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Christ is risen!

May 22, 2011

5th Sunday of Pascha Samaritan Woman

- 9:30am – Divine Liturgy

Epistle: Acts 11:19-26, 29-30

Gospel: John 4:5-42

- Fellowship - Please come downstairs following Liturgy for Coffee Hour, provided by Olga DeMay and Stephen Wasilewski. Thank you, Olga and Stephen!

Schedule of Services

SATURDAY, MAY 28

6:00pm – Great Vespers

SUNDAY, MAY 29

9:00am - Divine Liturgy

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Looking for Something We Already Have

On May 27th and 28th we read the Gospel of John, 10: 17-38. In these verses Jesus responds to the pointed questions of the Jewish leaders and the Pharisees by telling them that the answers have already been given.

In earlier verses of this chapter, Jesus refers to Himself as the "good shepherd who lays down his life for his sheep." He contrasts Himself to the hired hand who doesn't really care about the sheep. Then, in the verses we read on these two days, He also makes it clear that the giving of His life is an act of His free will. He tells the listening crowd that He has the power to lay down his life, and the power to take it up again. Anyone hearing and remembering these words would have a source of hope at the time of His crucifixion, knowing that He could rise from the dead and "take up" His life again. Without saying it in so many words, Jesus is telling His listeners that He is the Christ.

But there is a dispute among the people. Some say He has a demon, while others say that nobody who had a demon could open the eyes of the blind, as Jesus has done. So the Jewish leaders question Him: "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly." These questioners want Him to declare His equality with God so that they can charge Him with blasphemy.

Now Jesus tells them that they are looking for something they already have. The answer to their question about His identity has already been given: "I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name, they bear witness to me." Again, without saying it, He is claiming to be the Son of God. He is reminding the people of the miracles and healings He has performed. Nobody but the divine Son could do such things.

Intercessory Prayer

THE LIVING:

Benedict and Eva Benda, Valentina Benda, Cathryn Christensen, Olga DeMay, Marianne Guagenti, George Hook, Andrew Koch, Peter Mazula, Walter Milk, Helen Pirniak, Matilda Skripak, Stephen and Lillian Sokol, Elizabeth Zuber. May God grant you Many Years!

THE DEPARTED:

Helen Pawlush, Mary Milk, Antonina Rotko, Helen Cotrone, June Bianchini, Maryanne Benda, Anne Verona, Ann Fondak, Theodor Bacha, Margaret Dellabella, George Makara, Julia Brelinsky, Steven Petronko, Agnes Silberman.

Memory Eternal! Вечная Память!

Birthday Greeting

Happy Birthday to Lindsay Wanko and to all who celebrate their Birthdays this month. May God grant you good health and happiness for Many, Many Years!

Jesus also tells them why they do not believe in Him. It is because they "do not belong to My sheep." His next words are a beautiful description of the trust His sheep have in Him, and the complete safety in which they live with Him: "My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me; and I give them eternal life; and they shall never perish, and no one shall snatch them out of My hand."

Now His hostile questioners, frustrated because they haven't trapped Him into calling Himself the Christ, take up stones to hurl at Him. Once again He refers to His miracles and healings: "I have shown you many good works of the Father; for which of these do you stone me?"

Some doubters claim that they could believe in God if only He would do miracles to "prove" Himself. But Jesus has done that. Those doubters, like Jesus' questioners, are looking for something they already have.



Today's Memorial Offering

- *Sanctuary Lamp* – in honor of Lindsay Wanko's Birthday – by Grandpa & Grandma Wanko.



Announcements

❖ Please, note, that starting next **Sunday, May 29**, (Memorial Day weekend) and until **Sunday, September 4**, (Labor Day weekend) *all* Divine Liturgies (both on Sundays and on Feast days during the week) will begin at **9:00am**.

❖ Save the date: **Saturday, June 11, 2011, 2:00pm** there will be a **Bowl-A-Thon** at Stelton Lanes, Piscataway, NJ. This event is sponsored by the Bayonne/Jersey City Junior Chapter of the F.O.C.A. to help disaster victims in Japan. Any Questions – feel free to contact Marge Kovach, mjkovach@aol.com.

❖ **Coffee Hour Sponsors are needed.** Have it in memory or in honor of your loved ones. Please sign-up at the candle desk.

Welcome Visitors

We welcome all visitors to our Divine Liturgy. It is our joy to have you with us today. If this is your first visit to our parish, we welcome you and invite you to return as often as you are able.

While Holy Communion may only be received by prepared Orthodox Christians, our non-Orthodox guests are welcome to join us in venerating the Cross, receiving blessed bread at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy and for fellowship in our Church Hall after the service.