

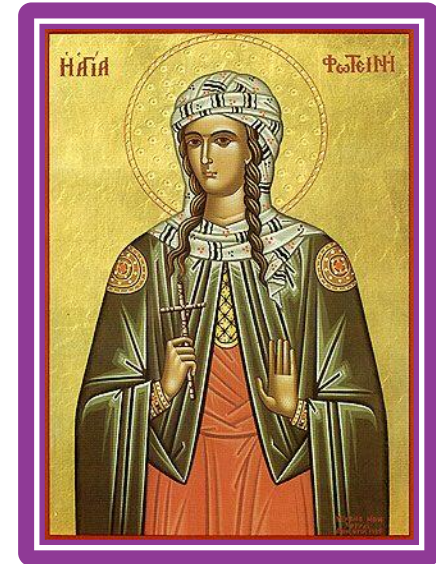
Saintly Notes

St. Photini (Fifth Sunday of Pascha)

St. Photini was the woman at the well in John 4. Her name means "light", because she received the light from the Light Giver, Jesus Christ, and spread it wherever she went.

Her two sons, Victor and Josiah, and five sisters, Anatolia, Phota, Photida, Paraskeva and Kyriake, all followed her into faith in Christ and apostolic witness. They went to Carthage in Africa and were arrested for sharing the Gospel.

They were taken to Rome to suffer before Nero. Photini brought Nero's daughter, Domnina, to faith in Christ. All of them were martyred after imprisonment and torture at the hands of Nero's men. Because of her testimony, St. Photini was thrown into a well, and buried alive. She thus entered into the Kingdom of the never ending Day of the Lord.



Fifth Sunday of Pascha (Photeini, the Samaritan Woman)

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May 2, 2010

The Saints Whom We Remember

Recovery of the Relics of Athanasius the Great;
Recovery of the Relics of the holy Passion-bearers Boris and Gleb;
Martyrs Hesperos, Zoe, and their sons Kyriakos and Theodoulos in Attalia

This Week's Schedule

Today: 8:00a Orthros; 9:00a Church School; 10:00a Divine Liturgy
Monday: Church Office Closed
Wednesday: 9:15a Third Hour Prayer; 6:30p Vespers
Saturday: 10:00a Divine Liturgy for St. John the Divine; 5:30p Great Vespers
Sunday: 8:00a Orthros; 9:00a Church School; 10:00a Divine Liturgy

First Antiphon

Refrain: Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us.

Second Antiphon

Refrain: Save us, O Son of God, *Who art risen from the dead;* who sing to Thee. Alleluia.

Third Antiphon

Verse: Let God arise, and let His enemies be scattered, and let those who hate Him flee from before His face.

Refrain: Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down Death by death; and upon those in the tombs, bestowing life!

Verse: As smoke vanishes, so let them vanish, as wax melts before the fire.

(Refrain)

Verse: So let sinners perish before the face of God, and let the righteous be glad. *(Refrain)*

Verse: This is the day which the Lord hath made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. *(Refrain)*

Little Entrance

† **Entrance Hymn:** "In the congregations bless God the Lord, from the springs of Israel. Save us, O Son of God, Who art risen from the dead, who sing to Thee: Alleluia."

† **Troparion for the Resurrection (Tone 4):** Having learned the joyful message of the Resurrection from the angel, the women disciples of the Lord cast from them their parental

condemnation. And proudly broke the news to the Disciples, saying, Death hath been spoiled; Christ God is risen, granting the world Great Mercy.

† **Troparion for St. Athanasius (Tone 3):** Thou wast Orthodoxy's steadfast pillar, holding up the Church with Godly dogmas, O great Hierarch; for thou didst preach unto all that God the Son is one essence in very truth with God the Father; thus thou didst shame Arius. Righteous Father Athanasius, do thou entreat Christ God that His Great Mercy may be granted unto us.

† **Troparion for Mid-Pentecost (Tone 8):** In the midst of this Feast, O Savior, give Thou my thirsty soul to drink of the waters of true worship; for Thou didst call out to all, saying: Whosoever is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink. Wherefore, O Christ our God, Fountain of life, glory to Thee.

† **Kontakion for Pascha (Tone 8):** O Immortal One, when Thou didst descend into the tomb, Thou didst destroy the power of Hades; and Thou didst rise victorious, O Christ God. Thou hast said to the ointment-bearing women: Rejoice! And Thou gavest peace to Thy Disciples, O Bestower of Resurrection to those Who had fallen.

The Trisagion

Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us . . .

Scripture

for today and next Sunday

Today: (See insert)

Next Sunday:

Epistle: Acts 16:16–34
Gospel: John 9:1–38

Agalynarion for Pascha—Tone 1

The angel spake to her that is full of grace, saying, O pure Virgin, rejoice; and I say

also, Rejoice; for thy Son is risen from the tomb on the third day.

Shine, shine, O new Jerusalem; for the glory of the Lord hath risen upon thee. Rejoice and exult now, O Zion, and thou, O pure one, Theotokos, rejoice at the Resurrection of thy Son.

Communion Hymn Tone 8

Receive ye the body of Christ; taste ye the Fountain of immortality. Alleluia.

Parish Notes

Altar Servers Today

Ethan Haynes, Rim Gibrealfa, John Pridgen, Jonah Sieck, Michael Fogg, Justin Fogg, Aidan Labrozzi.

Special Attention

- **Building Project Update.** Construction of our new temple and education wing continues. The framing of the bell tower is complete, and the exterior walls are now being finished with the final stucco. HVAC work continues in the interior of the building as well as the framing of the nave ceiling. Framing of the education wing is complete and the electrical wiring continues. See our website for recent photos (www.allsaintsnc.org). Please continue to pray for good weather and for the safety of the workmen.

Placing of the central dome: If

possible, we are planning to place the central dome onto the new temple following a Sunday Divine Liturgy so that all of us can observe this important milestone. The exact date will soon be announced.

- **All Saints Sunday:** This year All Saints Sunday will fall on May 30th. We are planning a very special day, so put this date on your calendar and plan to celebrate with us.

Today's Epistle and Gospel Readings

Prokeimenon:

Blessed art Thou, O Lord, the God of our Fathers.

For Thou are justified in all that Thou hast done for us.

†Epistle: Heb. 13:7–16 (RSV)

Brethren, remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the Word of God; consider the outcome of their life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Do not be led away by diverse and strange teachings; for it is well that the heart be strengthened by grace, not by foods, which have not benefited their adherents. We have an altar from which those who serve the tent have no right to eat. For the bodies of those animals whose blood is brought into the sanctuary by the high priest as a sacrifice for sin are burned outside the camp. So Jesus also suffered outside the gate in order to sanctify the people through His own blood. Therefore, let us go forth to Him outside the camp and bear the abuse He endured. For here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city, which is to come. Through Him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge His Name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

†Gospel: John 4:5–42 (RSV)

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sat down beside the well. 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, "How is it that Thou, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans. 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 said to Him, "Sir, Thou hast nothing to draw with, and the well is deep; where do you get that living water? Art Thou greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well, and drank from it himself, and his sons, and his cattle?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will thirst again, but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst forever; 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, nor come here to draw." Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." The woman answered Him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and he whom you now have is not your husband; this you said truly." The woman said to Him, "Sir, I perceive that Thou art a prophet. Our fathers worshiped on this mountain; and Thou sayest that in

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