

APOSTLE ANDRONICUS OF THE SEVENTY

St. Andronicus, Apostle of the Seventy, and St. Junia were relatives of the holy Apostle Paul. They labored greatly, preaching the Gospel to pagans. St. Paul mentioned them in his Epistle to the Romans: “Salute Andronicus and Junia, my kinsmen and fellow prisoners, who are of note among the Apostles, who also were in Christ, before me” (Romans 16:7).

St. Andronicus was made Bishop of Pannonia, but his preaching also took him and St. Junia to other lands, far from the boundaries of his diocese. Through the efforts of Saints Andronicus and Junia, the Church of Christ was strengthened, pagans were converted to the knowledge of God, many pagan temples closed, and in their place Christian churches were built. The service in honor of these saints states that they suffered martyrdom for Christ.

In the 5th century, during the reign of the emperors Arcadius and Honorius, their holy relics were uncovered on the outskirts of Constantinople together with the relics of other martyrs at the gate of Eugenius. It was revealed to the pious cleric Nicholas Kalligrophos that among the relics of these seventeen martyrs were the relics of the holy Apostle Andronicus. Afterwards, a magnificent church was built on this spot.

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF PASCHA

Samaritan Woman

***Apostle Andronicus of the Seventy and his fellow-laborer, Junia;
Martyrs Solochon, Pamphamer, and Pamphalon, at Chalcedon;
St. Stephen, Archbishop of Constantinople; St. Euphronsyne of Moscow***

CHRIST IS RISEN! INDEED HE IS RISEN!

“At Jacob’s well, O almighty Savior, You engaged the Samaritan woman in conversation. And although of old it was You who made water gush forth from solid rock for the Hebrews, You now asked this woman for water. And You brought her to believe in You, O Christ, so that now she enjoys the eternal kingdom on high.”

Exapostilarion, Tone I

“Let us exalt that luminous star and apostle of Christ, the holy Andronicus, for he shared the light of divine understanding with those who did not yet believe. Let us also acclaim Junia and his other companions, for they also labored with him to spread the good news. On this day of their blessed memory, we entreat them to pray without ceasing for us all.”

Kontakion, Tone VIII

TODAY’S EPISTLE: ACTS 11:19-26,29-30

TODAY’S GOSPEL: JOHN 4:5-42

HOLY WORSHIP THIS WEEK:

Please attend worship services online on our HTOC Facebook page, accessible on www.holy-trin.org

Today, May 17 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy
Saturday, May 23 5:00 p.m. Great Vespers

Daily Scripture Readings

Monday, May 18	Acts 12:12-17	John 8:42-51
Tuesday, May 19	Acts 12:25-13:12	John 8:51-59
Wednesday, May 20	Acts 13:13-24	John 6:5-14
Thursday, May 21	Acts 14:20-27	John 9:39-10:9
(Sts. Constantine & Helen)	Acts 26:1-5,12-20	John 10:1-9
Friday, May 22	Acts 15:5-34	John 10:17-28
Saturday, May 23	Acts 15:35-41	John 10:27-38

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WEEKLY OFFERINGS:

Many thanks to those of you who have been mailing in your donations! God bless you for your kindness.

VIGIL CANDLES:

During the pandemic, the 7-day Vigil Candles can be lit for your health or in memory of departed loved ones. Send your names and donations to the church, and Fr. Protodeacon Anthony will light your candles in the vestibule. Vigil candles are \$5 a piece.

WEDDING BANS:

Sarah Kolberg intends to marry Matthew Badgett on Sunday, May 24, 2020. If there are any reasons that this marriage should not take place, please notify Fr. Alexander.

PRAYER LIST:

Please remember to update Mimi Matheis with any changes to our Prayer List. Contact her at 440-886-6945 or mamatheis@earthlink.net

“Gratitude is the sign of noble souls.”

Aesop

“The best portion of a good man’s life is his little, nameless, unremembered acts of kindness and of love.”

William Wordsworth

“The contented man is never poor; the discontented never rich.”

George Eliot

“If all the misfortunes of mankind were cast into a basket, in order to be equally distributed among all, those who now think themselves so unhappy would much prefer the share they already possess to that which would fall to them by such a division.”

Socrates

“I find the great thing in this world is not so much where we stand, as in *what direction we are moving*. To reach the port of Heaven, we must sail sometimes with the wind, and sometimes against it; but we must sail, and not drift, nor lie at anchor.”

Oliver Wendell Holmes

“Never lose an opportunity of seeing anything that is beautiful; for beauty is God’s handwriting — a wayside sacrament.

Welcome it in every fair face, in every fair sky, in every fair flower, and thank God for it as a cup of blessing.”

THE GIFTS WE OFFER TO THE LORD WE LOVE

REGULAR COLLECTION, COMBINED DATES UP TO 4/26/20	\$ 9689.00
OTHER DONATIONS	2730.00
BUILDING FUND	1735.00
CANDLES	64.00
KITCHEN FUND	1260.00
PASCHA FLOWERS	150.00
BLESSING OF BASKETS	5.00
CHURCH HALL RENTAL	400.00

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**JESUS AND THE SAMARITAN WOMAN –
BYZANTINE POETRY BY ST. ROMANOS THE MELODIST**

St. Romanos was a 6th century monk who wrote many kontakia, which were long liturgical hymns that were chanted at worship services. Some of these are still used at worship. As most of his works are now translated, we are able to appreciate their charm and rich theological insight. Below are four of the twenty-eight stanzas of the “Kontakion on the Samaritan Woman,” for the service of the Fifth Sunday of Pascha.

The holy woman, when she discerned the quality of the Savior
From the things revealed, yearned still more
To know what the situation was and who was the one at the well.
And doubtless she was busy with thoughts such as these:
“Is He a god or a man? Of heaven or of earth?
He thirsts to drink, and He teaches and challenges me,
For lo, He reveals to me, a sinner, all my sins
In order that I may receive
Exceeding joy and redemption.”

“Son of a mortal as I see You, Son of God as I know You,
Enlighten my heart, O Lord, teach me
Who You are?” Such was the prayer of the Samaritan woman:
“Behold, I see You clearly; by faith I understand You;
Do not conceal Yourself from me;
Are You not the Christ whom the prophets foretold?
For in truth I see that You know all I have done,
And the secrets of my heart, so that I may receive
Exceeding joy and redemption.”

When He who sees all observed the reasoning of the wise woman,
And the faith of her heart, He straightway said:
“The One whom you call ‘Messiah’
Whom the prophets predicted, Him you see and hear His voice;
I am the One, whom you hold in the center of your heart,
Loving you, I have come to attract you to Me and to save you,
Now announce this to all those who wish to be saved,
To your relatives and fellow citizens, come and be filled with
Exceeding joy and redemption.”

“Lo, woman, you are drawn up from the deep well of misery;
I who had no vessel to draw water with have purified your heart,
I have cleansed your spirit without going to the streams of water,
And I have dwelt in you and showed you what I am; and I did not drink.”
While these words were spoken, the disciples arrived,
They said nothing to the Savior, when they found Him with the woman,
When they departed to find food they came upon another nourishment,
“My food,” He said, “is to do the will of my Father, so that all may receive
Exceeding joy and redemption.”