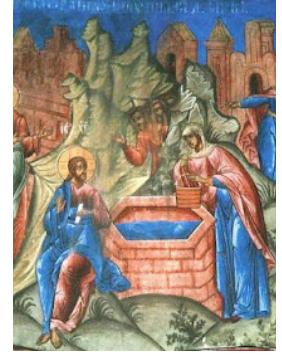


Archpriest David Hester (Serving)
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5th Sunday of Pascha
Samaritan Woman
(The Holy Martyr Photina)



Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!

Epistle

Acts 11:19-26, 29-30

Troparion Tone 4 (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!”

Gospel

John 4:5-42

Troparion Tone 8 (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!

Kontakion Tone 8 (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!

Prayers for the Sick



Archpriest Vladimir
Priest James
Matushka Gloria
Matushka Myra
Matushka Nancy
Marie

Thom
Julie
Joan
Vera
Helen

For all who are sick or suffering with afflictions in our parish, our community and throughout the world!

For the Newly Departed

*Handmaiden of God Barbara Evanina
May Her Memory be eternal!*

Happy Mother's Day

to all of our parish's Mothers, Grandmothers, Great Grandmothers & godmothers.
Many years!

We pray also for a blessed repose and eternal memory for all of our parish's departed Mothers, Grandmothers, Great Grandmothers and godmothers.

WEDDING BANNES

Christopher Henderson wishes to be united by the Sacrament of Matrimony to Michaela Wall. If anyone knows of any reason why this Sacrament should not be performed their should contact Father.

Announcements

Monthly Parish Council will meet today following Coffee Hour.

Coffee Hour in the fellowship hall after Divine Liturgy. Please join us!

We will be making Peroghi on Saturday's June 10th & 17th at 10:30 AM

Our Peroghi will be raised to \$10 per dozen. A bargain at any price!

Services for the Week

Saturday May 20th, Great Vespers, 4:00 PM

Sunday May 21st, (Blind Man) Divine Liturgy, 9:30 AM

Samaritan Woman (Holy Martyr Photini)

O almighty Savior, Who didst pour forth water for the Hebrews from a solid rock, Thou didst come to the land of Samaria, and addressed a woman, seeking of her water to drink, whom Thou didst attract to faith in Thee, and who hath now attained life in the heavens everlastingly.--Exapostelion of the Feast, Tone 2

On this day, the fifth Sunday of Pascha, we celebrate the feast of the Samaritan Woman.

**When thou camest to obtain corruptible water,
O woman,
Thou didst draw forth living water that
washeth away the soul's stains.**

The Samaritan woman—the holy, glorious Great-martyr Photini—met Jesus at midday at Jacob's Well, which was located in the city of Sychar. And

being tired from travel and the heat, Jesus sat at Jacob's Well. A little after, the Samaritan woman came to draw water, and had a long conversation with Him (it is the longest recorded discourse between Christ and a human in the entire Bible). Photini did not want to talk to Jesus, because the Samaritans did not have any dealings with



Jews; Jews considered her people heretics because Samaritans kept only the first five books of the Old Testament. However, the Lord talked with her anyway, read her heart, revealed her secrets and gave her the “Living Water” — the grace of the Holy Spirit that leads to eternal life and flows to all humanity — to drink. Photeini immediately ran throughout the city to proclaim Christ. Through her, many other Samaritans believed in Jesus. By the intercessions of Thy Martyr, Photeini, O Christ God, have mercy on us. Amen.

Having come to the well in faith, the Samaritan woman beheld Thee, the Water of Wisdom; whereof having drunk abundantly, she, the renowned one, inherited the Kingdom on high forever.

Let us hear of the august mysteries, as John teacheth us what cometh to pass in Samaria: how the Lord speaketh unto a woman, asking water of her, even He that gathered the waters into the places where they are gathered, and Who is of one throne with the Father and the Spirit; for He, the renowned One, came, seeking out His image forever. *Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America*



The Samaritan woman's fellow citizens said to her after two days with the Savior in their midst, "Now we believe not because of thy saying: for we have heard him ourselves, and know that this is indeed the Christ, the Savior of the world" (John 4:42). It happens this way with everyone. At first they are called to the Lord by an external word, or as for many now, simply by birth. But when they taste in practice what it is to live in the Lord, they no longer

cleave to the Lord through their external affiliation with Christian society, but through their inner union with Him. It is necessary for all who are born in Christian societies to make this a law for themselves; that is, to not limit themselves to mere external affiliation with the Lord, but to seek to unite with Him inwardly, that they may always bear witness within themselves that they are standing in the truth. Why is this necessary? It is necessary to embody within oneself the truth of Christ. The truth of Christ is a restoration of what is fallen. Thus, put off the old man, which is corrupt according to deceitful lusts, and put on the new man, which is created after God in righteousness and true holiness (cf. Eph. 4:22–24), and you will know within yourself that the Lord Jesus Christ is in truth the Savior — not only for the world, but also for YOU. *St. Theophan the Recluse*

Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!

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; 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.'"

(John 4:5-42)

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