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3: THURSDAY, MAY 6, 2010*



Announcements

Today: Samaritan Woman

The Fifth Sunday after the Feast of Holy Pascha is observed as the Sunday of the Samaritan Woman. The day commemorates the encounter of Christ with the Samaritan woman at Jacob’s well. The Biblical story of this event and the dialog between Christ and the woman is found in the Gospel of Saint John 4:5-42.

Liturgical Custom

Please remember that during this Paschal-Easter Season, and continuing until Pentecost Sunday (even throughout the week), we do not kneel during the Divine Liturgy. Kneeling is a sign of penance and contrition – but the joy of Pascha is so much greater in this season that we stand in celebration instead.

Today: 100th Birthday

On this Sunday our parish family will honor our dear parishioner Mr. Anthony Fedyna who will be celebrating his upcoming 100th Birthday. Following the Divine Liturgy we will have a coffee and cake social in our Church hall during which we will all have the opportunity to greet Mr. Anthony Fedyna and to sing him “Happy Birthday”!

Today: Spaghetti Dinner at St. John’s

We are invited to a Spaghetti Dinner which is taking place on this Sunday, May 2nd, from 12:00 noon until 5:00 p.m. at St. John’s Ukrainian Catholic Church in McKees Rocks. Tickets are \$7 adults and \$4 children under 12. They will also have a Bake sale, Cash Bar and Chinese Auction. Take-out is available.

Pittsburgh Folk Festival

The 53rd Pittsburgh Folk Festival will be held Friday-Sunday, May 14-16 at the Monroeville Convention Center. The Festival will feature International Foods, Traditional Music and Dance, Exhibits, Folk Crafts...from more than 30 nationalities. Festival hours are Friday, May 14: 4-10 pm; Saturday, May 15: 11 am until 10 pm; Sunday, May 16: 11 am until 6 pm. Advance sale tickets are \$8 for adults; Students (age 13-17) are \$5; Children (age 12 and younger) are admitted free. For more information about this wonderful event please visit www.pghfolkfestival.org.

CHECKMATE

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



If you forgive anyone, I also forgive him. And what I have forgiven—if there was anything to forgive—I have forgiven in the sight of Christ for your sake, in order that Satan might not outwit us. For we are not unaware of his schemes.

— 2 CORINTHIANS 2:10-11 NIV

Year for Priests

His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI on June 19th, 2009, declared a “Year for Priests” which will conclude in Rome with an international gathering of priests with the Holy Father from June 9-11, 2010. To celebrate this “Year for Priests” the Western Pennsylvania Council of the League of Ukrainian Catholics will sponsor a special program which will take place at St. George’s on Sunday, March 23rd, starting at 3:00 p.m. with the celebration of the Akathist Hymn to the Holy Trinity. Following that a program dedicated to this “Year for Priests” will take place in our Church hall followed by fellowship with refreshments. Please plan to be part of this special Sunday afternoon.

Talent Show

As we slowly come to the end of the school year, please mark your calendars for the upcoming Talent Show of our St. George’s Church School children. This event will take place on Sunday, May 30th, following the Divine Liturgy in our Church hall. All parishioners and friends of St. George’s are invited to this fun event during which we can enjoy and see the wonderful talents of our parish children. Last year we had lots of fun with the performances, so please plan to be here and to support the wonderful children of our Church School.

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Sincere thanks to all our women and men who work so hard on this parish activity. Our total income from last week’s sale was \$570.00 Thank you!

Collection- May God bless you...

The total for Sunday, April 25, 2010 was \$1362.00.

Sincere thanks to all for your kindness and generosity to our Holy Church!

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Sunday of the Samaritan Woman

Today’s Gospel reading from St. John the Evangelist (Jn 4:5-42) does not give us the name of the Samaritan woman. But the Tradition of the Church remembers, and calls her in Greek - Photini, in Ukrainian - Svitlana, in Western languages - Claire. And all these names speak to us of one thing - of light.

Having met the Lord Jesus Christ she has become a light shining in the world, a light that enlightens those who meet her. Every Saint is offered to us as an example; but we cannot always emulate the concrete ways in which a Saint lived, we cannot always repeat their way from earth to heaven. But we can learn from each of them two things. The one is that by the grace of God we can achieve what seems humanly impossible; that is, to become a person in the image and likeness of God, to be - in this world of darkness and tragedy which is in the power of lies - a word of truth, a sign of hope, the certainty that God can conquer if we only allow Him access to our souls. Because if the Kingdom of God is not established within us, if God is not enthroned in our minds and hearts, a fire that destroys everything unworthy of ourselves and of Him, we cannot spread God’s light around.

And the second thing which the Saints can teach us is to understand the message which their names convey to us. Today’s Samaritan woman learns and speaks of light. Christ has said that He is the Light of the world, the light that enlightens all people; and we are called to give shelter within our souls, minds and hearts - indeed, within our whole self - to this light; so that the word spoken by Christ, “Let your light so shine before all men, that seeing your good deeds they may give glory to your Father who is in heaven”, may be fulfilled and accomplished in and through us.

It is only through seeing our deeds, through seeing how we live that people can believe that the light is God's light; it is not in our words, unless they are words of truth and of power like those of the Apostles, or of Christ Himself indeed. On this Sunday of the Samaritan Woman let us reflect, each of us, on the meaning of our name and on the way in which we can become what we are called. Amen.



