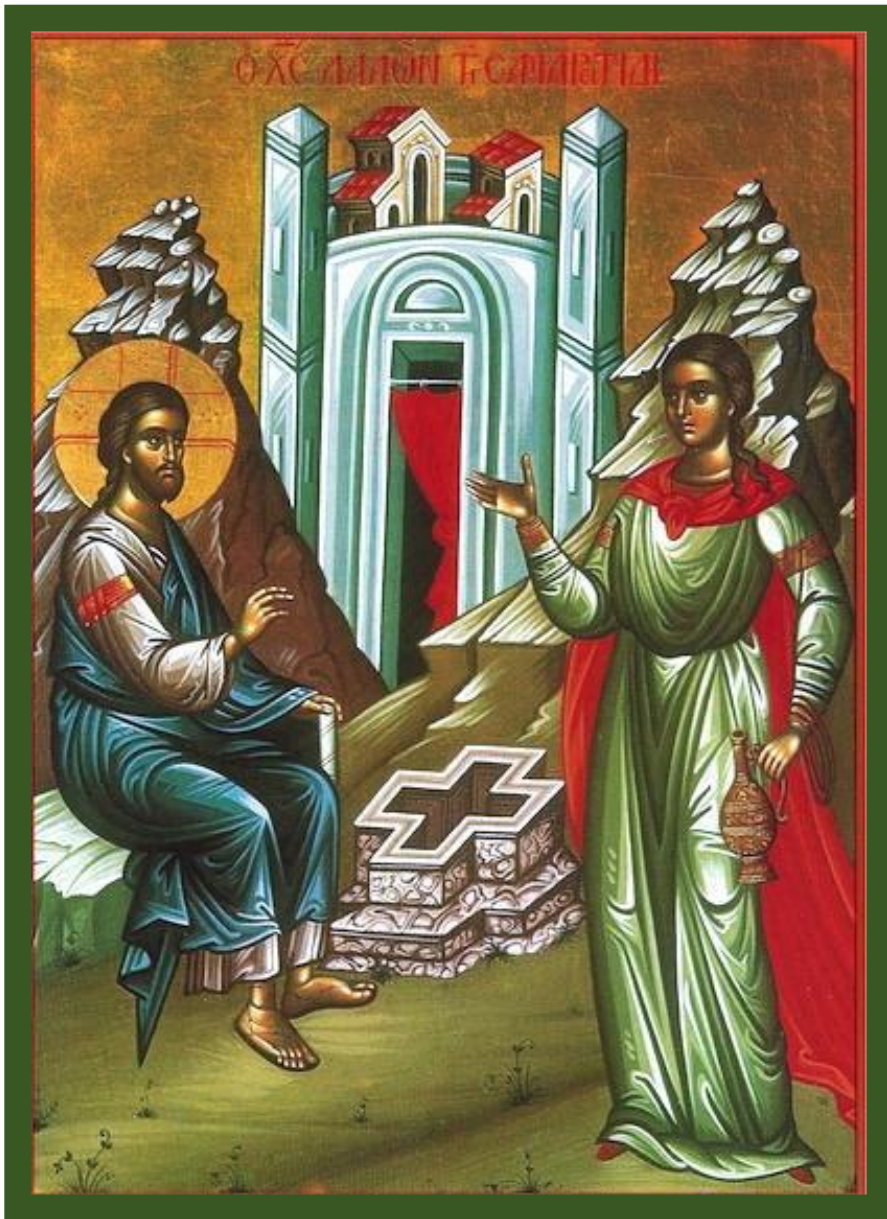


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We invite you to continue to celebrate the
40 Day Paschal Feast with us.

Samaritan Woman

5th Sunday of Pascha. Tone 4

Virgin-martyr Pelagia of Tarsus in Asia Minor (287).
Hieromartyr Erasmus, bishop of Formia in Campania (303).
Hieromartyr Albian (Olbian), bishop of Anaea in Asia Minor
(304). Hieromartyr Silvanus of Gaza (311).

Epistle: Acts 11:19-26;29-30; **Gospel:** John: 4:5-42



Paschal Troparion
Christ is Risen from
the dead, trampling down death by death and
upon those in the tomb bestowing life.

Sunday of the Samaritan Woman Propers and Readings

Tropar of the Resurrection – Tone 4

When the women disciples of the Lord
learned from the angel the joyous message of Your Resurrection,
they cast away the ancestral curse
and elatedly told the apostles:
“Death is overthrown!
Christ God is risen,// granting the world great mercy!”

Tropar, Tone 8 (*Pentecostarion*)

In the middle of the feast, O Savior,
fill my thirsting soul with the waters of piety as You cried to all:
“If anyone thirst, let him come to Me and drink!”//
O Christ God, Fountain of our life, glory to You!

Kondak - Tone 8 (*Pentecostarion*)

The Samaritan Woman came to the well in faith.
she saw You, the Water of wisdom and drank abundantly.//
She inherited the Kingdom on high and is ever glorified!

Kondak - Tone 4 (*Pentecostarion*)

Christ God, the Creator and Master of all,
cried to all in the midst of the feast of the Law:
“Come and draw the water of immortality!”
We fall before You and faithfully cry://
“Grant us Your mercies, for You are the Fountain of our life!”

Prokimen Tone 3

Sing praises to our God, sing praises! / Sing praises to our King, sing praises! (*Ps*
46/47:6)

Verse: Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy! (*Ps 46/47:1*)

The Reading is from the Acts of the Apostles 11:19-26, 29-30

Now those who were scattered after the persecution that arose over Stephen traveled as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus, and Antioch, preaching the word to no one but the Jews

only. But some of them were men from Cyprus and Cyrene, who, when they had come to Antioch, spoke to the Hellenists, preaching the Lord Jesus. And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number believed and turned to the Lord. Then news of these things came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent out Barnabas to go as far as Antioch. When he came and had seen the grace of God, he was glad, and encouraged them all that with purpose of heart they should continue with the Lord. For he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a great many people were added to the Lord. Then Barnabas departed for Tarsus to seek Saul. And when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. So it was that for a whole year they assembled with the church and taught a great many people. And the disciples were first called Christians in Antioch. Then the disciples, each according to his ability, determined to send relief to the brethren dwelling in Judea. This they also did and sent it to the elders by the hands of Barnabas and Saul.

Alleluia and Verses Tone 4

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Verse: Go forth, prosper, and reign, for the sake of meekness, righteousness, and truth! (*Ps 44/45:5*)

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Verse: For You love righteousness and hate iniquity. (*Ps 44/45:8*)

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

The reading is from the Gospel according to St. John: 4:5-42

So, He came to a city of Samaria which is called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Now Jacob's well was there. Jesus, therefore, being wearied from His journey, sat thus by the well. It was about the sixth hour. A woman of Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give Me a drink." For His disciples had gone away into the city to buy food. Then the woman of Samaria said to Him, "How is it that You, being a Jew, ask a drink from me, a Samaritan woman?" For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans. Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is who says to you, 'Give Me a drink,' you would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water." The woman said to Him, "Sir, You have nothing to draw with, and the well is deep. Where then do You get that living water? Are You greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well, and drank from it himself, as well as his sons and his livestock?" Jesus answered and said to her, "Whoever drinks of this water will thirst again, but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never

thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life." The woman said to Him, "Sir, give me this water, that I may not thirst, nor come here to draw." Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." The woman answered and said, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You have well said, 'I have no husband,' for you have had five husbands, and the one whom you now have is not your husband; in that you spoke truly." The woman said to Him, "Sir, I perceive that You are a prophet. Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, and you Jews say that in Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe Me, the hour is coming when you will neither on this mountain, nor in Jerusalem, worship the Father. You worship what you do not know; we know what we worship, for salvation is of the Jews. But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to Him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When He comes, He will tell us all things." Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am He." And at this point His disciples came, and they marveled that He talked with a woman; yet no one said, "What do You seek?" or, "Why are You talking with her?" The woman then left her water pot, went her way into the city, and said to the men, Come, see a Man who told me all things that I ever did. Could this be the Christ? Then they went out of the city and came to Him. In the meantime, His disciples urged Him, saying, "Rabbi, eat." But He said to them, "I have food to eat of which you do not know." Therefore, the disciples said to one another, "Has anyone brought Him anything to eat?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to finish His work. Do you not say, 'There are still four months and then comes the harvest'? Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look at the fields, for they are already white for harvest! And he who reaps receives wages, and gathers fruit for eternal life, that both he who sows and he who reaps may rejoice together. For in this the saying is true: 'One sows, and another reaps.' I sent you to reap that for which you have not labored; others have labored, and you have entered into their labors." And many of the Samaritans of that city believed in Him because of the word of the woman who testified, "He told me all that I ever did." So, when the Samaritans had come to Him, they urged Him to stay with them; and He stayed there two days. And many more believed because of His own word. Then they said to the woman, "Now we believe, not because of what you said, for we ourselves have heard Him and we know that this is indeed the Christ, the Savior of the world."

Instead of “It is right in truth”

The Angel cried to the Lady, full of grace: “Rejoice, O pure Virgin! Again, I say: ‘Rejoice, your Son is risen from His three days in the tomb! With Himself He has raised all the dead.’” Rejoice, O ye people!

Shine, shine, O New Jerusalem! The glory of the Lord has shone on you! Exult now, and be glad, O Zion! Be radiant, O pure Theotokos, in the Resurrection of your Son!

The Communion Verses

Receive the body of Christ; taste the Fountain of Immortality.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise him in the highest. (*Ps 148:1*)

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

PRAYER LIST

Please pray for the good health of the following members of our parish and our loved ones and friends:

Fr. Gregory Becker, Fr. Andrew Gall, Fr. Paisius McGrath, Fr. John Nakonachny, Deacon Adrian Mazur, Pani-matka Mary Ann Nakonachny, Nora (a beautiful girl born prematurely) Dominick, David Spanja, Mary Goncy, Nancy Racz, Walter Duzzny, Kathy Duzzny, Nancy Tiedeman, Kay Malys, Deborah Harvey, Mary Lapushansky, Mary Ann Owens, Pauline Witkowsky, Dr. Dinah Fedyna, Marianne Carmack, Marty Woloschak, Ruth Graves, Alice Dobransky, Dorothy Mehalko, Eileen Maluk, Michael Maluk, Boris Vuksanovich, Joe Ewanish, Peter Anderson and all victims suffering from the Corona Virus together with nurses, doctor and all who work for their recovery.



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UPCOMING PARISH AND OTHER EVENTS

Please contact Father Ivan to schedule Panikhidas, request
Bulletin Dedications, or make Prospora Offerings

Memorial Litany and Panakhida for
+His Beatitude, Metropolitan
Constantine of blessed memory
requested by Marianne S. Carmack
Christ is Risen, Indeed He is Risen
Христос воскрес!
Воистину воскрес!



Sundays of Pascha May 17, 2020 – May 24, 2020

Divine Liturgy Live-streamed on our Facebook Page/YouTube at 9:30 AM

YouTube at 9:30 AM on <https://youtu.be/Gnhcfugp7uc>

(You will be notified when restrictions lift, and we can gather in the Temple)

- May 17, 2020 - Fifth Sunday of Pascha. Tone 4, The Samaritan Woman.
 - May 24, 2020 – Sixth Sunday of Pascha. Toned 5, The Blind Man
 - May 28, 2020, Thursday – The Ascension of Our Lord
 - May 31, 2020 – Seventh Sunday of Pascha, Tone 6, of the Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council.
 - June 6, 2020 Saturday – Memorial Saturday
 - June 7, 2020, Sunday – Eighth Sunday of Pascha, Tone 7, Pentecost
 - June 8, 2020, Monday – First week after Pentecost, Day of the Holy Spirit. *Fast free week.*
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MEETING NOTICES AND OTHER IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Memorial Day Picnic at the Cemetery

The service on Memorial Day at the Cemetery is cancelled due to the State imposed restrictions due to the Coronavirus, any questions about it, please call 330 799 3830 and Fr Ivan will be pleased to answer your questions.

Note from the Office:
Our Financial Stewardship
Latest 2020 Sunday Offerings to the Lord

General Offering: \$692.00
Easter Offering: \$250.00
Renovation Fund: \$95.00
Online donations on Tithe.ly: \$0.00
Renovation Fund donations to date: \$9,848.75

Our beautiful church has been thoroughly cleaned and sanitized. Please be assured that we are taking all reasonable precautions to protect parishioners and guests. Please continue to follow the guidelines of our Hierarchs, the CDC, and our Public Health Officials to help stop the spread of the Covid-19.

All the services will be livestreamed from YouTube, the link will be available at our Facebook Page because of COVID-19 restrictions.

All members directed to stay home. We will be praying for the safety of all members. For visitation or Confession please call the rectory before, so that it can be made possible for you to come safely. All the visit and Confession are to be scheduled individually ahead of time.

During this time, please send your weekly offering (envelopes) to the rectory to support our church. Do not forget to make an additional donation (second collection on Sunday) designated to the restoration of the church. You can also make a donation through our Webpage www.stspeterpauluoc.org. You can now also donate on line through Sts. Peter & Paul's Webpage. Just click on the following URL or paste in it your browser <http://www.stspeterpauluoc.org/> and then, click on the "DONATE" Button. You can use either a credit or debit card or your bank account. The link is secure.



The Woman at the Well

Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." John 4:10 (NIV)



The puzzle is based on John 4:5-26 (NIV)

1. Find the hidden words. The words have been placed horizontally, vertically, or diagonally. When you locate a word, draw a circle around it.

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M Z Y M R S C V Y H R I R O Z
V N Q P J B C M E I O W T U E
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L F C H M U K Q Q T E A R H G
D S P R I N G H Z Y T N R X O
W E L L L I V I N G D R I N K
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S H Z U M R Y P H D E Q L Y F

PROPHET
LIVING
THIRSTY

WELL
WATER
LIFE

GIFT
ETERNAL
SPRING

DRINK
JESUS
SAMARITAN

MESSIAH
WOMAN
HUSBAND

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Faith, Hope, Love Home Edition 2.0

Beginning the Week of May 10th
we will have the following schedule:

Minis - Children 8 and Under - 12:00EST
Monday, Tuesday(Ukrainian), Wednesday, Friday

FHL Jrs - Monday, Wednesday, Friday 12:45EST

FHL Teens - Monday, Wednesday, Friday 1:30EST

FHL Late Night - Young Adults Every Other Tuesday 10pm



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Fifth Sunday of Pascha: The Samaritan Woman. John 4:5-42

Are we thirsty for God?

On the fifth Sunday of Pascha we read the Gospel account about a Samaritan woman's conversation (also known as St. Photini) with our Lord Jesus Christ at Jacobs well. This Gospel reading has great significance to us as Orthodox Christians, due to the fact that it foreshadowed the establishment of Christ's Church here on earth, the day on which the Holy Spirit descended upon the Holy Apostles and Christ's new covenant was established, known to us today as Pentecost. Christ makes this evident to the Samaritan women when He tells her "Woman, believe Me, the hour is coming when you will neither on this mountain, nor in Jerusalem, worship the Father" (John 4:21). For its time, the entire conversation that Christ had with the Samaritan women was completely revolutionary, not only did it give insight to the forthcoming establishment of Christ's holy Church here on earth, but it gave additional insight on how His future faithful will pray and worship. He does this by revealing the active role and impact the Holy Spirit will have on each of his newly chosen people (the new covenant: the Gentiles and all who believe in Him) in worship and prayer; for Christ said to the Samaritan woman: "But the hour is coming, and now is, when true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth;

for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth" (John 4:23-24). In "spirit" meaning to worship with one's soul because God Himself is bodiless and as Blessed Theophylact Archbishop of Orchid and Bulgaria states "He must be worshipped in an incorporeal manner appropriate to the soul, which is both spiritual and bodiless". In "truth" meaning to worship God in full reality or with a pure mind, contemplating the divine nature of God. No longer will worship and prayer to God be confined to one area as the Samaritans and Jews believed. For the Samaritans believed that God was only present and could be prayed too on Mt. Gerizim (the location where Isaac was taken to be sacrificed by Abraham) as for the Jews, they believed the temple in Jerusalem was the only location where God was present and can be prayed too. This is why the Samaritan woman told Christ "Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, and you Jews say that in Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship" (John 4:20). Christ reveals in this Gospel account of the Samaritan woman that it is no longer important at what location you pray, but it is how you pray. Christ tells the Samaritan woman "If thou knowest the gift of God" (John 4:10). In this case, "the gift of God", implies the abundant graces

of the Holy Spirit, which will now have a great impact on the spiritual lives of Christ's future faithful and on how they will worship and pray to Him. Through the "gift" of the Holy Spirit, His faithful will now be able to communicate, pray and worship to God at any location and at any time. Now God's new covenant is able to pray with and through their spirit. As Apostle Paul stated, "God is my witness, Whom I worship with my spirit". (Romans 1:9)

The "gift" of the Holy Spirit is given to each of us during our Baptism when the priest chrismates or anoints us with holy chrism, saying ""The seal of the gift of the Holy Spirit". The Apostle Peter said, "Repent and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit." And in 2 Corinthians 1:21-22 it states "Now it is God who makes both us and you stand firm in Christ. He anointed us, set his seal of ownership on us, and put his Spirit in our hearts as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come." Christ describes this "gift of God" or the Holy Spirit to the Samaritan woman as "living water". Blessed Theophylact explains "The Lord calls the gift of the Holy Spirit water because it cleanses and refreshes those who receive it. It is not still, like the water in ponds and wells, but living and continuously gushing upwards. For the

grace of the Holy Spirit makes the soul constantly active in doing good, and always ready for spiritual ascents." For us, water in the physical sense is needed to sustain us physically, but here the "living water" or the gift of the graces of the Holy Spirit that Christ speaks of, is needed not only to sustain us spiritually, but to allow us to grow spiritually towards Him. It awakens our spiritual blindness and makes our soul come alive with the love for God and for others. As the Holy Spirit graces our lives, the more we want to share it with others and the yearning to know more about God and unite ourselves with Him becomes ever greater, indeed our soul becomes a spring gushing forth yearning to know and love Christ as much as we can. Christ makes this evident when he tells the Samaritan women "Whoever drinks of this water will thirst again, but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life". (John 4:13-14). The question we must ask ourselves is do we take the opportunity to seek and drink of the "living water" that Christ provides us? Has our fountain run dry? Do we truly thirst for God? Do we truly try to seek Christ in our lives? Do we truly try to abide and follow the teachings of His Gospel? The answer is no. Nowadays, we turn to God when it is convenient for us, we don't

take the time to truly learn about the Son of the living God, we don't make an effort to make Christ the center and everyday part of our lives, if we did "the living water" would be graciously poured upon us daily, but instead we end up choosing to be "part-time Christians". More and more it seems that we want to live by our own Gospel and not by the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Instead, we should actively seek out Christ in our lives just as the Samaritan woman did when she asked Christ "Where then do You get that living water?" (John 4:11)

St. Seraphim of Sarov famously stated "the true aim of our Christian life consists of the acquisition of the Holy Spirit of God" therefore, if we are serious about being Orthodox Christians and truly want to drink of the "living water" and have the Holy Spirit grace and be part of our everyday lives we must do our part. Firstly, we must wholeheartedly learn to "love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind" (Mt.22:37). Secondly, we must make an effort to attend Church on a regular basis, to pray more regularly at home, to confess our sins more often, to commune the Blood and Body of our Lord more frequently, to make an effort to really fast, to truly learn not to judge others, to readily forgive others who have wronged us and to help those who need our physical or spiritual assistance at all

times. When we truly start to act like disciples of Christ, He will slowly give us small initial drops of that "living water" that all of us desire and as more is given to us the more we will want and the more we will want to share it with others. Just as the Samaritan women did when she received a drop of the "living water" from Christ at Jacobs well, she went back into the town as a disciple of Christ and shared the drop of "living water" with her fellow townspeople. As a result, she led a multitude of Samaritans back to the well, where all believed that Jesus was the Son of the living God.

Therefore, during this fifth Sunday of Pascha each one of us must strive for that "living water" each day so that we may never find ourselves spiritually parched for God's presence in our lives. Just as the Samaritan woman wanted to learn about Christ and asked Him "give me this water, that I may not thirst" we also each day must ask Christ to give us His "living water" so that it may spiritually sustain us during these difficult times that we live in as Christians. The more we humble ourselves and ask Christ for this "living water" the more our lives will be filled with the grace of the Holy Spirit spreading love and joy, not only within our own households, but to all those who encounter us and know us. By sharing the "living water" with others, we become true disciples and witnesses of our Risen Lord Jesus Christ. Glory be to God for all things! Fr. Victor Wronskyj, UOC of USA.

THE SAMARITAN WOMAN.

