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### The Gospel of John: a commentary & meditation

1 Now when the Lord knew that the Pharisees had heard that Jesus was making and baptizing more disciples than John 2 (although Jesus himself did not baptize, but only his disciples), 3 he left Judea and departed again to Galilee. 4 He had to pass through Samar'ia. 5 So he came to a city of Samar'ia, called Sy'char, near the field that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. 6 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. 7 There came a woman of Samar'ia to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." 8 For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food. 9 The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samar'ia?" For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans. 10 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." 11 The woman said to him, "Sir, you have nothing to draw with, and the well is deep; where do you get that living water? 12 Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well, and drank from it himself, and his sons, and his cattle?" 13 Jesus said to her, "Every one who drinks of this water will thirst again, 14 but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst; the water that I shall give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." 15 The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, that I may not thirst, nor come here to draw." 16 Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here."

17 The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; 18 for you have had five husbands, and he whom you now have is not your husband; this you said truly." 19 The woman said to him, "Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. 20 Our fathers worshiped on this mountain; and you say that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship." 21 Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. 22 You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. 23 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. 24 God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." 25 The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ); when he comes, he will show us all things." 26 Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am he."

27 Just then his disciples came. They marveled that he was talking with a woman, but none said, "What do you wish?" or, "Why are you talking with her?" 28 So the woman left her water jar, and went away into the city, and said to the people, 29 "Come, see a man who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?" 30 They went out of the city and were coming to him.

31 Meanwhile the disciples besought him, saying, "Rabbi, eat." 32 But he said to them, "I have food to eat of which you do not know." 33 So the disciples said to one another, "Has any one brought him food?" 34 Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me, and to accomplish his work. 35 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. 36 He who reaps

receives wages, and gathers fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. 37 For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' 38 I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor; others have labored, and you have entered into their labor." 39 Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me all that I ever did." 40 So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. 41 And many more believed because of his word.

Meditation: Do you allow any barriers to distance yourself from the Lord and his will for your life? Jesus overcame the barriers of prejudice, sin, and misunderstanding with the truth of God's word and the power of the Holy Spirit. The Jews and Samaritans had been divided for centuries. They had no dealings with one another, avoiding all social contact, even trade, and inter-marriage. If their paths crossed it would not be unusual for hostility to break out. When Jesus passed through Samaria he did the unthinkable. He conversed with a Samaritan, thus risking ritual impurity and scorn from his fellow Jews. He also did something no strict Rabbi would dare to do in public without loss to his reputation. He greeted a woman and spoke openly with her. Not only was she a woman, but a notorious adulteress. No decent Jew would even think of being seen with such a woman, let alone exchanging a word with her! Why did

Jesus meet alone with this Samaritan woman? Women normally gathered at the town well in the early hours of the morning while it was still cool. This would be a customary time for social contact and exchange of news. The fact that this notorious woman chose the midday hour to go out in public when the heat is greatest, shows her estrangement from her own community. Jesus broke through the barriers of nationality and orthodox Jewish custom. He showed the universality of the gospel. No one is barred from the love of God and the good news of salvation. There is only one thing that can keep us from God and his redeeming love — our stubborn pride and wilful rebellion.

What is the point of Jesus' exchange with the woman about water? Water in the arid land was scarce. Jacob's well was located in a strategic fork of the road between Samaria and Galilee. One can live without food for several days, but not without water. Water is a source of life and growth for all living things. When rain came to the desert, the water transformed the wasteland into a fertile field. The kind of water which Jesus spoke about was living. running water. Fresh water from a cool running stream was always preferred to the still water one might find in a pond or well. Living water was also a symbol for the Jew of thirst of the soul for God. The water which Jesus spoke of symbolized the Holy Spirit and his work of recreating us in God's image and sustaining in us the new life which comes from God. The life which the Holy Spirit produces in us makes us a new creation in Jesus Christ. Do you thirst for God and for the life of the Holy Spirit within you?

Hippolytus, a second century Christian writer, explains the significance of the Holy Spirit's work in us: "This is the water of the Spirit: It refreshes paradise, enriches the earth, gives life to living things. It is the water of Christ's baptism; it is our life. If you go with faith to this renewing fountain, you renounce Satan your enemy and confess Christ your God. You cease to be a slave and become an adopted son; you come forth radiant as the sun and brilliant with justice; you come forth a son of God and fellow-heir with Christ." (From a sermon, On the Epiphany)

1 the Great (c. 330-379) speaks in a similar manner: "The Spirit restores paradise to us and the way to heaven and adoption as children of God; he instills confidence that we may call God truly Father and grants us the grace of Christ to be children of the light and to enjoy eternal glory. In a word, he bestows the fullness of blessings in this world and the next; for we may contemplate now in the mirror of faith the promised things we shall someday enjoy. If this is the foretaste, what must the reality be? If these are the first fruits, what must be the harvest?" (From the treatise, *The Holy Spirit*)

"Lord, my soul thirsts for you. Fill me with your Holy Spirit that I may always find joy in your presence and take delight in doing your will."

BYZANTINE CATHOLIC EPARCHY OF PHOENIX SUBSCRIBES TO THE Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People

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Dr. Caroline Bonham, Victim Assistance Coordinator

Saturday, April 27th

Sunday, April 28th

10:00 AM- Divine Liturgy (Mass) Health and Blessings for the Parishioners of St Gabriel's

NEXT WEEK'S GOSPEL READING John 9:1-38

# **CANDLE OFFERINGS**

Use the specially marked envelopes located at the back of the Church for Altar Candles or Eternal Light Candles. Candles will be lit on Saturdays, and remain lit for the duration of their offering.

# **DIVINE LITURGY INTENTIONS**

One Saturday or Sunday Intention per week is reserved for "Parishioners of the Parish". Please contact the Parish Office at 702.364.2431 for available Liturgy intention dates and times.

# LOVE THY NEIGHBOR 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend of the Month

Available in the rear of the Church. Please remember St. Gabriel's in your Estate and Will Planning. Thank You!

# THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE **OF SERVICES**

# 4:00 PM – Divine Liturgy (Mass) Blessed Repose and Eternal memory for Gloria Bacskai by Craig and Barbara Dotson

**7 DAY CANDLE OFFERING OPEN** 

**14 DAY CANDLE OFFERINGS** April 1st thru April 15th

April 16<sup>th</sup> thru April 30<sup>th</sup> Peace in Israel Peace in Ukraine

There are green Love Thy Neighbor envelopes on the 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend of each month to help serve the less fortunate in our community. Thank you for your charitable support of this ministry.

# HOLY WATER

# LET US PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING

Lord, look upon your servants with eyes of mercy. May your healing hand rest upon them. May your life-giving powers flow into every cell of their bodies and into the depths of their souls, cleansing, purifying and restoring them to wholeness and strength for service in your Kingdom. Amen.

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# PARISH STEWARDSHIP

# Week's Offerings:

04/20-21/2024 Donations: \$2,026 .00 Candles: \$ 39.00

SAT 26 **SUN 59** 

Our parish needs \$2,800.00 per week to meet expenses. Thank you, for your generosity and support of St. Gabriel's especially in these difficult economic times

It is encouraging to see families making an effort to see that our parish meets its bills. Thanks also for the good number of people who mail offerings in, and include the parish in their financial planning.

Sincerely, Very Rev. Marcus Gomori, Pastor+

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### Parish Advisory Council

New Email Address: sgabrielchurchboard@gmail.com

The Parish Advisory Council is led by Father Marcus. We welcome any suggestions, comments and ideas that would help our Parish grow and raise money. Please contact any of us by email.

### Parish Advisory Council Meeting: Next Meeting May 25<sup>th</sup> @5 PM in Parish Hall

Reverend Deacon Brett Krautstruck (702) 379-8956

Monica Lopez (702) 355-2247 (President)

Saul Ramos (Vice President) by email

Cheri Erwin (702) 373-0219

Elijah Kreutzer (702) 204-8611

Christina Diaz saabrielchurchboard@gmail.com

### Topics discussed at the February 24th Meeting:

1. Appointment of new board members

Annual Financial review 2.

3. Fund raising ideas

Finance Council

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purchases and scheduling of the Church or Hall.

Mike Parven (310) 592-1849 (Financial Officer)

GREAT NEWS OUR GIFT SHOP WILL BE OPENING THIS WEEKEND IN OUR OLD PARISH HALL. IT WILL BE OPEN BEFORE AND AFTER ALL LITURGIES. PLEASE DO YOUR GIFT SHOPPING THERE TO HELP RAISE NEEDED FUNDS FOR ST. GABRIELS. \*\*\*\*\*

We would like to welcome our new parishioners to Saint Gabriel's Austin & Maryann Allen and their baby Malita.

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Starting in May we will be randomly giving registered parishioners one month of a free square in the back of our bulletin. The usual cost is \$100 but this is free and you will be able to put family birthdays, anniversary announcements, or even business information. If I don't hear from you at least the Sunday prior the ad will read "Health and Blessings for and family name". If you want to change your square every week I can if you send me the info this includes the people who already have a square. Contact Jan at 702-810-9613 and leave a message or write me a note (with phone #) and either give to me (I'm the one with the walker with the cats for those who do not know me) or give to Father. May: Sanders #97, Williams #85, Anthony #6179, McDonald#128 June: Dakake #93, Chilipa #13, Kourish #136, Cruz #121 July: Geogia #6185, Zakanycz #84, Evans #6009, Kavis #46 Aug: Derbish #6059, Allen #138, Haskins #130, Espinoza #5 Sept: Ramiez #33, Tao #75, Clagett #14, Demyon #20 Oct: Andross #2, Hill #79, A. Scott #6107, Howard #37 Nov: Skyposki #134, Gervasio #29, Bonko #6, Blessings #38

Dec: Ploegman #25, Lopez #50, Hawkins #34, Manning # 55 

We have a QR Code in the back of the church for those who wish to pay their donations by credit/debit card. There is no upfront charge to you to use this service, there a small fee that is deducted from your donation. Example if donation is \$40.00 after fees your donation is \$38.54 

Our Sunday informal socials are located in our Parish Hall after liturgy. This is a wonderful way of meeting your fellow parishioners. Please sign up on the calendar in the activity center. Coffee and water are available. Please bring enough snacks and juice for about 30 people. These socials will be every Sunday after Liturgy. If you wish to use the Parish Hall for private events, there is a small parishioner fee required.

Parishioner Jan Shadowen is making Diamond Art Icons and other hand crafted items for the Holidays and other gift giving occasions. The majority of proceeds from the sales are being donated to St Gabriel's Church fund. 

### Secular Order of Discalced Carmelites

Community of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. Carmelite Seculars, together with the Friars, and Nuns are sons and daughters of the Order of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St. Teresa of Jesus. In our secular vocation, we strive to live a life of prayer, centered on the Gospels, the Liturgy, and the evangelical councils of chastity, poverty, obedience, and the spirit of the beatitudes in our daily lives. Is God calling you to a Secular Vocation? For more information, please contact Mike Parven at 310-592-1849 \*\*\*\*\*

### The Fraternity of St. Margaret of Cortona of the Secular Franciscan Order

is a community of people dedicated to living the gospel life through the teachings of St. Francis of Assisi and St. Clare with service to the poor and homeless. We strive to live promises of poverty, obedience and chastity. Is the Holy Spirit calling you to the life of a Secular Vocation? Contact Ann Tao, OFS at 702-362-7989

# PARISH NEWS

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# SOMETHING NEW

### SALE ITEMS