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

**Schedule:**

**Sunday, April 30:**

Sunday of the Myrrhbearers:  
10:00 am Divine Liturgy

**Sunday, May 7:**

Sunday of the Paralytic:  
10:00 am Liturgy

**Sunday May 14:**

Sunday of the Samaritan Woman  
Mothers Day  
10:00 am Divine Liturgy.

**Sunday May 21:**

Sunday of the Blind Man:  
10:00 am Divine Liturgy

**Sunday May 28:**

Sunday of the Fathers of the  
First Ecumenical Council:  
10:00 am Divine Liturgy

**Sunday, June 4:**

Sunday of the Feast of the Holy Trinity:  
Pentecost:  
10:00 am Divine Liturgy

**Parish Council:**

President: Ellen Flynn – (863) 242-4865  
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**Reader Schedule:**

	Reader	Back Up
April 30	Linda	Linda
May 7	Sbdn Brian	Sbdn Joseph
May 14	Sbdn Peter	Arlene
May 21	Ellen	Linda
May 28	Joseph N	Joseph N.
June 4	Arlene	Ellen

**Counter Schedule:**

	Council Member	2 <sup>nd</sup> Counter
Apr 30	Ryan	Jacob
May 7	Natalie	Tracy
May 14	Natalie	Ellen
May 21	Natalie	Pani Carrie
May 28	Natalie	Jacob
June 4	Ellen	Svetlana

**Coffee Hour:**

Sign up for Coffee Hour will continue through May. The sign up is on the window in the hall.

Continue to bring in non-perishable food items and grab an extra “item” to bring to church when you go grocery shopping.

**Church Motto:**

“Cling to what is good.” -Romans

**Prayer Corner:**

**Living:** Please pray for the ailing: Pearl, (grandmother) Mike, Stella, Amanda, Darla, Stacy, Bruce, Arlene, Nicole, Martha, Tim, Vilma, Dan, John, Sherrie, Chuck, Rick, Tony, Avi, Michelle, Reagan, Jana, Roy, Erin, Cynthia, Rebecca, Petya, Stephanie, Denise, Cletus, Steven, Nora, Keith, Kassey, Clay, and Alyssa, Lola, Chris, Andrea, Archie, Gwen, Robert, Celina, Amy, Christina, Robert, Socorro, Travis, Charles, James, Maggie, Anastasia, Eli, Paula, and Dale.

**Reposed:** Please pray for the departed: John, George, Pavel, Subdeacon John, Jack, Nathaniel, PJ, Dorothy, Thomas, Kristy, and Vera.

**Out Reach:**

We participated in the Plant City Pregnancy Care Center Walk for Life. Our church had eight represented at the walk which was a great turn out for the first time to make a team effort in this event. We can't wait for next year!

During the summer months as you travel, please collect, hotel size shampoos, conditioners, soaps, toothbrushes and toothpaste and hand sanitizers to donate to our church for preparing bags to give to the homeless. More items will be requested closer to September.

**Pilgrimage to the Greek Monasteries:**

A Pilgrimage to the Greek Orthodox Monasteries near Ocala was planned for **April 29<sup>th</sup>**, the Saturday following Bright Week. Father Frederick led this trip to both the Men's Monastery and the Women's Monastery. It was a spiritually uplifting experience for all who attended. Everyone was able to venerate the relics of the Holy Protection of the Theotokos as

well as have a question and answer period with the monk leading the tour, and visited their bookstore.. At the womens monastery we had a tour of their guest house and visited their chapel and book store

**Holy Protection Tee Shirts:**

Beautiful blue and white tee shirts designed by our own parishioners are available in the church hall. If you are interested see Ellen Flynn or Pani. They are priced nicely at \$15 each. Glory to God for the talents of the designers for those who helped with the T-shirts!

**Sunday School Classes:**

Ages 4 through 12 are memorizing Bible verses and receiving little prizes for learning them. The Treasure Chest is getting low and they are in need of donations of small toys or snacks. Please place them in the lavender container in the education area if you can bring anything to help this effort.

**Parish News:**

Let us remember prayerfully All our mothers and godmothers on May 14.

The Brown family is moving this month to Tennessee. They will be terribly missed. There will be luncheon for them on May 7. Their last Sunday is May 14.

Elisabeth (Bizzy) has accepted a 6 month internship in Breckenridge, Colorado and her last Sunday until November will be May 7.

The Holy Martyr Photini (Photiné/Svetlana) the Samaritan Woman, her sons Victor (named Photinos) and Iosés; and her sisters Anatolé, Photó, Photida, Paraskevé, Kyriaké, Nero's daughter Domnina; and the Martyr Sebastian.

The holy Martyr Photini was the Samaritan Woman, with whom the Savior conversed at Jacob's Well (John. 4:5-42).

During the time of the Emperor Nero (54-68), who displayed excessive cruelty against Christians, Saint Photini lived in Carthage with her younger son Iosés, and fearlessly preached the Gospel there. Her eldest son Victor fought bravely in the Roman army against barbarians, and was appointed as military commander of the city of Attalia (Asia Minor). Later, Nero called him to Italy to arrest and punish Christians.

Sebastian, an official in Italy, said to Saint Victor, "I know that you, your mother and your brother, are followers of Christ. As a friend I advise you to submit to the will of the Emperor. If you inform on any Christians, you will receive their wealth. I shall write to your mother and brother, asking them not to preach Christ in public. Let them practice their faith in secret."

Saint Victor replied, "I want to be a preacher of Christianity like my mother and brother." Sebastian said, "O Victor, we all know what woes

await you, your mother and brother." Then Sebastian suddenly felt a sharp pain in his eyes. He was dumbfounded, and his face was somber.

For three days he lay there blind, without uttering a word. On the fourth day he declared, "The God of the Christians is the only true God." Saint Victor asked why Sebastian had suddenly changed his mind. Sebastian replied, "Because Christ is calling me." Soon he was baptized, and immediately he regained his sight. After witnessing the miracle Saint Sebastian's servants were also baptized.

Reports of this reached Nero, and he commanded that the Christians be brought to him at Rome. Then the Lord Himself appeared to the confessors and said, "Fear not, for I am with you. Nero, and all who serve him, shall be vanquished."

The Lord said to Saint Victor, "From this day forward, your name will be Photinos, because through you, many will be enlightened and will believe in me." The Lord then told the Christians to strengthen and encourage Saint Sebastian to persevere until the end. All these things, and even future events, were revealed to Saint Photini. She left

Carthage in the company of several Christians and joined the confessors in Rome.

In Rome the Emperor ordered the Saints to be brought before him and he asked them whether they truly believed in Christ. All the confessors refused to renounce the Savior. Then Nero ordered that the joints of the martyrs' fingers be broken. During their torments, the confessors felt no pain, and their hands remained unharmed.

Nero ordered that Saints Sebastian, Photinos and Iosés be blinded and locked up in prison, and Saint Photini and her five sisters Anatolé, Photó, Photida, Paraskevé and Kyriaké were sent to the imperial court under the supervision of Nero's daughter Domnina. Saint Photiné converted both Domnina and all her servants to Christ. She also converted a sorcerer, who had brought her poisoned food.

Three years passed, and Nero sent to the prison for one of his servants, who had been locked up. The messengers reported to him that Saints Sebastian, Photinos and Iosés, who had been blinded, had recovered their sight, and that

people were visiting them to hear their preaching, and indeed the whole prison had been transformed into a bright and fragrant place where God was glorified.

Nero then commanded the Saints to be crucified, and their naked bodies to be beaten with straps. On the fourth day the Emperor sent servants to see whether the martyrs were still alive. But, approaching the place of the tortures, the servants became blind. An Angel of the Lord freed the martyrs from their crosses and healed them. The Saints took pity on the blinded servants, and restored their sight by their prayers to the Lord. Those who were healed came to believe in Christ and were soon baptized.

Enraged, Nero ordered that the skin to be flayed from from Saint Photini's body, and then to throw her into a well. Sebastian, Photinos and Iosés had their legs amputated, and they were thrown to dogs. Then their was skin flayed off. Saint Photini's sisters also suffered terrible torments. Nero ordered soldiers to cut off their breasts, and then to flay their skin. An expert in cruelty, the Emperor prepared the most painful execution for Saint Photida. Her feet were tied to the tops of two trees which had been

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bent to the ground. When the ropes were cut the trees sprang upright, tearing the martyr apart. The Emperor ordered the others beheaded. Saint Photini was removed from the well and locked up in prison for twenty days.

After this Nero had her brought to him and asked if she would now relent and offer sacrifice to the idols. The courageous Photini spat in the Emperor's face. Mocking him she said, "O most impious of the blind, you profligate and stupid man! Do you think me so deluded that I would consent to renounce my Lord Christ and instead offer sacrifice to idols which are as blind as you are?"

After hearing such words, Nero ordered that the martyr be thrown into the well again. There she surrendered her soul to God (+ ca. 66).

In Greek usage Saint Photini is commemorated on February 26. In Constantinople there were two churches dedicated to Saint Photini, where many miracles occurred, especially the healing of eye diseases.

The head of Saint Photini is kept at Grigoriou Monastery on Mount Athos.

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