



## St Photini, the Samaritan Woman

According to tradition, the Lord Jesus Christ Himself called her Photini (“enlightened”) when she met Him at Jacob’s well (a symbol of the baptismal font). In a similar manner, we begin our life in Christ through Baptism. St Photini was eventually baptized by the Apostles, labored to spread the Holy Gospel in various places, and finally received the crown of martyrdom in Rome.



A hymn dedicated on behalf of St Photini says: *“Having come to the well in faith, the Samaritan woman beheld Thee, the Water of Wisdom, whereof having drunk abundantly, she, the renowned one, inherited the Kingdom on high forever.”*