

The living water  
•THE SAMARITAN WOMAN•



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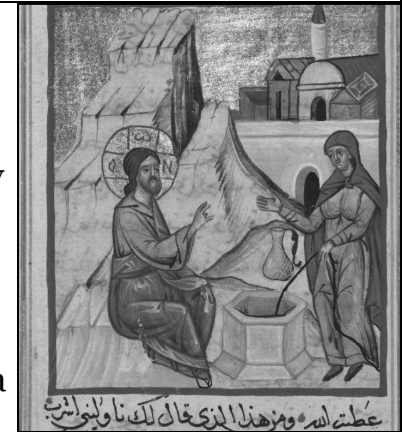
"Let the little children come to me, and do not forbid them, for to such is the Kingdom of Heaven." Mark 10:14

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## God knows you!

**Can you think of somebody who** knows you very well? Somebody who knows all about your family, all about your favorite things, all about what you do with your time? Somebody who knows you better than anybody else does?



In today's Gospel reading, we hear the story of the Samaritan woman who got to speak with Jesus! Once, when Jesus stopped to get a drink at a well, He met with the woman. Jesus was a stranger to her, but He already knew all about her! He told her about how she should worship and Who she should worship. He changed her life, and she began to follow Christ.

This woman told all her friends about Jesus too. She told them, "He told me all that I ever did," and her friends began to believe in Jesus Christ too. Jesus knew her better than anybody else did!

Did you know that our Lord God knows you more than anybody else does? He knows you even more than your mother or father or your siblings or friends know you! And do you know something else? He knows you because He loves you, and He wants you to be close to Him. God doesn't want you to be scared of Him. God knows you because He cares for you. Remember the woman in the story today. She knew Christ knew all about her, but that made her want to be even closer to Him!

# WORD SEARCH

Can you find these words in the jumble?

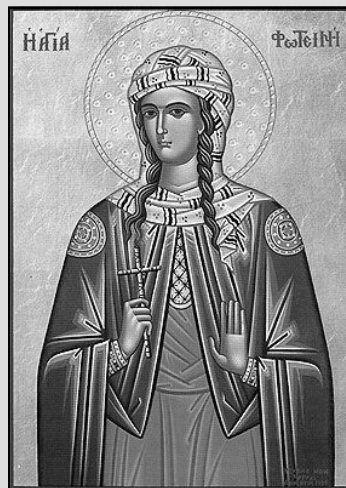
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# WHAT'S IN THE ICON?

Did you ever wonder what happened to the woman at the well, the Samaritan woman?

Her name is Saint Photini. She told lots of people about Christ, and many people believed in Him because of her!



# SAINTS GLYKERIA OF NOVGOROD

## A STRANGER HELPS!



**Has a stranger ever helped you** with something? Maybe somebody helped you tie your shoes, or opened the door for you, or even gave you a little money. Maybe this person helped you, and you didn't even know him or her!

This week we celebrate a saint we don't know much about. We know lots of stories about Saint Nicholas and Saint Nektarios and Saint Katherine. Those saints don't seem like strangers to us; they're our friends! This week we celebrate somebody who might seem like a stranger to us...but she can still help us!

Saint Glykeria was from Novgorod, a famous city in Russia. It's famous to us Christians, because there are some other special saints from there! We really don't know anything about her except that she died in the year 1522. Several years after she died, somebody found where she was buried. The archbishop of Novgorod brought her coffin into the big church, and that day, a little four-year old boy was healed when he came to Saint Glykeria.

After that, lots of people came to pray to this "stranger saint." Now, we can read about lots of miracles that happened because of the prayers of Saint Glykeria of Novgorod. So, she's no longer a stranger to us! On her saint's day, we also celebrate another Saint Glykeria. We know more about that Glykeria, but they are both close to God and can listen to us!

**We remember St. Glykeria of Novgorod on Friday, May 15th (OC: May 28th).**