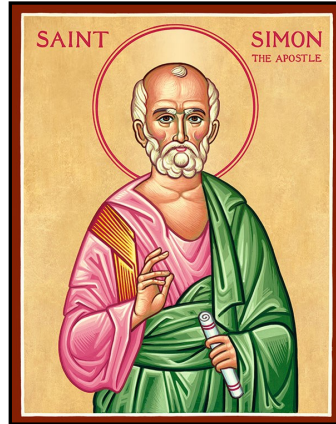


SAINTS, PROPHETS & FEASTS COMMEMORATED

SIMON THE ZEALOT & APOSTLE

Simon the Zealot was one of the 12 apostles chosen by Jesus, known for his potential former affiliation with a radical, anti-Roman Jewish group. Often considered an obscure figure in the Gospels, he is called "the Zealot" or "the Canaanite" to distinguish him from Simon Peter.

While the Bible provides no specific details on his life after Pentecost, Christian tradition holds that he was a tireless missionary, spreading the gospel in regions including Egypt and Persia. He is believed to have died as a martyr, with some traditions suggesting he was crucified.



TODAY'S EVENTS

✝ 40-day Memorial Service for **Simona Radulescu** (mother of Vlad Radulescu)

UPCOMING SERVICE SCHEDULE

Wednesday, 5/13/26

6:00 PM — Vespers & Confession

Sunday, 5/17/26

9:00 AM — Matins

10:00 AM — Divine Liturgy

12:00 PM — Agape Fellowship

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

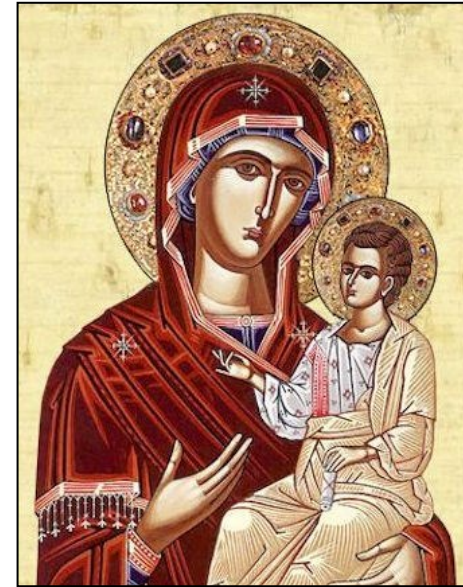
Natalie Xenos has organized a Red Cross Blood Drive in our church social hall on **Monday, May 18th from 12:00 -5:00pm**. Please plan to participate. You can go online to schedule your time at the church by clicking on the QR code to the right. Enter sponsor ID **HolyMotherQueen** or choose the church location.



ASSURANCE FOR LIFE FUNDRAISER

On Mother's Day, we have a fund raiser for Assurance for Life (a specialty medical clinic) that offers free medical, emotional, practical and spiritual support for individuals facing unplanned pregnancies. In the last 40 years they have saved over 5,300 lives. As a non-profit, this organization is dependent on donations. Grab a bottle and fill it with coins, bills or a check and return on Father's Day, June 21st. They are located in the social hall.

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SUNDAY OF THE SAMARITAN WOMAN

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EPISTLE READING

Prokeimenon. Fourth Mode. Psalm 103.24,1.

O Lord, how manifold are your works. You have made all things in wisdom.

Verse: Bless the Lord, O my soul.

The reading is from Acts of the Apostles 11:19-30

In those days, those apostles who were scattered because of the persecution that arose over Stephen traveled as far as Phoenicia and Cyprus and Antioch, speaking the word to none except Jews. But there were some of them, men of Cyprus and Cyrene, who on coming to Antioch spoke to the Greeks also, preaching the Lord Jesus. And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number that believed turned to the Lord. News of this came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. When he came and saw the grace of God, he was glad; and he exhorted them all to remain faithful to the Lord with steadfast purpose; for he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a large company was added to the Lord. So Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul; and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. For a whole year they met with the church, and taught a large company of people; and in Antioch the disciples were for the first time called Christians. Now in these days prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. And one of them named Agabos stood up and foretold by the Spirit that there would be a great famine over all the world; and this took place in the days of Claudius. And the disciples determined, every one according to his ability, to send relief to the brethren who lived in Judea, and they did so, sending it to the elders by the hand of Barnabas and Saul.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

Orthodox Christian wisdom for Mother's Day emphasizes the profound role and blessings of motherhood within the faith. It highlights mothers' sacrificial love, unwavering prayers, and the profound impact they have on shaping their children's lives and spiritual growth. Motherhood is viewed as a blessed vocation, a path to holiness, and a source of joy and strength for both the mother and her children.

"As a vessel that preserves the sanctity of Life"



TODAY'S SERVICE: SUNDAY OF THE SAMARITAN WOMAN

One of the most ancient cities of the Promised Land was Shechem, also called Sikima, located at the foot of Mount Gerazim. There the Israelites had heard the blessings in the days of Moses and Jesus of Navi. Near to this town, Jacob, who had come from Mesopotamia in the nineteenth century before Christ, bought a piece of land where there was a well. This well, preserved even until the time of Christ, was known as Jacob's Well. Later, before he died in Egypt, he left that piece of land as a special inheritance to his son Joseph (Gen. 49:22). This town, before it was taken into possession by Samaria, was also the leading city of the kingdom of the ten tribes. In the time of the Romans it was called Neapolis, and at present Nablus. It was the first city in Canaan visited by the Patriarch Abraham. Here also, Jesus of Navi (Joshua) addressed the tribes of Israel for the last time. Almost three hundred years later, all Israel assembled there to make Roboam (Rehoboam) king.



When our Lord Jesus Christ, then, came at midday to this city, which is also called Sychar (John 4:5), He was wearied from the journey and the heat, and He sat down at this well. After a little while the Samaritan woman mentioned in today's Gospel passage came to draw water. As she conversed at some length with the Lord and heard from Him secret things concerning herself, she believed in Him; through her many other Samaritans also believed.

Concerning the Samaritans we know the following: In the year 721 before Christ, Salmanasar (Shalmaneser), King of the Assyrians, took the ten tribes of the kingdom of Israel into captivity, and relocated all these people to Babylon and the land of the Medes. From there he gathered various nations and sent them to Samaria. These nations had been idolaters from before. Although they were later instructed in the Jewish faith and believed in the one God, they worshipped the idols also. Furthermore, they accepted only the Pentateuch of Moses, and rejected the other books of Holy Scripture. Nonetheless, they thought themselves to be descendants of Abraham and Jacob. Therefore, the pious Jews named these Judaizing and idolatrous peoples Samaritans, since they lived in Samaria, the former leading city of the Israelites, as well as in the other towns thereabout. The Jews rejected them as heathen and foreigners, and had no communion with them at all, as the Samaritan woman observed, "the Jews have no dealings with the Samaritans" (John 4:9). Therefore, the name Samaritan is used derisively many times in the Gospel narrations. After the Ascension of the Lord, and the descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, the woman of Samaria was baptized by the holy Apostles and became a great preacher and Martyr of Christ; she was called Photine, and her feast is kept on February 26.