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Sunday of the Samaritan Woman

The Holy Martyr Photina (Svetlana) the Samaritan Woman, her sons Victor (named Photinus) and Joses; and her sisters Anatola, Phota, Photis, Paraskeva, Kyriake; Nero’s daughter Domnina; and the Martyr Sebastian: The holy Martyr Photina 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 Photina lived in Carthage with her younger son Joses and fearlessly preached the Gospel there. Her eldest son Victor fought bravely in the Roman army against barbarians, and was appointed military commander in 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 if they do not denounce Christianity.

SCRIPTURE READING: EPISTLE: Acts 11, 19-26 & 29-30 GOSEPL: John 12 4,5-42

While Fr. Branislav is away on vacation Fr. Dejan Barac from Midland will be available to serve our parish for visits and emergencies from May 1- May 23rd . A warm welcome again today to FR. SAVA MILAN MEDAKOVIC who is serving Divine Liturgy.



SPRING FOOD FESTIVAL IS STILL TODAY!!! ALL (HANDS ARE STILL NEEDED!!!)

We will begin serving approximately at NOON, provided we have our volunteer workers in place!

SUNDAY, MAY 21ST ANNUAL TEA FUNDRAISER (BASKET DONATIONS NEEDED)

See Julie Taylor

TICKETS ARE ON SALE TODAY FOLLOWING DIVINE LITURGY DONATION \$25 THIS IS THE LAST SUNDAY THAT YOU MAY PURCHASE TICKETS!

Lets make this another successful Fundraiser!

MONDAY, JUNE 12TH – THURSDAY, JUNE 15TH 40TH ANNUAL CHURCH DAY CAMP THIS YEAR’S THEME WILL BE “WITH FAITH AND LOVE”

SATURDAY, JULY 29TH ANNUAL SUMMER MEN’S CLUB PICNIC

SATURDAY, AUGUST 5TH AND SUNDAY, AUGUST 6TH OUR 103RD ANNUAL ST. ELIJAH CHURCH SLAVA CELEBRATION