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Sunday Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m. – Weekdays Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.

General Confession 1st Sunday of month

Private Confession every Sunday 9:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. or upon request

Sunday, May 30, 2021

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

Gospel: John 4: 5 - 42

CHRIST IS RISEN!

TRULY HE IS RISEN!

PRAYERS FOR THE HEALTH: Wellington Kennedy, Conrad Kennedy, Gloria Wheeler, Doris Sprague, Gregory Harvilla, Judy Wadysz, Barbara Sapick, Anna Hagopian, Reader Gary (Paul) Repella, Michael Gaujanian, Marion Kurtyka, Alice Caddy, William Harvey, Daniel Moran, Frances Munaco, Sonia Kurtyka, Nancy Hawkins, Bradley Webster, Jestin Spears, Sophie Miller, and Deacon David Rehn.

HOSPITALIZED: *William Saxby* was released from Garden City Hospital, Garden City on Thursday, May 27th. Please pray for his improved health!

BLESSING OF GRAVES: Fr. Timothy is available if you want any of the graves of your loved ones blessed before *Holy Ascension Day, Thursday, June 10th, 2021*. Graves may be blessed at any time, but if you want them blessed before *Holy Ascension day* - We may all sing -- CHRIST IS RISEN!

REMINDER: THERE IS NO KNEELING FROM PASCHA TO THE PENTECOST KNEELING PRAYERS!

ATTENTION: We are really low on lighters used to light candles in church. Please, if you can, help by buying a few lighters to replenish our supply. Thanks!

MEMORIAL LUNCHEON: A special luncheon is scheduled for **Sunday, June 6, 2021, in our Church Cultural Center** in memory of *Paul Sapick* who fell asleep in the Lord on April 24, 2021. It is offered by the Sapick family in his memory. There will be a Parastas after the Divine Liturgy in memory of Paul. The family of Paul Sapick is inviting everyone to please join them for the meal after Divine Liturgy and Parastas. Memory Eternal! Christ is Risen! Please come and support the family and enjoy a delicious meal.

LANDSCAPING DONATION:

\$100.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATION!

MASK WEARING: It is recommended that you continue to wear a mask while in church. Please continue to remember to sanitize your hands and sign in on the sign-in sheets.

From The ORTHODOX WEEKLY BULLETIN ...Vestal, Cliffwood, New Jersey
IF ANYONE THIRSTS, COME UNTO ME AND DRINK”

Thirst is a natural human experience. Simply stated, we could not survive for any length of time without a regular intake of liquids. It is not surprising, then, that Christ would draw an analogy between Himself and water, for indeed, He is our unquenchable source of life. What IS surprising, however, is the method deployed by our Lord to accent this divine truth.

Much of today's Gospel on this, the Sunday of the SAMARITAN WOMAN, centers around what appears to be an innocent conversation between Christ and a stranger. What is intriguing about this dialogue is that Christ would engage in such a conversation with a woman (unheard of in those days) and a Samaritan, who were natural enemies of the Jews, in the first place! Their words begin with a discussion of a material nature: "Give me something to drink," asks our Lord. It leads to matters of enormous spiritual and theological significance. "Whoever drinks of this water will thirst again," He reminds the Samaritan Woman, "but whoever drinks of the waters that I shall give him will never thirst. For the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life." As their talk continues, Jesus ultimately reveals to her that He is the Messiah: The One who can satisfy our every need.

The Gospel concludes, with a message from the townspeople to the Samaritan woman: "Now we believe,

not because of what you have said, for we ourselves have heard Him.” It is important that we realize that we must, of our own accord, come unto that *‘Living Water’* and drink! We must believe in Christ out of a personal, inner experience of faith.