and to the Church. May this day serve as a reminder to cherish and appreciate the special women who have nurtured, guided, and supported us throughout our lives. Let us pray for God's blessings and protection upon all the mothers in our parish and May He Grant them all Many years! And for those who have with Him now, Memory Eternal!

## Congrats to our HS Seniors: Blake, Brayden, and Brady!

Last week, Blake Buchner graduated High School from Fowler. He will be on to the next chapter of his life at Lincoln Tech!

On May 27th, Brayden and Brady will be graduating High School. We are super proud of them and want to wish them Many Years in their future endeavors. We know they will do good. That said, Brayden will be having an open house graduation party in our Hall starting after graduation is over. Everyone is invited to attend Brayden's party and graduation. Brady will also be having a graduation party afterwards. Please see Jennifer Billmire for more information on Brady's party. May God Grant them all Many Years!

## No Coffee Hour Today (May 14th)

## Parish Council Meeting (Next Sunday) / No Meeting in June

## Memorial Day Cleanup (May 28th)

We will have our annual Memorial Day Cleanup on May 28th after Liturgy. We need volunteers to clean the hall as well as to mow the grass around our properties. It is especially important that our younger people (under 50) step up and help with this effort in keeping our community beautiful.

## Bingo Night at St. Michaels Catholic Church (June 2nd)

St. Michael's Catholic Church is hosting a bingo night every first Friday of the month. The cost is \$5 to enter and there is an extra cost for bingo packets. Check it out!

## Rockies Game (July 2nd)

We are looking to see the Rockies play on July 2nd against the Detroit Tigers. The game starts at 1:10 PM, which means we would do Liturgy at 8:30 AM that day. The cost of the tickets are around \$16 per ticket. If you are interested in going, please see Fr. Stephen and let him know so we can order the tickets ahead of time and get the discounted rate.

## Sunday of the Samaritan Woman, St. Fotini:

The Gospel of John (4:5-42) relates the encounter of Photine, the Samaritan woman, with Christ at Jacob's well. She repented after a very gentle and wise conversation with Christ and went and told her townspeople that she had met the Christ. For this, she is sometimes claimed as the first to proclaim the Gospel of Christ. She converted her five sisters (Ss. Anatole, Photo, Photis, Paraskeve, and Kyriake) and her two sons (St. Photinos, formerly known as Victor, and St. Joses). They all became tireless evangelists for Christ. After the Apostles Paul and Peter were martyred, St. Photine and her family left their homeland of Sychar, in Samaria, to travel to Carthage to proclaim the Gospel of Christ there. In 66 AD, under the persecutions of Emperor Nero, they all achieved the crown of martyrdom, along with the Duke St. Sebastianos, the close friend of St. Photinos.

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## The Come and See Challenge:

Have you brought someone NEW this month?

Have you gone to Great Vespers at least once this month?

When was the last time you went to Confession?

## Prayer List

### Living:

Abp. Benjamin, Abp. Melchisedek, Fr. Anthony, Fr. Dennis, Fr. Simon, Muriel, Meryl, Harold, Vern, Tammy, Daron, Steve, Litsa, Jill, Leilani, child Lillian, Carl, Christina, Lindy, John, Johnny, Jeremy, Sabrina with child, Loren, George, Mark, Betty, Alicia, Richard, infant Gideon, Iryland, Patricia, Casey, Bruce, Alice, Christina, Danny, Cassi with child, Roberta, Leonard, Jerry, Infant Dominic, Annabelle, Devin, Georgianna, Morgan with child, Natalie, Wendy, Judy, April with child, Greg, Haily with child, Melvin, Anita, Sally, Brandon, Austin, Joseph, Michael, Allison, infant Grady Paul, Scott, Beverly

### Departed:

Joseph, Earl, Petr, Gordon, Dorothy, child Arrayah, Paula, Robert

### Youth:

**Rocky Mountain Youth Camp (July 17th-20th):**

The forms for this year's camp are in the Narthex. Camp is at the same time as El Paso Fair. If your child/children are not participating, please consider going to camp this year. Camp is FREE for all youth and volunteers in our parish. Please see Fr. Stephen for more info.

### Volunteers Needed:

New Lists up (June-Dec) for Coffee Hour and Church Clean Up. Please sign up!

### St. Ambrose Donations

Bin in the hall. Please donate.