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Sunday of the Samaritan Woman

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Welcome!

Whether you are searching for a new church home or just visiting, we are glad you're with us today. If you have a prayer request, are looking for more information about the Orthodox Faith, would like to join our parish, or would like to speak with Fr Thomas, we invite you to fill out a visitor's card and drop it in the offering basket as your offering today. We want to get to know you! God bless you!

Schedule This Week

- Sunday, May 22**
10:00 am Divine Liturgy/Church School
- Tuesday, May 24**
9:00 am Daily Matins
9:30 am-12:00 pm Office Hours
7:00 pm Men's Night (see announcement)
- Wednesday, May 25**
6:30 pm Daily Vespers
7:00 pm Bible Study
- Thursday, May 26**
9:00 am Daily Matins
9:30 am-12:00 pm Office Hours
- Saturday, May 28**
4:00 pm Community Food Pantry
5:00 pm Vespers with Cathedral Vigil
- Sunday, May 29**
10:00 am Divine Liturgy

To our Visitors: Holy Communion is reserved for Orthodox Christians who prepare themselves by prayer and fasting. Non-Orthodox visitors are welcome to come forward to venerate the cross and receive the Antidoron (blessed bread) at the conclusion of the service.

Announcements

➤ **Today is our last Church School class** for the school year. Thank you to all of our teachers who were so devoted to the formation of our students, and to the parents who were diligent in bringing their children. Our teachers and assistants for this past school year are:

- Bob Bartko
- Adam Fecso
- Mary Hoffman
- Bill Lewis
- Karlie Lewis
- Matushka Ashley Loboda
- Kristie Mertz
- Matushka Katrina Skowron
- Jennifer Rune

We also thank Matushka Joni Soroka and Deacon Luke Loboda for overseeing and coordinating the program this year. Thanks to all! God bless you!

➤ All men of the parish are invited to the **Men's Night this Tuesday** evening at 7:00 pm at the home of Chad Whitacre's (chad@zetaweb.com) in Sewickley. For information about Men's Night contact Dn Luke Loboda (luke.loboda@gmail.com).

➤ The **Parish Council members** (corrected) for 2022 are:

- Rector – Fr Thomas Soroka
- President – Melissa Graff
- Vice President – Olga Noskov
- Secretary – Deborah Burgess
- Treasurer – John Kowalcheck
- Financial Secretary – Kristie Mertz
- Doug Dean
- Deacon Luke Loboda
- Deacon John Skowron

Prayers

➤ **Ill and infirm: Known to be hospitalized:** (none) **Home:** George Shaytar. Natalie Tooch. **Shut in, Rehabilitation, or Nursing Home:** Eleanor Kovacs, Natalie Popovich, Michael Soroka

➤ **Vigil Lights From Mat. Nancy K. Mell & Gregory Mell** for the departed servant, for Dn. Joseph Mell; for the health of family. From **Charles A. Wasilko** for the departed servants, Uncle Ed Hollenback and Aunt Ann Panik. From **Doris Wasilko** for the departed servants, Uncle Ed Hollenback and Aunt Ann Panik. From **Marsha Wasilko** for the departed servant, Aunt Ann Panik; for the health of the Wasilko family; safe travels. From **Richard & Sonia Blaha** for the departed servants, Pete & Dorothy Petronka & Betty Blaha; for the health of Dad, Leo Blaha and brother, Robert Blaha; for the anniversary of Richard and Sonia Blaha. From **Lindy Hamilton** for the health of Elaine Hamilton and for the Hamilton & Scott families. From **Irene Kulchock** for the departed servant, Jan Pravlochak. From **John & Olga** for the health of Galina Vilkova and Dana Emma Kowalcheck & child to be born. From **George & Nancy Shaytar** for the health of our family. From **John Mahalchak** for the health of friends & family, Cheryl, John, Gregory, Cindy, Daniel, Mary, Kayla Elizabeth. From **Tatyana Sechler** for the departed servants, Diana, Polina, Slava, Galina, Luba, Bruce, Marina, Valentina; for the health of Daniel, Tatyana, Veronika, Tomas, Kristofer, Irina, Joe, Sergei, and Jenys.

Thank You

➤ to our May donors: **Fr Thomas and Matushka Joni Soroka** (Incense \$10) for the health and salvation of daughter, Jacqueline, on the occasion of her birthday.

This Week in Church School

Today's lesson: Ascension

Questions to ask/review:

- What were Jesus's promises on Ascension? (there are 3: to send the Spirit, to be with them always, and to return in glory)
- What did He tell his disciples to do?
- Where did the Ascension occur? (on the Mount of Olives, near Bethany)
- In what way is the Ascension the crowning of the Paschal mystery?
- Where does Jesus sit now? (at the right hand of the Father)
- A cloud came and removed Jesus from the sight of His disciples; where else do we see a cloud with a divine appearance? (Red Sea, Mt. Sinai and the 10 Commandments, Mary at the Annunciation, Transfiguration)
- What did the apostles do between Ascension and Pentecost? (wait for the coming of the Holy Spirit)

Suggested activities at home:

- Read the scripture before bed: Mark 16:15-19, Matthew 28:16-end, Acts 1: 1-12.
- -Discuss how we can prayerfully anticipate the coming of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost.

Prayer: Lord Jesus, have mercy on me, that I may ascend with You. Amen.



Hymns and Readings for Sunday, May 22

Tone 4 Troparion (Resurrection)

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

Tone 8 Troparion (Midfeast)

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

Tone 8 Kontakion (Pentecostarion)

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

Tone 4 Kontakion (Midfeast)

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 Thee and faithfully cry://
“Grant us Thy mercies, for Thou art the Fountain of our life!”

Tone 3 Prokeimenon (Pentecostarion)

Sing praises to our God, sing praises! / Sing praises to our King, sing praises!

Epistle of the Sunday (Acts 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.

Gospel of the Sunday (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 waterpot, 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.”

Hymn to the Theotokos of the Feast

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!

Communion Hymn of the Sunday

Receive the Body of Christ; taste the fountain of immortality! Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! (Ps. 148:1) Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!