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FIFTH SUNDAY OF PASCHA: SUNDAY OF THE SAMARITAN WOMAN & AFTER-FEAST OF MID-PENTECOST

APOSTLE SIMON THE ZEALOT; VENERABLE LAURENCE OF EGYPT

CHRIST IS RISEN / Χριστός Ανέστη / المسيح قام



On May 10 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate Apostle Simon the Zealot; and Venerable Laurence of Egypt. On this day, the fifth Sunday of Pascha, we celebrate the feast of the Samaritan Woman. The Samaritan woman—the holy and glorious Great-martyr Photeini—met Jesus at midday at Jacob’s Well, which was located in the city of Sychar. And being tired from travel and the heat, Jesus sat at Jacob’s Well. A little after, the Samaritan woman came to draw water, and had a long conversation with Him (it is the longest recorded discourse between Christ and a single person in the entire Bible). Photeini did not want to talk to Jesus, because the Samaritans did not have any dealings with Jews; Jews considered her people heretics because Samaritans kept only the first five books of the Old Testament. However, the Lord talked with her anyway, read her heart, revealed her secrets and gave her to drink of the “Living Water”—the grace of the Holy Spirit that leads to eternal life and flows to all humanity. Photeini immediately ran throughout the city to proclaim Christ. Through her, many other Samaritans believed in Jesus.

THE EPISTLE

How magnified are Thy works, O Lord.

In wisdom hast Thou made them all.

Bless the Lord, O my soul.

The Reading from the Acts of the Holy Apostles. (11:19-30)

In those days, when the apostles were scattered because of the tribulation that arose over Stephen, they traveled as far as Phoenicia and Cyprus and Antioch, speaking the word to no one, except to Jews only. But there were some of them, men of Cyprus and Cyrene, who upon coming to Antioch spoke to the Hellenists also, preaching the Lord Jesus. And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number that believed turned to the Lord. The report concerning them reached the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent out Barnabas, to go as far out as Antioch. When he came and saw the grace of God, he was glad; and he exhorted them all, that with purpose of heart they should cleave to the Lord; for he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a great multitude was added unto the Lord. Then Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul; and when he had found

him, he brought him to Antioch. For a whole year, they were gathered together in the church, and they taught a great multitude of people, and the disciples were called Christians first in Antioch. Now in these days prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. And one of them named Agabos stood up and signified by the Spirit that there would be a great famine over the whole world; and this took place in the days of Claudius Caesar. And the disciples, every one according to his ability, determined to send relief to the brethren who dwelt in Judaea; and they did so, sending it to the elders by the hand of Barnabas and Saul.

ما أَعْظَمَ أَعْمَالِكَ يَا رَبِّ، كُلُّهَا بِحِكْمَةٍ صَنَعْتَ

بَارِكِي يَا نَفْسِي الرَّبَّ.

فصلٌ مِنْ أَعْمَالِ الرُّسُلِ الْقَدِيسِينَ الْأَطْهَارِ.

(30-19:11)

في تلك الأيام، لما تَبَدَّدَ الرُّسُلُ مِنْ أَجْلِ الضَّيْقِ الَّذِي حَصَلَ بِسَبَبِ اسْتِفَانُوسَ، اجْتَازُوا إِلَى فِينِيقِيَّةَ وَقُبْرُصَ وَأَنْطَاكِيَّةَ، وَهُمْ لَا يُكَلِّمُونَ أَحَدًا بِالْكَلِمَةِ إِلَّا الْيَهُودَ فَقَطْ. وَلَكِنْ قَوْمًا مِنْهُمْ كَانُوا قُبْرُصِيِّينَ وَقَيْرَوَانِيِّينَ. فَهَؤُلَاءِ لَمَّا دَخَلُوا أَنْطَاكِيَّةَ، أَخَذُوا يُكَلِّمُونَ الْيُونَانِيِّينَ مُبَشِّرِينَ بِالرَّبِّ يَسُوعَ. وَكَانَتْ يَدُ الرَّبِّ مَعَهُمْ، فَأَمَّنَ عَدَدٌ كَثِيرٌ وَرَجَعُوا إِلَى الرَّبِّ. فَبَلَغَ خَبْرُ ذَلِكَ إِلَى آذَانِ الْكَنِيسَةِ الَّتِي بِأَوْرَشَلِيمَ، فَأَرْسَلُوا بَرْنَابَا لِكَيْ يَجْتَازَ إِلَى أَنْطَاكِيَّةَ. فَلَمَّا أَقْبَلَ وَرَأَى نِعْمَةَ اللَّهِ، فَرِحَ وَوَعَّظَهُمْ كُلَّهُمْ بَأَن يَنْبُتُوا فِي الرَّبِّ بِعَزِيمَةِ الْقَلْبِ. لِأَنَّهُ كَانَ رَجُلًا صَالِحًا مُمْتَلِئًا مِنَ الرُّوحِ الْقُدُسِ وَالْإِيمَانِ. وَانْضَمَّ إِلَى الرَّبِّ جَمْعٌ كَثِيرٌ. ثُمَّ خَرَجَ بَرْنَابَا إِلَى طَرَسُوسَ فِي طَلَبِ شَاوُلَ. وَلَمَّا وَجَدَهُ أَتَى بِهِ إِلَى أَنْطَاكِيَّةَ. وَتَرَدَّدَا مَعًا سَنَةً كَامِلَةً فِي هَذِهِ الْكَنِيسَةِ، وَعَلَّمَا جَمْعًا كَثِيرًا، وَدُعِيَ التَّلَامِيذُ مَسِيحِيِّينَ فِي أَنْطَاكِيَّةَ أَوَّلًا. وَفِي تِلْكَ الْأَيَّامِ، انْحَدَرَ مِنْ أَوْرَشَلِيمَ أَنْبِيَاءٌ إِلَى أَنْطَاكِيَّةَ. فَقَامَ وَاحِدٌ مِنْهُمْ اسْمُهُ أَغَابُوسُ، فَأَنْبَأَ بِالرُّوحِ أَنَّ سَتَكُونُ مَجَاعَةٌ عَظِيمَةٌ فِي جَمِيعِ الْمَسْكُونَةِ، وَقَدْ وَقَعَ ذَلِكَ فِي أَيَّامِ كَلُودِيُوسَ قَيْصَرَ. فَعَزَمَ التَّلَامِيذُ، بِحَسَبِ مَا يَتَيَسَّرُ لِكُلِّ وَاحِدٍ مِنْهُمْ، أَنْ يُرْسِلُوا خِدْمَةً إِلَى الْإِخْوَةِ السَّاكِنِينَ فِي أَوْرَشَلِيمَ. فَفَعَلُوا ذَلِكَ، وَبَعَثُوا إِلَى الشُّيُوخِ عَلَى أَيْدِي بَرْنَابَا وَشَاوُلَ.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. 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, "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 Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe Me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for such the Father seeks to worship Him. God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to Him, "I know that Messiah is coming [He Who is called Christ]; when He comes, He will tell us all things." Jesus said to her, "I Who speak to you am He." Just then His Disciples came. They marveled that He was talking with a woman, but none said, "What dost Thou wish?" or, "Why art Thou talking with her?" So the woman left her water jar, and went away into the city, and said to the people, "Come, see a man Who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?" They went out of the city and were coming to Him. Meanwhile 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, '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."

فصل شريف من بشارة القديس يوحنا الإنجيلي البشير والتلميذ الطاهر. (42-5:4)

في ذلك الزمان، أتى يسوع إلى مدينة من السامرة يقال لها سُوخار، بقرب الضيعة التي أعطاها يعقوب ليوسف ابنه. وكان هناك عين يعقوب. وكان يسوع قد تعب من المسير. فجلس على العين، وكان نحو الساعة السادسة. فجاءت امرأة من السامرة لتسقي ماءً، فقال لها يسوع: أعطيني لأشرب. فإن تلاميذه كانوا قد مضوا إلى المدينة ليتبعوا طعاماً. فقالت له المرأة: كيف تطلب أن تشرب مني، وأنت يهودي وأنا امرأة سامريّة؟ واليهود لا يخالطون السامريين. أجاب يسوع وقال لها: لو عرفت عطية الله، ومن الذي قال لك "أعطيني لأشرب" لطلبت أنت منه فأعطاك ماءً حياً. قالت له المرأة: يا سيّد إنّه ليس معك ما تسقي به والبرّ عميقة. فمن أين لك الماء الحي؟ ألك أنت أعظم من أبينا يعقوب الذي أعطانا البرّ، ومنها شرب هو وبنوه وماشيته؟ أجاب يسوع وقال لها: كل من يشرب من هذا الماء يعطش أيضاً. وأما من يشرب من الماء الذي أنا أعطيه، فلن يعطش إلى الأبد، بل الماء الذي أعطيه له يصير فيه ينبوع ماء ينبع إلى حياة أبدية. فقالت له المرأة: يا سيّد، أعطني هذا الماء لكي لا أعطش ولا أجيء إلى ههنا لأستقي. فقال لها يسوع: اذهبي واذهبي رجلك، وهلمي إلى ههنا. أجابت المرأة وقالت: إنّ لا رجل لي. فقال لها يسوع: قد أحسنت بقولك إنّ لا رجل لي. فإنّه كان لك خمسة رجال، والذي معك الآن ليس رجلك. هذا قلته بالصدق. قالت له المرأة: يا سيّد أرى أنك نبي. آباؤنا سجدوا في هذا الجبل. وأنتم تقولون إنّ المكان الذي ينبغي أن يسجد فيه هو في أورشليم. قال لها يسوع: يا امرأة صدّيقني، إنّها تأتي ساعة لا في هذا الجبل ولا في أورشليم تسجدون فيها للآب. أنتم تسجدون لما لا تعلمون ونحن نسجد لما نعلم. لأنّ الخلاص هو من اليهود. ولكن تأتي

سَاعَةً، وَهِيَ الْآنَ حَاضِرَةٌ، إِذِ السَّاجِدُونَ الْحَقِيقِيُّونَ يَسْجُدُونَ لِلآبِ بِالرُّوحِ وَالْحَقِّ. لِأَنَّ الْآبَ إِنَّمَا يَطْلُبُ السَّاجِدِينَ لَهُ مِثْلَ هَؤُلَاءِ. اللَّهُ رَوْحٌ. وَالَّذِينَ يَسْجُدُونَ لَهُ، فَبِالرُّوحِ وَالْحَقِّ يَنْبَغِي أَنْ يَسْجُدُوا. قَالَتْ لَهُ الْمَرْأَةُ: قَدْ عَلِمْتُ أَنَّ مَسِيًّا، الَّذِي يُقَالُ لَهُ الْمَسِيحُ، يَأْتِي. فَمَتَى جَاءَ ذَاكَ فَهُوَ يُخْبِرُنَا بِكُلِّ شَيْءٍ. فَقَالَ لَهَا يَسُوعُ: أَنَا الْمَتَكَلِّمُ مَعَكُمْ هُوَ. وَعِنْدَ ذَلِكَ، جَاءَ تَلَامِيذُهُ، فَتَعَجَّبُوا أَنَّهُ يَتَكَلَّمُ مَعَ امْرَأَةٍ. وَلَكِنْ لَمْ يَقُلْ أَحَدٌ مَازَا تَطْلُبُ؟ أَوْ لِمَازَا تَتَكَلَّمُ مَعَهَا؟ فَتَرَكَتِ الْمَرْأَةُ جَرَّتَهَا، وَمَضَتْ إِلَى الْمَدِينَةِ، وَقَالَتْ لِلنَّاسِ: تَعَالَوْا انْظُرُوا إِنْسَانًا قَالَ لِي كُلُّ مَا فَعَلْتُ. أَلَعَلَّ هَذَا هُوَ الْمَسِيحُ؟ فَخَرَجُوا مِنَ الْمَدِينَةِ وَأَقْبَلُوا نَحْوَهُ. وَفِي أَثْنَاءِ ذَلِكَ سَأَلَهُ تَلَامِيذُهُ قَائِلِينَ: يَا مُعَلِّمُ كُلِّ. فَقَالَ لَهُمْ: إِنَّ لِي طَعَامًا لَأَكُلَ لَسْتُمْ تَعْرِفُونَهُ أَنْتُمْ. فَقَالَ التَّلَامِيذُ فِيمَا بَيْنَهُمْ: أَلَعَلَّ أَحَدًا جَاءَهُ بِمَا يَأْكُلُ؟ فَقَالَ لَهُمْ يَسُوعُ: إِنَّ طَعَامِي أَنْ أَعْمَلَ مَشِيئَةَ الَّذِي أَرْسَلَنِي وَأَتِمِّمَ عَمَلَهُ. أَلَسْتُمْ تَقُولُونَ أَنْتُمْ إِنَّهُ يَكُونُ أَرْبَعَةُ أَشْهُرٍ ثُمَّ يَأْتِي الْحَصَادُ؟ وَهَا أَنَا أَقُولُ لَكُمْ: إِرْفَعُوا عُيُونَكُمْ وَانْظُرُوا إِلَى الْمَزَارِعِ، إِنَّهَا قَدْ ابْيَضَّتْ لِلْحَصَادِ. وَالَّذِي يَخْصُدُ يَأْخُذُ أُجْرَةً، وَيَجْمَعُ ثَمَرًا لِحَيَاةٍ أَبَدِيَّةٍ، لِكَيْ يَفْرَحَ الزَّارِعُ وَالْحَاصِدُ مَعًا. فَفِي هَذَا يَصْدُقُ الْقَوْلُ إِنَّ "وَاحِدًا يَزْرَعُ، وَآخَرُ يَحْصُدُ." إِنِّي أَرْسَلْتُكُمْ لِتَحْصُدُوا مَا لَمْ تَتَّعَبُوا أَنْتُمْ فِيهِ. فَإِنَّ آخَرِينَ تَعْبُوا وَأَنْتُمْ دَخَلْتُمْ عَلَى تَعْبِهِمْ. فَأَمَنْ بِهِ مِنْ تِلْكَ الْمَدِينَةِ كَثِيرُونَ مِنَ السَّامِرِيِّينَ مِنْ أَجْلِ كَلَامِ الْمَرْأَةِ الَّتِي كَانَتْ تَشْهَدُ أَنْ "قَدْ قَالَ لِي كُلُّ مَا فَعَلْتُ." وَلَمَّا أَتَى إِلَيْهِ السَّامِرِيُّونَ، سَأَلُوهُ أَنْ يُقِيمَ عِنْدَهُمْ. فَمَكَثَ هُنَاكَ يَوْمَيْنِ. فَأَمَنْ جَمْعٌ أَكْثَرَ مِنْ أَوْلَئِكَ جَدًّا مِنْ أَجْلِ كَلَامِهِ. وَكَانُوا يَقُولُونَ لِلْمَرْأَةِ: لَسْنَا مِنْ أَجْلِ كَلَامِكَ نُؤْمِنُ الْآنَ. لِأَنَّا نَحْنُ قَدْ سَمِعْنَا، وَنَعْلَمُ أَنَّ هَذَا هُوَ بِالْحَقِيقَةِ الْمَسِيحُ، مُخْلِصُ الْعَالَمِ.

Holy Oblations

This week, Holy Oblations are offered by:

- † St. John Parish Family for the good health of **Nick Nicola, Sandy Dudum, George Messih, George Adranly, Fred Addas, Henriette Hilal, Souhad Halaka, George Cawog, Rocky Dudum and Norma Khalil**. Many years!
- † St. John Parish Family in memory of **Daniel McLellan**. May his memory be eternal!
- † St. John Parish Family for the good health of **John Freij**. Many years!
- † St. John Parish Family for the good health of **Laila Adranly**. Many years!
- † St. John Parish Family for the good health of **Ron and Ruth Jeha**. Many years!
- † St. John Parish Family for the good health of **Bradley Yowakim**. Many years!
- † St. John Parish Family for the good health of **Rocky Dudum**. Many years!

Candles for the altar table and in front of the icons of Christ and the Theotokos offered by:

- † Ibrahim Fasheh in memory of Hanada Fasheh for one full year. May her memory be eternal!



- † Altar Servers: Nathan Sweis, Clayton Morgan, Elias Freij, Angelo Freij, Andrew Freij, Mazyn Haddadin, James Dudum, John Dudum, David Evans, Evan Kawar, Mason Kawar, Jonathan Juha, Maron Juha and Zaiden Karanikola

Coffee Hour

May 10th	By Men's Fellowship Coffee Hour for the Ladies.
May 17th	Fairouz and Family in memory of Angel on her birthday
June 14th	Mona Thayer for the good health of Thayer and Messih Families
June 28th	Jordis, Jill, Marge, and Wilma

Upcoming Events

May 17th	Ladies meeting after coffee hour. All welcome to join
May 20th	Wednesday 6:00 PM: Vespereal Divine Liturgy to celebrate the feast of the Ascension عيد الصعود
1st and 3rd Sundays	St. Anastasia's Fellowship for those struggling with substance abuse. 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month. 6pm meeting; 7pm Readers Paraklesis at St. John's. Contact Joseph: (310) 227-9848

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Announcements

Ladies Meeting

Ladies meeting is May 17 instead of May 3rd. All are welcome to attend.

St. Nicholas Summer Camp: Three Holy Youths

St. Nicholas is putting on a summer camp; Camp Three Holy Youths will take place Thursday, July 23 through Monday, July 27 at Daybreak Camp in Felton, California. \$300 per camper for ages 8 years and older. Adults can volunteer. The Antiochian Archdiocese has created step-by-step instructions for setting up an account and registering campers. Please see flyer and link. Would be nice to get a group from St. John to join. Here is the link: www.camphy.com

Dave & Buster's Promotion

Dave & Buster's promotion is almost over. Quick way to give back. How it works:

1. Order: Place an order using the link below
2. Support: **50%** of each Dave & Buster's Power Card purchased is donated back to St. John's.
3. Enjoy: Visit any Dave & Buster's location to pick up your Power Card and start playing!

Please pass link to friends and family. Use this link:

https://www.groupraise.com/oc/59958?utm_campaign=ocmp_copy_url&utm_medium=social&utm_source=offers_promo&fbclid=IwDGRjcARDIzljbGNrBEOXNWV4dG4DYWVtAjExAHNydgMGYXBwX2IkDDM1MDY4NTUzMTcyOAABHhm1OoePvkG_0fm8xawxQJ43Le3RvnyPqfiFnV5Zkdm5K4TwtTfLnYRofAfG_aem_Yb1xQra0Y8JUGO4-9Ra67w

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Dave & Buster's Outing

Thank you to everyone who was able to join us for our Dave & Buster's outing! We're grateful for your support and fellowship. Together, we raised \$470, bringing our total to \$1,370. We still have 30 days left before the promotion expires—let's keep the momentum going!





Rocco's Ristorante *Pizzeria*

DINE AND DONATE
THURSDAY MAY 28th

20% Give back, Dine in or take-out
ALL DAY LONG

Mention ST. JOHN & show flyer
2909 Ygnacio Valley Rd, Walnut Creek
CA 94598

MOVIE NIGHT



FRIDAY MAY 8th at 8pm

ALL AGES WELCOME

COME WATCH THE LIVE ACTION ALADDIN
POPCORN AND PIZZA WILL BE PROVIDED

501 Moraga Way



FAMILY FIELD TRIP



OAKLAND ZOO

Sunday June 14th
Right after liturgy
*No Sunday school

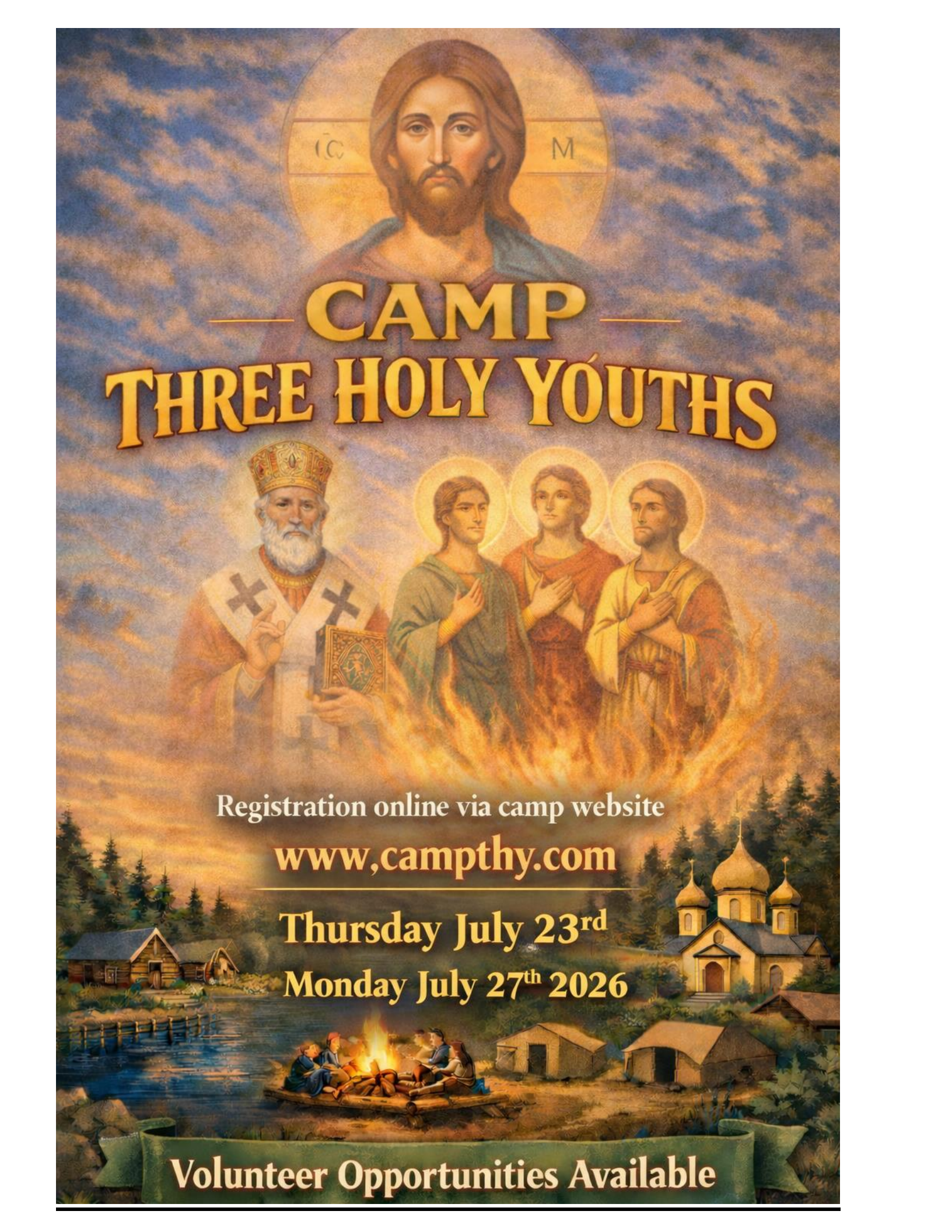
Pack a lunch

Everyone is Welcome

Admission

Everyone purchases
their own tickets





CAMP THREE HOLY YOUTHS

Registration online via camp website

www.campthy.com

Thursday July 23rd

Monday July 27th 2026

Volunteer Opportunities Available