Acts: 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 the Greek language. A good number of these believers devoted themselves to charity, and it was spoken of by the people of Greece: "The Jews, even those who lived in Antioch, spoke nothing but good things about the Lord.

It was about the sixth hour. There came a woman of Samaria to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, "You are a Jew, and I am a Samaritan; how can you ask a drink of me, a Samaritan?" Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." The woman answered him, "Sir, you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep: where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our fathers, Jacob and Israel? Our fathers worshiped on this mountain; and you say that Jerusalem is the place where one must worship. Are you greater than our fathers?"

Jesus answered her, "Whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst; the water that I shall give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, that I may not thirst or come here to draw." The woman answered him, "Sir, I know that the Messiah is coming (he is called Christ); when he comes, he will show us all things." Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am he." Then just as his disciples came, they marveled at him, for they had seen him talking with a woman at the well; yet no one said, "What is he talking with her about?"

So the woman left her water jar, and went away into the city and said to the people, "Come, see, a man who told all that I ever did! Can this be the Christ?" They went out of the city and went to him, and the disciples besought him saying, "Rabbi, eat." But he said to them, "I have food to eat of which you do not know."

So the disciples said to one another, "Has anyone brought him food?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me, and to accomplish his work. Do you not say, four months hence, 'Go up to Zacchaeus and see how he has lifted up your eyes, and see how the fields are already white for harvest. He who reaps receives wages, and the one who tills the land endures hardship.'"

Breaking Barriers

Jesus was a good mixer, open to all, young and old, rich and poor, healthy and sick, sinner and righteous, because he lived in "spirit and truth" (John 4:24).

By virtue of His spiritual depth and inner authority the Lord was able to break down barriers between people and sexes. He talked to women as freely as He did to men, and He offered to all the gift of living water.
Christ is risen! Truly He is risen!

Sunday, May 17th  Sunday of the Samaritan Woman
8:15 AM  Orthros
9:30 AM  Divine Liturgy
11:30 AM  Virtual Coffee Hour
11:30 AM  Zoom Sunday School Final Class
7:30 PM  JOY Sunday Saint Story

To Join any Parish Online Ministry, sign up at: annunciationorthodox.org/signups/

Monday, May 18th
5-7 PM  Drive By Viewing for Stella Gianopoulos at Snyders Funeral Home in Lititiz, PA
8:00 PM  OCF & YA Online Discussion Group

Tuesday, May 19th
10:30 PM  Funeral for Stella Gianopoulos to be live streamed from Annunciation Church.
7:30 PM  Parish Council

Wednesday, May 20th
6:00 PM  Live-Streamed/Zoom Bible Study with Fr. Hector
7:00 PM  Paraklesis to St. Nikiforos

Thursday, May 21st  St. Constantine & Helen
8:30 AM  Orthros
9:30 AM  Divine Liturgy
9-11 AM  Distribution of Emergency Relief Boxes

Friday, May 22nd
9:00 AM  Paraklesis to The Theotokos
4:00 PM  GOYA Zoom meeting
7:00 PM  Vespers

Saturday, May 23rd
7:00 PM  Divine Liturgy

Scholarship Forms are available through the Church Office. AHEPA has extended deadline for submission to July 2nd. Please submit online only to George Ioannidis @ theodosiospalis@gmail.com (Mailed forms will not be accepted).

High School and College Graduates to be honored after Liturgy on Sunday, May 31st. High School Graduates: Please submit name & photo to church office by May 22nd.

College Graduates: Please submit name and degree title to church office by May 22nd.

Email personal video to theodosiospalis@gmail.com by Friday, May 22nd to be part of the video honoring the graduates, to be streamed after Liturgy on Sunday May 31st.