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The Samaritan Woman

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Announcements

➤ We are proud to announce the decision by the Holy Synod of the Orthodox Church in America to ordain Subdeacon John Skowron to the Holy Diaconate. The entire parish rejoices along with the Skowron family on this major event in their lives and the life of our parish! **We know that every parishioner will want to show their support for the Skowron family and our parish by attending this major and joyous event.** The Hierarchical Divine Liturgy will be next **Sunday, June 6, 2021** beginning at 10:00 am. A celebratory luncheon will follow in the parish hall immediately after the Divine Liturgy.

➤ This Tuesday after Matins (at approximately 9:30 am) we will gather to make **prospora** (the break for the offering of communion) for the next few months. We encourage anyone who wants to learn how to make prospora (no experience necessary!) to learn this wonderful process that gives us communion in the body and blood of Christ.

➤ We're having a **Parish Picnic** this year, but with a twist: it's **FREE!** Sunday, September 12!

➤ In today's bulletin you will find a notice for the **"Opening Hearts to Life" event on October 14, 2021**, benefitting Vision for Life, a ministry led by Chris Humphrey and supported by Dr Ashley Loboda who serves on their board. This ministry does important work to support women in crisis pregnancies by directing them to life-saving health care and other supportive work. Please consider helping this outstanding work.

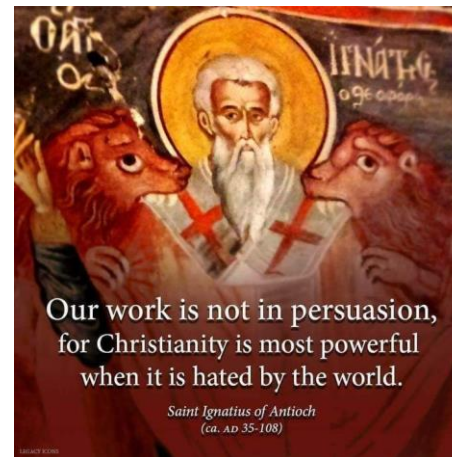
Prayers

➤ **Ill and infirm:** *Known to be hospitalized:* (none) *Home:* George Shaytar. *Shut in, Rehabilitation, or Nursing Home:* Garnette Kerchum, Eleanor Kovacs, Natalie Popovich, Olga Tryszyn.

➤ **Vigil Lights from John Mahalchak Family** for the health of family & friends. **From George & Nancy Shaytar** for the health of (brother) Steve. **From Nancy Shaytar** for the health of (husband) George. **From Lindy Hamilton** for the health of Elaine Hamilton; special intention. **From Mat. Nancy K Mell & Gregory Mell** for the departed servant, Dn. Joseph Mell; for the health of family. **From Charles Wasilko** for the departed servant, (mother) Mary. **From Doris Wasilko** for the departed servant, (mother) Mary; for the health of the Wasilko family. **From Marsha Wasilko** for the departed servant, (mother) Mary (5/26/69).

Thank You

➤ to **Matushka Nancy Mell and Gregory Mell** for sponsoring the May bulletins and all donation categories (\$210 total) in memory of Deacon Joseph Mell.



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.

Deacons

The sacrament of holy orders in the Christian Church is the objective guarantee of the perpetual presence of Christ with his people. The bishops, priests, and deacons of the Church have no other function or service than to manifest the presence and action of Christ to his people.

The deacons of the Church originally assisted the bishops in good deeds and works of charity. In recent centuries the diaconate had wrongly become almost exclusively a liturgical function in which the deacons assist at the celebration of the divine liturgy and other Church services. In more recent times, the diaconate has been extended to many as a permanent position for full or part-time service to the work of the Church. In the office of deacon, the men may now not only assist the priest and bishop in liturgical services, but will often head educational programs and youth groups, do hospital visitation and missionary work and conduct projects of social welfare. In these cases the deacons are not necessarily taken from the professional schools of theology, but are chosen directly from the local parish community. The Church's rules about marriage are the same for the deacons as they are for the priests.

In addition to the bishops, priests and deacons who comprise the central ordained ministries in the Church, the Orthodox tradition also has special blessings for the particular ministries of sub-deacons and readers. In the early church there were also special prayers and blessings for other Church ministries such as exorcists, doorkeepers, deaconesses, and lay-preachers; the latter still function in some churches today.

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!

This Week

- Sunday, May 30**
10:00 am Divine Liturgy
- Tuesday, June 1**
9:00 am Daily Matins
9:30 am – 12:00 pm Office Hours
- Thursday, June 3**
9:00 am Daily Matins
9:30 am – 12:00 pm Office Hours
- Saturday, June 5**
4:30 pm Confessions
5:00 pm Great Vespers with Cathedral Vigil
- Sunday, June 6**
10:00 am Hierarchical Divine Liturgy
Ordination of John Skowron to the Holy Diaconate
Celebratory Luncheon following

PASCHAL GREETINGS

(English) Christ is risen! Indeed, He is Risen!
(Slavonic) Christos voskrese! Voistinu voskrese!
(Greek) Christos anesti! Alithos anesti!

Hymns and Readings for Sunday, May 30

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 to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit

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 and unto ages of ages. Amen

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! *(Ps. 46:6)*

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 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!