SUNDAY OF THE SAMARITAN WOMAN



Icon of Christ and the Samaritan Woman

May 2, 2010 Sunday of Samaritan

Festal Tone

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 3 – MAY 9

NOTE: THERE WILL BE NO VESPERS ON SATURDAY EVENING

SUNDAY, MAY 9 – SUNDAY OF THE MAN BORN BLIND – MOTHER'S DAY
9:30 AM DIVINE LITURGY FOR ALL PARISHIONERS

& Remember in your prayers &&



Please remember in your prayers those members of our parish, our family and friends who are ailing, are in hospitals, nursing homes and those who are not able to join actively in their community. Remember especially the

following: Katherine Andrus, Walter & Isabella Bachynsky, Susie Boyko, Sonya Cronin, Helen Davis, Stephen Hricko, Bohdanchik James, Lorene Lagrone, Maria Laszok, Maria Lavasanipour, Lesya Loznycky, Sophia Skop and Ariadna Wall. Please let Fr. James know if there is anyone else who should be remembered.

Remember Those In The Armed Forces

Let us especially remember in our prayers those family members and friends who are actively serving their countries in the Armed Forces: Luke and Slavamira Haywas, Elizabeth Heltsley, Oksanna Hirniak, Andrew Hrynkiw, Zenon and Susan Keske, Michael Lopes, Vasyl Lylak,



Thomas Orr, Paul Richelmi and Brian Tuthill. *Please* give any names of those you would like remembered in the Liturgies to Fr. James

Mother's Day!

Sunday, May 9, we will celebrate Mothers' Day with a special Luncheon following the Divine Liturgy. The women will not be allowed in the kitchen since the Luncheon will be prepared and served by the Gentlemen of the parish! Please attend so that we can all celebrate that essential role in the Christian Family – the Mother. (Don't worry Fathers... your day is coming on June 20!)

50th Anniversary

The 50th Anniversary celebration will take place on the weekend of November 20 – 21. Bishop Richard has confirmed his attendance so planning is underway. Do you have any photos from the life of our parish? I ask you to loan them to the church in order to scan them and to make a slide-show that will chronicle the past 50 years. Please see Fr. James.

A Question Of Weight: A Big Sin And Many Small Sins

At one time two women came to Confession to a certain elder. The first of them was burdened by one terrible sin, for which her conscience troubled her continuously, and the other had no grave sin but only the "usual" little ones.

The elder, having listened to them, ordered that they go to the orchard and bring stones from it. To her who had the one serious sin, he said: "You take the heaviest stone that you can lift and bring it to me." And to the other he said: "Here's a bag for you. Gather small stones and bring them here." When they both had fulfilled their tasks, the elder thanked them for their obedience and said: "And now, take back that which you have brought to me and put it in its previous place." The first sinner did this without difficulty, but the other lost her head and returned with virtually a full bag because she couldn't remember which stone she took from where and she was afraid to deceive the elder.

So then the elder said to her: "Look, your acquaintance has a heavy sin, but she remembers it and constantly mourns over it all the time, but the tears of repentance wash away any sin. You are unable to mourn over your sins because you don't even remember them, but the weight of your bag is no less than the weight of a big stone."

Indeed, we must all learn that our many "small" sins, the majority of which are forgotten, in their mass form a terrible weight, which pulls us toward the underworld if we do not free our souls from them by true repentance.

Sunday Collection Information	
January 3	\$327.00
January 6	\$159.00
January 10	\$1324.00
2 nd Collection:	\$44.00
January 17	\$406.00
2 nd Collection for Haiti: \$403.00	
January 24	\$633.00
2 nd Collection for Haiti: \$310.00	
January 31	\$794.00
February 7	\$952.00
Kolyada:	\$595.00
February 14	\$774.00
February 21	\$374.00
February 28	\$525.00
March 7	\$868.00
March 14	NO SERVICE
March 21	\$818.00
March 28	\$1203.00
Flowers for Easter:	\$115.00
Pancake Brkfst/Bake Sale/Goods: \$995.00	
April 4	\$2085.00
April 11	\$872.00
Raffle	\$61.00
2 nd Collection	\$29.00
Sviachenne	\$350.00
April 18	\$712.00
Heater/AC Donation	\$1000.00
April 25	\$719.00
Candles	\$138.50

New Furnace & Air Conditioner

During this past "winter", it was discovered that the heater/air conditioner for the church was in need of replacement due to its age. The problems would have been too costly to repair and not to repair would have been hazardous. Yaroslav Lozovyj and Volodymyr Fedunyak worked together to acquire and install a new unit. The total price tag was \$3,500.00. One donor has given \$1,000.00 towards the expense. Please contribute generously.

Rummage Sale

The rummage sale has been rescheduled for Saturday, May 22nd. Donations & Volunteers are still needed. Please contact Olena Bankston: (619) 567-6967.

A PUZZLING SCRIPTURAL VERSE

'He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver.'

Malachi 3:3

This verse puzzled some women in a Bible study and they wondered what this statement meant about the character and nature of God. One of the women offered to find out the process of refining silver and get back to the group at their next Bible Study.

That week, the woman called a silversmith and made an appointment to watch him at work. She didn't mention anything about the reason for her interest beyond her curiosity about the process of refining Silver.

As she watched the silversmith, he held a piece of silver over the fire and let it heat up. He explained that in refining silver, one needed to hold the silver in the middle of the fire where the flames were hottest as to burn away all the impurities. The woman thought about God holding us in such a hot spot; then she thought again about the verse that says: 'He sits as a refiner and purifier of silver.' She asked the silversmith if it was true that he had to sit there in front of the fire the whole time. The man answered that yes, he not only had to sit there holding the silver, but he had to keep his eyes on the silver the entire time it was in the fire. If the silver was left a moment too long in the flames, it would be destroyed. The woman was silent for a moment. Then she asked the silversmith, 'How do you know when the silver is fully refined?' He smiled at her and answered, 'Oh, that's easy -- when I see my image in it.'

If today you are feeling the heat of the fire, remember that God has his eye on you and will keep watching you until He sees His image in you.

 Fr. John Parsells, Rector of Christ the Savior Orthodox Church

Святкуємо 50-років! Celebrating 50 Years!

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A Witness in Learning about the Christian Faith

Let us now after this be ashamed, and blush. A woman who had had five husbands, and who was of Samaria, was so eager concerning doctrines, that neither the time of day, nor her having come for another purpose, nor anything else, led her away from inquiring on such matters. But we not only do not inquire concerning doctrines, but towards them all our dispositions are careless and indifferent. Therefore everything is neglected. For which of you when in your house takes some Christian book in hand and goes over its contents, and searches the Scriptures?

None can say that he does so, but with most we shall find draughts and dice, but books nowhere, except among a few. And even these few have the same dispositions as the many; for they tie up their books, and keep them always put away in cases, and all their care is for the fineness of the parchments, and the beauty of the letters, not for reading them.

For they have not bought them to obtain advantage and benefit from them, but take pains about such matters to show their wealth and pride. Such is the excess of vainglory. I do not hear any one glory that he knows the contents, but that he has a book written in letters of gold. And what gain, tell me, is this? The Scriptures were not given us for this only, that we might have them in books, but that we might engrave them on our hearts.

St. John Chrysostom