

SUNDAY OF THE SAMARITAN WOMAN



*Icon of Christ and the Samaritan Woman*



Sunday Collection Information	
January 3	\$327.00
January 6	\$159.00
January 10	\$1324.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection:	\$44.00
January 17	\$406.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection for Haiti:	\$403.00
January 24	\$633.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> 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 <sup>nd</sup> 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 22<sup>nd</sup>. 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*