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**DIVINE LITURGY VARIABLES FOR SUNDAY,
MAY 30, 2021
TONE 4 / EOTHINON 7
FIFTH SUNDAY OF PASCHA: SUNDAY OF THE
SAMARITAN WOMAN
& AFTER-FEAST OF MID-PENTECOST**

FATHER ISAAC, FOUNDER OF THE DALMATON MONASTERY IN
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THE EISODIKON (ENTRANCE HYMN) OF PASCHA

In the gathering places bless God the Lord, from the springs of Israel. Save us, O Son of God, Who art risen from the dead, who sing to Thee: Alleluia.

في المِجَامِعِ بَارِكُوا اللَّهَ، الرَّبَّ مِنْ يَتَابِعِ إِسْرَائِيلَ، خَلِّصْنَا يَا ابْنَ اللَّهِ، يَا مَنْ قَامَ مِنْ بَيْنِ الْأَمْوَاتِ، لِيُرْتَلَّ لَكَ: هَلِّلُوِيَا.

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE FOUR

Having learned the joyful message of the Resurrection from the angel, the women disciples of the Lord cast from them their parental condemnation. And proudly broke the news to the Disciples, saying, Death hath been spoiled; Christ God is risen, granting the world Great Mercy.

إِنَّ تَلْمِيزَاتِ الرَّبِّ تَعَلَّمْنَ مِنَ الْمَلَائِكَةِ الْكَرَّزِ بِالْقِيَامَةِ الْبَهِيحِ، وَطَرَحْنَ الْقَضَاءَ الْجَدِيَّ، وَخَاطَبْنَ الرُّسُلَ مُفْتَحِرَاتٍ وَقَائِلَاتٍ: سُبِّحِ الْمَوْلُودُ وَقَامَ الْمَسِيحُ الْإِلَهُ، وَمَنَحَ الْعَالَمَ الرَّحْمَةَ الْعَظْمَى.

APOLYTIKION FOR MID-PENTECOST IN TONE EIGHT

In the midst of this Feast, O Savior, give Thou my thirsty soul to drink of the waters of true worship; for Thou didst call out to all, saying: Whosoever is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink. Wherefore, O Christ our God, Fountain of life, glory to Thee.

فِي انْتِصَافِ الْعِيدِ، اسْقِ نَفْسِي الْعَطَشَى مِنْ مِيَاهِ الْعِبَادَةِ الْحَسَنَةِ أَيُّهَا الْمَخْلُصُ، لِأَنَّكَ هَتَمْتَ نَحْوَ الْكُلِّ قَائِلًا: مَنْ كَانَ عَطْشَانًا، فَلْيَأْتِ إِلَيَّ وَيَشْرَبْ. فَيَا يَنْبُوعَ الْحَيَاةِ، أَيُّهَا الْمَسِيحُ الْإِلَهُ الْمَجْدُ لَكَ.

KONTAKION OF PASCHA IN TONE EIGHT

Though Thou didst descend into the grave, O Immortal One, yet didst Thou destroy the power of Hades, and didst arise as victor, O Christ God, calling to the myrrh-bearing women, Rejoice, and giving peace unto Thine Apostles, O Thou Who dost grant resurrection to the fallen.

وَلَيْنَ كُنْتَ نَزَلْتَ إِلَى قَبْرِ يَا مَنْ لَا يَمُوتُ، إِلَّا أَنْكَ دَرَسْتَ قُوَّةَ الْجَحِيمِ، وَقُمْتَ غَالِبًا أَيُّهَا الْمَسِيحُ الْإِلَهُ، وَلِلنَّسْوَةِ حَامِلَاتِ الطَّيْبِ قُلْتَ "افْرَحْنَ"، وَلِرُسُلِكَ وَهَبْتَ السَّلَامَ، يَا مَانِحَ الْوَاقِعِينَ الْقِيَامَ.

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During these hard time that we are all facing, we ask you to please support your Church financially. It is needed more than ever.

<http://www.saintgeorge.org/donations.html>

SGAOC - Financial Condition	
2020 Average Month Expenses	\$23,785.50
2021 Actual Weekly Donations	
5/2/2021	\$8,980.00
5/9/2021	\$2,567.80
5/16/2021	\$1,640.00
5/23/2021	\$5,480.00
5/30/2021	
Total Monthly Income	\$18,667.80
Deficit	(\$5,117.70)

THE EPISTLE FOR SAMARITAN WOMAN SUNDAY

How magnified are Thy works, O Lord. In wisdom hast Thou made them all.

Bless the Lord, O my soul.

The Reading from the Acts of the Holy Apostles. (11:19-30)

In those days, when the apostles were scattered because of the tribulation that arose over Stephen, they traveled as far as Phoenicia and Cyprus and Antioch, speaking the word to no one, except to Jews only. But there were some of them, men of Cyprus and Cyrene, who upon coming to Antioch spoke to the Hellenists also, preaching the Lord Jesus. And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number that believed turned to the Lord. The report concerning them reached the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent out Barnabas, to go as far out as Antioch. When he came and saw the grace of God, he was glad; and he exhorted them all, that with purpose of heart they should cleave to the Lord; for he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a great multitude was added unto the Lord. Then Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul; and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. For a whole year, they were gathered together in the church, and they taught a great multitude of people, and the disciples were called Christians first in Antioch. Now in these days prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. And one of them named Agabos stood up and signified by the Spirit that there would be a great famine over the whole world; and this took place in the days of Claudius Caesar. And the disciples, every one according to his ability, determined to send relief to the brethren who dwelt in Judaea; and they did so, sending it to the elders by the hand of Barnabas and Saul.

ما أعظم أعمالك يا رب، كُلُّهَا بِحِكْمَةٍ صَنَعْتَ يَا تَنفَسِي الرَّبِّ!

فصلٌ من أعمال الرُّسُل القديسين الأَطْهَار. (30-19:11)

في تلك الأيام، لما تَبَدَّدَ الرُّسُلُ من أجل الضيق الذي حَصَلَ بِسَبَبِ اسْتِفَانوس، اجْتَازوا إلى فينيقية وفُزْبُصَ وأنطاكية، وهم لا يُكَلِّمُونَ أحداً بالكلمة إلا اليهود فقط. ولكن قوماً منهم كانوا فُزْبُصِيِّينَ وفُزْبَانِيِّينَ. فهؤلاء لما دخلوا أنطاكية، أخذوا يُكَلِّمُونَ اليونانيين مُبَشِّرِينَ بِالرَّبِّ يسوع. وكانت يدُ الرَّبِّ مَعَهُمْ، فأمنَ عَدَدٌ كَثِيرٌ وَرَجَعُوا إلى الرَّبِّ. فَبَلَغَ خَبْرُ ذَلِكَ إلى آذَانِ الكَنِيسَةِ التي بأورشليم، فأرسلوا بَرْنابَا لِكَيْ يَجْتَازَ إلى أنطاكية. فلَمَّا أَقْبَلَ ورأى نِعْمَةَ اللَّهِ، فَرِحَ وَوَعَّظَهُمْ كُلَّهُمْ بأنْ يَثْبُتُوا في الرَّبِّ بِعَزِيمَةِ الْقَلْبِ. لِأَنَّهُ كَانَ رَجُلًا صَالِحًا مُتَمَلِّئًا مِنَ الرُّوحِ الْقُدُسِ وَالْإِيمَانِ. وَأَنْضَمَّ إلى الرَّبِّ جَمْعٌ كَثِيرٌ. ثُمَّ حَرَّجَ بَرْنابَا إلى طَرَسُوسَ في طَلَبِ سَاوُلَ. ولما وَجَدَهُ أتى بِهِ إلى أنطاكية. وَتَرَدَّدَا معاً سَنَةً كَامِلَةً في هَذِهِ الكَنِيسَةِ، وَعَلِمَا جَمْعًا كَثِيرًا، وَدَعَى التَّلَامِيذُ مَسِيحِيِّينَ في أنطاكية أَوْلًا. وفي تلك الأيام، أُخْدِرَ مِنْ أورشليم أنبياءٌ إلى أنطاكية. فقامَ واحدٌ مِنْهُمْ اسْمُهُ أَغابوس، فَأَنْبَأَ بِالرُّوحِ أَنْ سَتَكُونُ جَمَاعَةٌ عَظِيمَةٌ في جميع المِسْكُونَةِ، وَقَدْ وَقَعَ ذَلِكَ في أَيَّامِ كَلُودِيوسَ قَيْصَرَ. فَعَزَمَ التَّلَامِيذُ، بِحَسَبِ ما يَتَّبِعُونَ لِكُلِّ واحدٍ مِنْهُمْ، أَنْ يُرْسِلُوا خِدْمَةً إلى الإِخْوَةِ السَّاكِنِينَ في أورشليم. فَفَعَلُوا ذَلِكَ، وَبَعَثُوا إلى الشُّيُوخِ على أيدي بَرْنابَا وَسَاوُلَ.

THE GOSPEL FOR SAMARITAN WOMAN SUNDAY

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John. (4:5-42)

At that time, Jesus came to a city of Samaria, called Sychar, near the field that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. 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. There came a woman of Samaria to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give Me a drink." For His Disciples had gone away into the city to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to Him, "How is it that Thou, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans. 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." The woman said to Him, "Sir, Thou hast nothing to draw with, and the well is deep; where do you get that living water? Art Thou greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well, and drank from it himself, and his sons, and his cattle?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will thirst again, but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst forever; the water that I shall give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal 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 Him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and he whom you now have is not your husband; this you said truly." The woman said to Him, "Sir, I perceive that Thou art a prophet. Our fathers worshiped on this mountain; and Thou sayest that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe Me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. 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. 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 [He Who is called Christ]; when He comes, He will tell us all things." Jesus said to her, "I Who speak to you am He." Just then His

Christ is risen! Al-Maseeh qam!

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It's that time of year when the St. George community acknowledges its High School /College/University Graduates. We'd like to **celebrate the 2021 graduates on Sunday, June 20th, after the Divine Liturgy.**

To prepare the 2021 Graduates Booklet, we need a digital picture of the graduate, along with the below requested information by **no later than, Friday, June 4th, 2021:**

Graduate's name and contact information: full name/phone # and/or email

Parent's full name and names of Sibling(s):

School Graduating from and degree:

- Name of School, location
- Degree and major

Achievements: Spiritual, academic, sports and/or other achievements.

- Special educational accomplishments
- Extracurricular activities
- Awards or other accomplishments

Interests:

Fun facts:

Future plans:

- Education
- Employment
- Travel
- Any other focus

Please send the above requested items to sundayschool@saintgeorge.org with a cc to lmbs@saintgeorge.org and office@saintgeorge.org.

In Christ,
Rose Fakhoury and Nicolette B. Aftimos
St. George Church, Washington, D.C.

The fifth Sunday of Holy Pascha is observed by the Orthodox Church as the Sunday of the Samaritan Woman. The day commemorates the encounter of Christ with the Samaritan woman at Jacob's well. The biblical story of this event and the dialog between Christ and the woman is found in the Gospel of Saint John 4:5-42.

The icon of the Sunday of the Samaritan Woman depicts the biblical story of the Christ conversing with the woman at the well. Our Lord is shown sitting beside the well, speaking with and blessing the Samaritan woman. She is shown with her right hand outstretched toward Christ, indicating both her interest in what He is saying, and also as a sign of her faith and her efforts to bring others to hear what Christ has to say. In the background of the icon, the city is visible together with the Mount Gerazim.

The Sunday of the Samaritan Woman is celebrated with the Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom. On this Sunday and throughout the Paschal period until the Apodosis or leave-taking of Pascha, the day before the Feast of the Ascension, the services begin with the chanting of the troparion of Pascha, "Christ is risen..."

Scripture readings for the feast are the following: At the Divine Liturgy: [Acts 11:19-30](#); [John 4:5-42](#).

The Sacrament of Confession:

Confession is Available by Appointment only. Please email or call the church office (office@saintgeorge.org or 202-723-5335) or email Fr. John at pastor@saintgeorge.org

MASKS

For the foreseeable future, please use your mask as you enter the Church building, and keep it on until you re-enter your car.

TEEN SOYO

June 6th - Teen Soyo Elections and in person meeting after divine liturgy.

June 12th - PLC Teen Soyo Eastern Region Teen Soyo Meeting

Disciples came. They marveled that He was talking with a woman, but none said, "What dost Thou wish?" or, "Why art Thou talking with her?" So the woman left her water jar, and went away into the city, and said to the people, "Come, see a man Who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?" They went out of the city and were coming to Him. Meanwhile the Disciples besought Him, saying, "Rabbi, eat." But He said to them, "I have food to eat of which you do not know." So the Disciples said to one another, "Has anyone brought Him food?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of Him Who sent Me, and to accomplish His work. 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. He who reaps receives wages, and gathers fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor; others have labored, and you have entered into their labor." Many Samaritans from that city believed in Him because of the woman's testimony, "He said to me all that I ever did." So when the Samaritans came to Him, they asked Him to stay with them; and He stayed there two days. And many more believed because of His words. They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of your words that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is indeed the Savior of the world."

Get together over ZOOM Video

During this pandemic, our Church community is holding ZOOM events on a weekly basis:

The 1st Monday evening of each month: TEEN SOYO with Archdeacon Workineh at 7:00pm

Tuesday Evening: Ladies Myrrh Bearing Society Zoom Meeting at 7:00pm

Thursday evening: Catechism class (Orthodoxy 101) from 7:00pm-8:00pm.

The Zoom link below work for all the three meetings listed above:

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نَسْجُدُ لِمَا نَعْلَمُ. لِأَنَّ الْخَلَاصَ هُوَ مِنَ الْيَهُودِ. وَلَكِنْ تَأْتِي سَاعَةٌ، وَهِيَ الْآنَ حَاضِرَةٌ، إِذِ السَّاجِدُونَ الْحَقِيقِيُّونَ يَسْجُدُونَ لِلآبِ بِالرُّوحِ وَالْحَقِّ. لِأَنَّ الْآبَ إِذَا مَا يَطْلُبُ السَّاجِدِينَ لَهُ مِثْلَ هَؤُلَاءِ. اللَّهُ رُوحٌ. وَالَّذِينَ يَسْجُدُونَ لَهُ، فَبِالرُّوحِ وَالْحَقِّ يَنْبَغِي أَنْ يَسْجُدُوا. قَالَتْ لَهُ الْمَرْأَةُ: قَدْ عَلِمْتُ أَنَّ مَسِيًّا، الَّذِي يُقَالُ لَهُ الْمَسِيحُ، يَأْتِي. فَمَتَى جَاءَ ذَاكَ فَهُوَ يُخَبِّرُنَا بِكُلِّ شَيْءٍ. فَقَالَ لَهَا يَسُوعُ: أَنَا الْمَتَكَلِّمُ مَعَكَ هُوَ. وَعِنْدَ ذَلِكَ، جَاءَ تَلَامِيذُهُ، فَتَعَجَّبُوا أَنَّهُ يَتَكَلَّمُ مَعَ امْرَأَةٍ. وَلَكِنْ لَمْ يَقُلْ أَحَدٌ مِمَّا تَطْلُبُ؟ أَوْ لِمَاذَا تَتَكَلَّمُ مَعَهَا؟ فَتَرَكَّتِ الْمَرْأَةُ جَرَّتَهَا، وَمَضَتْ إِلَى الْمَدِينَةِ، وَقَالَتْ لِلنَّاسِ: تَعَالُوا انظُرُوا إِنْسَانًا قَالَ لِي كُلَّ مَا فَعَلْتُ. أَلَعَلَّ هَذَا هُوَ الْمَسِيحُ؟ فَخَرَجُوا مِنَ الْمَدِينَةِ وَأَقْبَلُوا نَحْوَهُ. وَفِي أَثْنَاءِ ذَلِكَ سَأَلَهُ تَلَامِيذُهُ قَائِلِينَ: يَا مُعَلِّمُ كُلِّ يَوْمٍ نَسْجُدُ لَكَ لِمَا نَعْلَمُ، إِنَّ لِي طَعَامًا لَا كُلَّ لَسْتُمْ تَعْرِفُونَهُ أَنْتُمْ. فَقَالَ التَّلَامِيذُ فِيمَا بَيْنَهُمْ: أَلَعَلَّ أَحَدًا جَاءَهُ بِمَا يَأْكُلُ؟ فَقَالَ لَهُمْ يَسُوعُ: إِنَّ طَعَامِي أَنْ أَعْمَلَ مَشِيئَةَ الَّذِي أَرْسَلَنِي وَأَتَمَّ عَمَلَهُ. أَلَسْتُمْ تَقُولُونَ أَنْتُمْ إِنَّهُ يَكُونُ أَرْبَعَةَ أَشْهُرٍ ثُمَّ يَأْتِي الْخَصَادُ؟ وَهَا أَنَا أَقُولُ لَكُمْ: ارْفَعُوا عُيُونَكُمْ وَاَنْظُرُوا إِلَى الْمِزَارِعِ، إِنَّهَا قَدْ ابْيَضَّتْ لِلْخَصَادِ. وَالَّذِي يَخْصُدُ يَأْخُذُ أُجْرَةً، وَيَجْمَعُ ثَمَرًا لِحَيَاةٍ أَبَدِيَّةٍ، لِكَيْ يَفْرَحَ الزَّارِعُ وَالْحَاصِدُ مَعًا. فَفِي هَذَا يَصْدُقُ الْقَوْلُ إِنَّ "وَاحِدًا يَزْرَعُ، وَآخَرَ يَخْصُدُ." إِيَّيْ أَرْسَلْتُمْ لِنَخْصُدُوا مَا لَمْ تَتَّعَبُوا أَنْتُمْ فِيهِ. فَإِنَّ آخِرِينَ تَعْبُوا وَأَنْتُمْ دَخَلْتُمْ عَلَى تَعْبِهِمْ. فَأَمَنْ بِهِ مِنْ تِلْكَ الْمَدِينَةِ كَثِيرُونَ مِنَ السَّامِرِيِّينَ مِنْ أَجْلِ كَلَامِ الْمَرْأَةِ الَّتِي كَانَتْ تَشْهَدُ أَنَّ "قَدْ قَالَ لِي كُلُّ مَا فَعَلْتُ." وَلَمَّا أَتَى إِلَيْهِ السَّامِرِيُّونَ، سَأَلُوهُ أَنْ يُقِيمَ عِنْدَهُمْ. فَمَكَثَ هُنَاكَ يَوْمَيْنِ. فَأَمَنْ جَمْعٌ أَكْثَرَ مِنْ أَوْلَعِكَ جَدًّا مِنْ أَجْلِ كَلَامِهِ. وَكَانُوا يَقُولُونَ لِلْمَرْأَةِ: لَسْنَا مِنْ أَجْلِ كَلَامِكَ نُؤْمِنُ الْآنَ. لِأَنَّا نَحْنُ قَدْ سَمِعْنَا، وَنَعْلَمُ أَنَّ هَذَا هُوَ بِالْحَقِيقَةِ الْمَسِيحُ، مُخْلِصُ الْعَالَمِ.

فَصَلِّ شَرِيفٌ مِنْ بَشَارَةِ الْقَدِيسِ يوحنا الإنجيليِّ البشيرِ والتلميذِ الطاهرِ.

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فِي ذَلِكَ الزَّمَانِ، أَتَى يَسُوعُ إِلَى مَدِينَةٍ مِنَ السَّامِرَةِ يُقَالُ لَهَا سُوحَارُ، بِقُرْبِ الضُّيْعَةِ الَّتِي أُعْطَاهَا يَعْقُوبُ لِيُوسُفَ ابْنِهِ. وَكَانَ هُنَاكَ عَيْنٌ يَعْقُوبُ. وَكَانَ يَسُوعُ قَدْ تَعَبَ مِنَ الْمَسِيرِ. فَجَلَسَ عَلَى الْعَيْنِ، وَكَانَ نَحْوَ السَّاعَةِ السَّادِسَةِ. فَجَاءَتِ امْرَأَةٌ مِنَ السَّامِرَةِ لِنَسْتَقِي مَاءً. فَقَالَ لَهَا يَسُوعُ: أَعْطِنِي لِأَشْرَبَ. فَإِنَّ تَلَامِيذَهُ كَانُوا قَدْ مَضَوْا إِلَى الْمَدِينَةِ لِيَبْتَاعُوا طَعَامًا. فَقَالَتْ لَهُ الْمَرْأَةُ: كَيْفَ تَطْلُبُ أَنْ تَشْرَبَ مِنِّي، وَأَنْتَ يَهُودِيٌّ وَأَنَا امْرَأَةٌ سَامِرِيَّةٌ؟ وَالْيَهُودُ لَا يُخَالِطُونَ السَّامِرِيِّينَ. أَجَابَ يَسُوعُ وَقَالَ لَهَا: لَوْ عَرَفْتَ عَطِيَّةَ اللَّهِ، وَمَنْ الَّذِي قَالَ لَكَ "أَعْطِنِي لِأَشْرَبَ" لَطَلَبْتَ أَنْتِ مِنْهُ فَأَعْطَاكِ مَاءً حَيًّا. قَالَتْ لَهُ الْمَرْأَةُ: يَا سَيِّدُ إِنَّهُ لَيْسَ مَعَكَ مَا تَسْتَقِي بِهِ وَالْبُئْرُ عَمِيقَةٌ. فَمِنْ أَيْنَ لَكَ الْمَاءُ الْحَيُّ؟ أَلَعَلَّ أَنْتِ أَعْظَمُ مِنْ أَبِيْنَا يَعْقُوبَ الَّذِي أُعْطَانَا الْبُئْرَ، وَمِنْهَا شَرِبَ هُوَ وَبَنُوهُ وَمَاشِيئَتُهُ؟ أَجَابَ يَسُوعُ وَقَالَ لَهَا: كُلُّ مَنْ يَشْرَبُ مِنْ هَذَا الْمَاءِ يَعْطَشُ أَيْضًا. وَأَمَّا مَنْ يَشْرَبُ مِنَ الْمَاءِ الَّذِي أَنَا أُعْطِيهِ، فَلَنْ يَعْطَشَ إِلَى الْأَبَدِ. بَلِ الْمَاءُ الَّذِي أُعْطِيهِ لَهُ يَصِيرُ فِيهِ يَنْبُوعٌ مَاءٍ يَنْبَعُ إِلَى حَيَاةٍ أَبَدِيَّةٍ. فَقَالَتْ لَهُ الْمَرْأَةُ: يَا سَيِّدُ، أَعْطِنِي هَذَا الْمَاءَ لِكَيْ لَا أَعْطَشَ وَلَا أَجِيءَ إِلَى هَهُنَا لِأَسْتَقِي. فَقَالَ لَهَا يَسُوعُ: اذْهَبِي وَاذْعِي رَجُلَكَ، وَهَلِّئِي إِلَى هَهُنَا. أَجَابَتِ الْمَرْأَةُ وَقَالَتْ: إِنَّهُ لَا رَجُلَ لِي. فَقَالَ لَهَا يَسُوعُ: قَدْ أَحْسَنْتِ بِقَوْلِكَ إِنَّهُ لَا رَجُلَ لِي. فَإِنَّهُ كَانَ لَكَ خَمْسَةُ رِجَالٍ، وَالَّذِي مَعَكَ الْآنَ لَيْسَ رَجُلَكَ. هَذَا قُلْتِهِ بِالصِّدْقِ. قَالَتْ لَهُ الْمَرْأَةُ: يَا سَيِّدُ أَرَى أَنَّكَ نَبِيٌّ. أَبَاؤُنَا سَجَدُوا فِي هَذَا الْجَبَلِ. وَأَنْتُمْ تَقُولُونَ إِنَّ الْمَكَانَ الَّذِي يَنْبَغِي أَنْ يُسَجَدَ فِيهِ هُوَ فِي أُورُشَلِيمَ. قَالَ لَهَا يَسُوعُ: يَا امْرَأَةُ صَدِّقِي، إِنَّهَا تَأْتِي سَاعَةٌ لَا فِي هَذَا الْجَبَلِ وَلَا فِي أُورُشَلِيمَ تَسْجُدُونَ فِيهَا لِلآبِ. أَنْتُمْ تَسْجُدُونَ لِمَا لَا تَعْلَمُونَ وَنَحْنُ