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Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015 Sunday of the Samaritan Woman / أحد السامرية

This Sunday May 10<sup>th</sup>: (40 Days) Memorial Service for the Handmaiden of God

Suzanne Angelina Malik

May she rest in peace! Memory Eternal!



**THE EPISTLE:** the Acts of the Saintly and Pure Apostles. (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.

**أعمال الرسل** في تلك الأيام لما تبدد الرسل من أجل الضيق الذي حصل بسبب استفانس، اجتازوا الى فينيقية وقبرس وانطاكية وهم لا يكلمون احدا بالكلمة الا اليهود فقط. ولكن قوما منهم كانوا قبرسيين وقبروانيين. فهؤلاء لما دخلوا انطاكية اخذوا يكلمون اليونانيين مبشرين بالرب يسوع. وكانت يد الرب معهم، فأمن عدد كثير ورجعوا الى الرب. فبلغ خبر ذلك الى اذان الكنيسة التي بأورشليم، فأرسلوا برنابا لكي يجتاز الى انطاكية. فلما أقبل ورأى نعمة الله فرح ووعظهم بأن يثبتوا في الرب بعزيمة القلب، لأنه كان رجلاً صالحاً ممتلئاً من الروح القدس والإيمان. وانضم الى الرب جمع كثير. ثم خرج برنابا الى طرسوس في طلب شاول. ولما وجده أتى به الى أنطاكية. وترددوا معاً سنة كاملة في هذه الكنيسة وعلموا جمعا كثيراً، ودُعي التلاميذ مسيحيين في أنطاكية أولاً. وفي تلك الأيام انحدر من اورشليم أنبياء الى أنطاكية. فقام واحد منهم اسمه أغابوس فأنبأ بالروح ان ستكون مجاعة عظيمة على جميع المسكونة. وقد وقع ذلك في أيام كلوديوس قيصر. فحتم التلاميذ بحسب ما يتيسر لكل واحد منهم ان يرسلوا خدمة الى الإخوة الساكنين في اورشليم. ففعلوا ذلك وبعثوا الى الشيوخ على أيدي برنابا وشاول

### **THE GOSPEL: 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."

#### ***Alter Candles offered by:***

- Hayat Shiheiber and family in loving memory of **Amanda and Ibrahim Shiheiber**. May their memories be eternal!

#### ***Coffee hour offered by:***

- Joseph and Munce Hinn for the good health of their new baby **Samir Joseph Hinn**, May God Bless their family
- Hanneh Fashho in loving memory of **Jamelieh, Malakeh, Nadia, Hnenah Tannous, and Hilda Sayegh, Nadia Fashho, Antwanette and Adel Khoury**. On the occasion of Mother's Day. May their memory be eternal!

# Congratulations

**Samir and Georgette Hinn**, would like to congratulate their Grandson Sami Hinn for getting accepted at the university of Arizona, and officially accepted to play on their football team. May God Bless him

## Announcements:

- ❖ Ladies Auxiliary meeting will be held on **Wednesday May 13<sup>th</sup>** at 6:30 @ Church hall. With guest speaker **Dr. Narmin Hanhan**. Please you join us.
- ❖ Youth meeting will be held on **Thursday May 14<sup>th</sup>** at Father George's house at 7:00 pm.
- ❖ Men's Fellowship meeting will be held on **Tuesday May 26<sup>th</sup>** at church hall.



## Mother's Day Party

**Saturday May 9<sup>th</sup>** we will have a Mother's Day party in our hall. With Super stars Safwan Daya, and Fadi Hanani. Ticket: \$65. For more info please contact: Elias Batshon: (650)580-7185

- ❖ Ladies night out: St. Nicholas ladies are celebrating Mother's Day in Sahara Restaurant on Sunday May 17<sup>th</sup>.at 6:00 pm. Ticket: \$40. Seats are limited. For more info please contact: Salwa Shnoudi : 650-580-8561
- ❖ Summer Camp: June 14th till June 20th our Summer Camp at *St. Sava Jackson, CA*. For more info, Please contact Suheil Azar at: (415)-317-2319.



Admit One  
St. Nicholas ladies night  
Celebrating Mother's Day.  
Place: Sahara restaurant  
Sunday May 17th @ 6PM  
Ticket \$40

- ❖ **2015 West Coast Parish Life Conference:** will be hosted by **St. Andrew Church, Riverside, California** from June 30 through July 5<sup>th</sup>. Information on the conference, the hotel and the attractions in the area can be found on the website: <http://www.laplc.org/>.
- ❖ **Archdiocesan Convention 2015** - July 20-26, 2015. Hosted by St. Mary Antiochian Orthodox Church, Cambridge, MA. For more info visit the website: <http://www.acboston2015.com/>



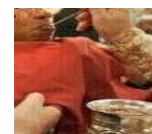
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## Note

: Our dear beloved ones in Christ: You can help in spreading the word of God by providing us with the emails addresses of the members of your families / friends who do not receive our bulletin via email. Please send their emails to: [info@stnicholas-sf.com](mailto:info@stnicholas-sf.com)

### Guidelines for Reception of Holy Communion:

- Approach the priest, stand straight,
- Open your mouth wide, tip back your head.
- Please do not stick out your tongue, keep it well back inside your mouth.
- The priest will drop the Communion into your mouth (without touching you with the spoon)







يسوع في طريقه من اليهودية الى الجليل كان لا بد له ان يجتاز منطقة السامريين الذين كان اليهود يكفرونهم لأن دماءهم اختلطت بالدم الأجنبي ولم يعترفوا بكتب الأنبياء معترفين فقط بأسفار موسى الخمسة وما كانوا يعتبرون اورشليم مركزا للعبادة. وصل السيد الى بئر يعقوب القائمة حتى اليوم في حمى كنيسة أرثوذكسية قرب نابلس الحالية، وهي مدينة لا تزال هذه الطائفة فيها وهي لا تعد أكثر من ثلاثمئة شخص في فلسطين والمهاجر.

تعب يسوع من السير فجلس عند هذه البئر عند الظهر. فجاءت امرأة سامرية لتستقي ماء فقال لها الرب: "أعطيني لأشرب" اي من دلوك. فاستغربت ان يكلمها وليس بين اهل الطائفتين كلام، وذكرت المرأة يسوع بهذا. حدثها عند ذاك عن ماء حي غير ماء البئر ويريد به ماء الحياة الجديدة بالايمان به. فلم تفهم فأصر بقوله: "من يشرب من الماء الذي أنا أعطيه فلن يعطش الى الأبد" (في موضع آخر سيقول الخبز السماوي). هذه كلها صور يدل بها على نفسه وعطائه.

لما طلبت منه أن يعطيها هذا الماء قال لها: "أذهبي وادعي رَجُلَكَ" (لم يقل زوجك لأنها عاشت مع خمسة رجال وتعيش الآن مع رجل). لم يرد إكمال حديث ديني عالي المستوى قبل أن تتوب. اعترفت، اذ ذاك، على أنه نبي. بادرت بمناقشة لاهوتية عن مكان السجود: "أباؤنا سجدوا في هذا الجبل وأنتم تقولون إن المكان الذي ينبغي أن يُسجد فيه هو في اورشليم". تجاوز السيد تقاليد اليهود وتقاليد السامريين بأن وقال: "تأتي ساعة وهي الآن حاضرة اذ الساجدون الحقيقيون يسجدون للآب بالروح والحق". وأكد هذا مرة ثانية. وكأنه قصد ان هذه الطقوس القديمة التي لليهود وطقوسكم انتم السامريين وتمركز كل فريق في مكان سوف تزول لأنها ظل للنور الآتي. واذا وضح النهار (بمجيئي، بموتي وقيامتي) فتزول العبادات القائمة على رموز، ويعبد المؤمنون بي الله بالروح، بروحهم المتجددة بالنعمة، فإن نعمة الروح القدس ستجمعكم ولا تبقى كل طائفة منكم تجمعا اجتماعيا او أمة لأن الامم كلها ستقن في الأمة المقدسة التي أنشئها أنا بدمي وقيامتي وإرسال روحي. بعد هذا قالت المرأة أن المسيح سيأتي ويخبرنا بكل شيء. عندئذ، أعلن يسوع عن نفسه أنه هو المسيح. بعد أن آمنت المرأة أن هذا الرجل هو المسيح تركت جرتها وقالت هذا للناس. تركت جرتها، تعني أنها تركت كل ما هو لهذا الجسد، للعالم وذهبت وبشرت وصارت خليفة جديدة. صارت طبيعتها من طبيعة النور. أضاءت منطقتها بضياء المسيح الذي صارت هي منه. غير يسوع برنامج مسيرته. مكث عندهم يومين. بشر هناك بالانجيل اذ يقول الكتاب أن الكثيرين منهم آمنوا به وآمنوا أنه بالحقيقة مخلص العالم. وكان هذا تمهيدا لمجيء الرسل الى السامرة بعد ان قام من بين الأموات. جاور جيوس مطران جبيل والبترون وما يليهما (جبل لبنان).

**Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!**

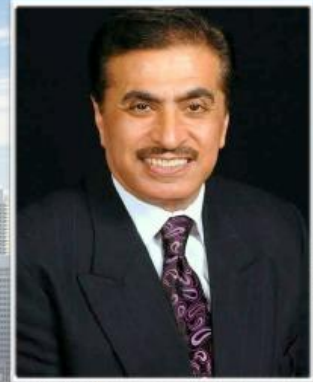
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