



# Welcome!

Whether you're searching for a new church home or just visiting, we're 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!

# This Week

## Wednesday, May 29

- 6:30 pm Daily Vespers
- 7:00 pm Bible Study

## Saturday, June 1

- 4:30 pm Confessions
- 5:00 pm Great Vespers with Cathedral Vigil

## Sunday, June 2

- 10:00 am Divine Liturgy



# Paschal Greeting

Christ is risen! Indeed, He is risen!  
*(Russian)* Christos voskresel! Voistinu Voskresel!  
*(Greek)* Christos anesti! Alithos anesti!

**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.**

Archpriest Thomas Soroka, *Rector*  
Deacon Luke Loboda, *Attached*  
Mat. Janet Mihalick, *Choir Director*

## The Samaritan Woman – Fifth Sunday of Pascha

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# Announcements

➤ Fr John Parker, Dean of St Tikhon's Seminary, will be visiting our parish during the weekend of June 8 and 9. We would like to present him with a significant gift for the seminary. **A mailing will sent this week about the recent growth of St Tikhon's Seminary and how we can support it.** We're asking for every family to consider a substantial gift to continue the growth of this dynamic, traditional school for church workers. Thank you for your prayerful consideration.

➤ **Our May hoagie sale** will be held on Wednesday, May 29. Italian Hoagies and wraps are \$6.50 each and the Turkey hoagies and wraps are \$7.00 each. Orders can be placed by calling 412-974-9912, faxing 724-926-4052 or emailing rjmbmsam1@verizon.net. Orders are due on Sunday evening, May 26. Orders can be picked up between noon and 1 pm May 29 at the church hall.

➤ The 10th anniversary of Consecration Celebration of His Eminence Archbishop Melchisedek will be held on **Saturday, June 29** (the feast of Sts Peter and Paul) at **St Alexander Nevsky Cathedral** (1600 Guyton Road, Allison Park, PA 15101) at **10 AM** with a Hierarchical Liturgy and a luncheon downstairs in the church hall immediately following. **This is an open invitation and there is no charge and no RSVP required** in advance. Everyone is invited to attend this special day!

➤ We are in need of someone who would be able to give a ride to church to **a young man who will be interning in Pittsburgh** this year beginning next week. **He will be living near Carlow College.** If you can assist with a ride, please see Fr Thomas.

# Prayers

➤ **Ill and infirm: Known to be Hospitalized;** Jack Saban (VA). *Home:* Georgiann Robes. *Shut in, Rehabilitation, or Nursing Home:* Olga Bednar, Garnette Kerchum, Olga Tryszyn, Mary Zapp.

➤ Vigil Lights **from Mat. Nancy K. Mell and Gregory Mell** for the departed servant, Dn. Joseph Mell; for the health of family and Michelle Bittner. **From George & Nancy Shaytar** for the health of Michelle Bittner and Jack Saban. **From Michelle Bittner** for the departed servant, Michael (22 years); for the health of Greg and Tiffany. **From Donya Yewisiak** for the departed servant, Reader Leonard Soroka; for the health of Michelle Bittner. **From Bryan** for the health of Lilia while she is away to her country. **From John & Nancy Pravlochak** for the newly departed servant, Stephanie Fedora; for the health of Jack Saban and Larry Polny. **From the Mertz family** for the health of Ethan, Katarina and Oliver. **From John & Olga** for the health of Anatoly & Galina Vilkov and Peter Kowalcheck on his birthday. **From Alexandria Tirpak** for the health of my family; special intentions. **From Raisa Burd** for the health of Marina, Vlad, Roman, Polina, Yevgeniy, Raisa, Boris, Ludmila, Valentina, Tatyana, Lisa, Veronika, Katya and all our relatives & friends. **From Tatyana Sechler** for the departed servants, Polina, Galina, Slava, Valentina, Andrei, Bruce, Olga, Nikolay and Lida; for Tatyana, Veronika, Sergey, Edward, River, Eilene, Thomas and Christopher.

# Thank you!

➤ to our May donors! Altar Candles (\$25) from **Michelle Bittner** in memory of Millicent Kuchivko, aunt. Incense (\$10) from **Fr Thomas and Mat Joni Soroka** for the health of daughter, Jackie, on her 20<sup>th</sup> birthday.  
➤ to those who served and/or supported our Community Dinner yesterday. May God bless you!

**St Nicholas Church will strive to glorify God through Orthodox Christian worship, sincere love and care for one another, and service to those in need around us.**

# The Weariness of Jesus

“Jesus therefore, being wearied from His journey, sat thus by the well. It was about the sixth hour.” Now begin the mysteries. For it is not without a purpose that Jesus is weary; not indeed without a purpose that the strength of God is weary; not without a purpose that He is weary, by whom the wearied are refreshed; not without a purpose is He weary, by whose absence we are wearied, by whose presence we are strengthened. Nevertheless Jesus is weary, and weary with His journey; and He sits down, and that, too, near a well; and it is at the sixth hour that, being wearied, He sits down. All these things hint something, are intended to intimate something, they make us eager, and encourage us to knock. May Himself open to us and to you; He who has deigned to exhort us, so as to say, Knock, and it shall be opened to you. It was for you that Jesus was wearied with His journey. We find Jesus to be strength, and we find Jesus to be weak: we find a strong and a weak Jesus: strong, because in the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God: the same was in the beginning with God. Would you see how this Son of God is strong? All things were made by Him, and without Him was nothing made: and without labor, too, were they made. Then what can be stronger than He, by whom all things were made without labor? Would you know Him weak? *The Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us.* The strength of Christ created you, the weakness of Christ created you anew. The strength of Christ caused that to be which was not: the weakness of Christ caused that what was should not perish. He fashioned us by His strength, He sought us by His weakness. (*St Augustine of Hippo*)



# Hymns and Readings for Today

## **Troparion of the Resurrection Tone 4**

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 our God is risen, granting the world great mercy.

## **Troparion of the Midfeast Tone 8**

In the middle of the feast, O Savior, fill my thirsting soul with the waters of godliness. As Thou didst cry to all: If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink! O Christ God, Fountain of our life, glory to Thee!

## **Kontakion of the Sunday Tone 8**

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.

## **Kontakion of the Midfeast Tone 4**

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 bounties, for Thou art the Fountain of our Life.

## **Prokeimenon (Psalm 46) Tone 3**

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

## **Epistle (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 (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!