

SUNDAY OF THE SAMARITAN WOMAN



Icon of Christ and the Samaritan Woman

May 6, 2012

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THE HOLY AND RIGHTEOUS JOB THE MUCH-SUFFERING
FESTAL TONE

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 7 – MAY 13

SATURDAY, MAY 12

6:00 PM – Great Vespers

SUNDAY, MAY 6 – *SUNDAY OF THE MAN BORN BLIND; THE HOLY MARTYR GLYCERIA*

9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy For All Parishioners

Last Sunday's Bulletin

If you haven't yet picked up last Sunday's bulletin, it is available in the church hall, or on our website, stjohnthebaptizer.org.

Parish Rummage Sale!

Thanks to the many donors and hard working volunteers, the Rummage Sale brought into the parish approximately \$1800.00! Thank you for your generous help!

Share 2012

Our Lord asks us to commit ourselves to be good stewards of the gifts entrusted to us, to share our time, our talent and our treasure as an outward sign of the love and gratitude we have for Him. Please be a good steward of your gifts and share them by participating in Ukrainian Catholic Appeal – Share 2012

FR. JAMES WILL BE AWAY

Fr. James will be out of town from Wednesday through Friday. In case of an emergency please contact either Fr. Robert Pipta of Holy Angels Byzantine Catholic Church at (858) 277-2511, Fr. Sabba Shofany of St. Jacob Melkite Catholic Mission at (619) 410-7868, or Fr. Myron Mykyta at (323) 663-6307.

The discussion of "Come Follow Me" will continue this week after the Divine Liturgy.

Everyone is encouraged to participate.

Mark your Calendars!

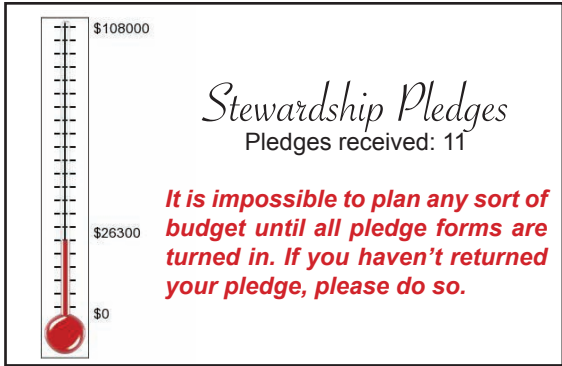
We will have our church picnic on Saturday, June 2, from 11AM until 4PM at Crown Point. Bring family and friends!

THOUGHTS ON STEWARDSHIP

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All of us are caretakers. Nothing belongs to us; everything belongs to God. Not all men and women realize this, but Christians do and strive to please God in the use of all that God has put in their care. Yes, you are a caretaker... God's caretaker!

Think of time as a priceless gift; develop an awareness of its incomparable value and examine your conscience in this light. Are you using your time according to God's plan, or are you throwing it away? If tomorrow were never to dawn, what would you do for God today?



Sunday offering for April 29

Amount	Number
\$5.00	2
\$10.00	2
\$15.00	1
\$20.00	2
\$25.00	2 (1 visitor)
\$40.00	3
\$50.00	2
<u>\$200.00</u>	<u>1</u>
\$555.00	

Parishioner Total: \$530.00
 Visitor Total: 25.00

Average / parish household (39): \$13.59
 Weekly Stewardship Goal: \$2125.00
 Shortfall: **\$1595.00**

Haven't Seen Someone in a While?

Give them a call. See how they are doing. Let them know that you not only miss them but also care enough to see if everything is okay. A kind word can go a long way.

If You Are Hospitalized

please be sure to let your priest know. Even if you do not want a visit, prayers (private and/or communal) should be offered on your behalf. Your priest is not clairvoyant and will not know that you are in the hospital unless you tell him. When you check into the hospital, be sure to put yourself in the hands of the Divine Physician as well as an earthly one!

Upcoming Event:
*Praise of the Mother of God
 in Eastern & Western Traditions*

Saturday, May 19, 10 a.m - 12:30 pm. at our Parish. Sponsored by the Society of St. John Chrysostom - Western Region.

Speakers

Eastern: Mother Sarah Elizabet Oftedal of Martha & Mary House, Escondido.

Western: Joseph Cunningham B.A., S.T.M. of St. Mark Roman Catholic Church, San Marcos.

Contact person: Fr. George Morelli 760-920-6350 or president@lightoftheeast.org.

The Society of St. John Chrysostom-Western Region business meeting immediately follows the program. Those staying for the meeting should bring a box lunch.

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Lost on a rainy Friday night, a priest stumbles into a monastery and requests shelter there. Fortunately, he's just in time for dinner and was treated to the best fish and chips he's ever had.

After dinner, he goes into the kitchen to thank the chefs. He is met by two brothers, "Hello, I'm Brother Michael, and this is Brother Francis."

"I'm very pleased to meet you. I just wanted to thank you for a wonderful dinner. The fish and chips were the best I've ever tasted. Out of curiosity, who cooked what?"

Brother Michael replied, "Well, I'm the fish friar."

Father turns to the other brother and says, "Then you must be...."

"Yes, I'm afraid I'm the chip monk..."



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Thoughts on the Samaritan Woman

Everywhere, beloved, we have need of faith. Faith is the mother of all good, the medicine of salvation in order to obtain any real good. Without it, it is impossible to possess any of the great doctrines. Those who try anything without it are like those who venture on the sea without a boat and are drowned because they can barely swim. ... Similarly, those who try to figure things out before they have learned anything are prone to suffer shipwreck. ... To insure that this does not happen to us, let us hold fast to the sacred anchor by which Christ brings over the Samaritan woman now.

She was not prevented by any concern for losing face from spreading around what had been said to her. For the soul, once kindled

by the divine flame, does not consider glory or shame or any other earthly consideration: only the flame that consumes it. ... She did not want them to trust only her own report but to come and make a judgment about Christ for themselves "Come, see a man, she says. She does not say, "come and believe," but "come and see," which is an easier matter. For she certainly knew that if they only tasted of that well, they would feel as she did.

As the apostles left their nets on being called, so she leaves her water jar to do the work of an evangelist by calling not one or two people, as Andrew and Philip did, but a whole city.

St. John Chrysostom