

# Saintly Notes

## Virgin-martyr Glykeria of Heraklea (May 13)

Glykeria was the daughter of a Roman governor. Becoming impoverished after her father's death, Glykeria settled in Trajanopolis in Thrace.

During the reign of the nefarious Emperor Antoninus, Glykeria was taken to offer sacrifices to the idol of Jupiter [Zeus]. She traced the sign of the cross on her forehead and when the Prefect Sabinus questioned her concerning her lamp, (for all of them carried lamps in their hands), Glykeria pointed to the cross on her forehead and said: "This is my lamp." As a result of her prayer lightning struck the idol and smashed it to pieces. The prefect became angry and ordered her flogged and thrown into prison. The prefect sealed the doors to the prison, determined to starve the virgin to death. However, an angel of God appeared to Glykeria and administered heavenly food to her. After a period of time, when the prefect thought that the virgin must have died from hunger, he opened the doors of the prison and was astonished when he saw her healthy, radiant, and joyful. Witnessing this miracle, Laodicius, the jailer confessed Christ the Lord and was immediately beheaded.

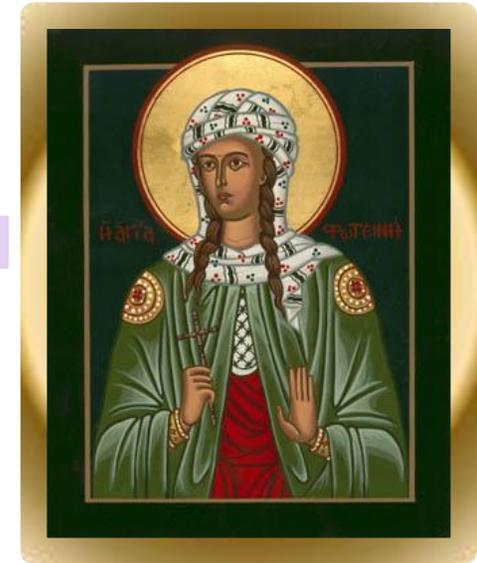
After that Glykeria was thrown into a fiery furnace but remained unharmed by the fire. Standing in the midst of the fire and, remembering the miracle of the three youths in the Babylonian furnace, Glykeria praised the Lord.

Finally, she was thrown to the lions and, praying to God, this holy virgin gave up her soul to the Lord for Whom she bravely endured many tortures. She suffered honorably in the year 177 A.D. A healing oil [myrrh] emitted from her relics which healed the sick of the gravest diseases.

*(The Prologue from Ochrid)*

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pascha  
Commemoration of Photeini, the Samaritan Woman  
May 13, 2012

Christ Is Risen! Truly He Is Risen!



St. Photeini, the Samaritan Woman



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The Rev. David Keim, Deacon

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### The Saints Whom We Remember

Virgin-martyr Glykeria of Heraklea; Sergios the Confessor;  
Venerable John the Georgian, founder of Iviron monastery on Athos;  
Venerable Euthymios, George, Gabriel and  
the Venerable-martyrs of Iviron monastery

### This Week's Schedule

**Today:** 8:00a Orthros; 9:00a Church School; 10:00a Divine Liturgy  
**Monday:** Church Office Closed  
**Tuesday:** 7:00p St. Thekla Meeting (Ibanescu home)  
**Wednesday:** 9:30a 3<sup>rd</sup> Hour Prayer; 6:30p Daily Vespers  
**Saturday:** 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:** O Son of God, *Who art risen from the dead*, save us who sing to Thee. Alleluia.

### Third Antiphon

#### Troparion for Pascha (Tone 5)

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

### 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 of 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.

† **Troparion of All Saints (Tone 4)** As with fine porphyry and royal purple Thy Church has been adorned with Thy martyr's blood shed throughout all the world. She cries to Thee, O Christ God, send down Thy bounties on Thy

people, grant peace to Thy habitation and great mercy to our souls.

† **Kontakion of Pascha (Tone 8):** O Down to the grave Thou descended Immortal Lord! Thou didst hurl Death from his throne of might, O Lord! Crowned as Victor didst Thou arise! Greeting the myrrh-bearers saying, Rejoice! And to Thine Apostles, gave Thy peace. Grant to the fallen, O Lord, to arise with Thee!

### The Trisagion

Holy God, Holy Mighty . . . (3x)

### Scripture

#### for today and next Sunday

- Today: (See insert)
- Next Sunday (May 20):  
Epistle: Acts 16:16–34  
Gospel: John 9:2–38

### Agalynarion (Tone 1)

(for Pascha)

*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.

(for the Samaritan Woman)

Rejoice and be glad, O gate of the divine Light; for Jesus Who disappeared in the tomb hath risen with greater radiance than the sun, illuminating all believers, O Lady favored of God.

### Communion Hymn

(Tone 8)

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

### Post-Communion Hymn

Troparion for Pascha (sung only one time)

## Parish Notes

### Altar Servers Today

Gabriel Pope, Nicholas Kliewer, Benhur Samson, Nathaniel Unah, David Florea

### Special Attention

- **Remember Food for the Hungry.** Please bring in your Food for the Hungry banks and place them in the Narthex.
- **Who Are Our 2012 High School and College Graduates?** If you, or someone in your family, is graduating from high school or college, please let Kh. Barbara know. We want to honor you after Liturgy on May 20<sup>th</sup>.
- **Sunday May 20<sup>th</sup> to Honor Our Graduates.**
- **Special Pascha Offering.** This year the special Pascha offering will go to help purchase new vestments for Father Nicholas and Deacon David. Some of their vestments are wearing out and cannot be repaired. Vestment sets run from \$800 to \$1200 per set. May God bless you for your special Paschal offering. Please remember that this offering is always over and above what you normally give to the General Fund and to the Mortgage Fund (formerly the Building Fund).
- **Last Day of Church School is May 20<sup>th</sup>.**
- **St Thekla Meeting.** All women members of All Saints are members also of St. Thekla Women's Association. All women are therefore invited to come to the Ibanescu home for St. Thekla's monthly meeting. Contact Ileana Ibanescu for more information (919-460-9718).

## Today's Epistle and Gospel Readings

### Prokeimenon:

How great are Thy works, O Lord! In wisdom hast Thou made them all.

*Bless the Lord, O my soul!*

### †Epistle: Acts 11:19–30

In those days, the Disciples, 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, upon 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 Agabus 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.

### †Gospel: John 4:5–42

At that time, Jesus came to a city of Samaria, called Sychar, near the field that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and so Jesus, wearied as He was with his journey, 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,

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say, ‘There are yet four months, then comes the harvest’? I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see how the fields are already white for harvest. He who reaps receives wages, and gathers fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, ‘One sows and another reaps.’ I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor; others have labored, and you have entered into their labor.” Many Samaritans from that city believed in Him because of the woman’s testimony, “He said to me all that I ever did.” So when the Samaritans came to Him, they asked Him to stay with them; and He stayed there two days. And many more believed because of His words. They said to the woman, “It is no longer because of your words that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is indeed the Savior of the world.”

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