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Fifth Sunday of Pascha

The Samaritan Woman at the Well



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His Eminence Alexander, Archbishop of Toledo, Bulgarian Diocese, OCA
Very Rev. Mitred Archpriest Father Don Anthony Freude, Parish Rector
Rev. Protodeacon James M. Gresh, Attached

Let us pray to the Lord for our mothers:

“O Lord our God, look down with merciful eyes upon our humble and earnest petition which we fervently offer to You today on behalf of all our mothers. Shower Your heavenly graces upon them. Grant that they may always behold the joy of their children and their children’s children. Fill them with that same maternal love that our most holy Lady, the God-bearer and ever-Virgin Mary showed to Your only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. And grant that all our mothers may ever be sustained by the image of our heavenly mother, the Pure Virgin Mary. We pray to You, O heavenly Master, on this special day honoring our mothers to graciously hear us and have mercy on them and grant them Many Years!

And grant blessed repose, O Lord, to all our mothers who have fallen asleep in the hope of the Resurrection and make their Memory Eternal!

SAINT ELIA THE PROPHET PARISH

2023 Parish Council

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Scheduled Readers - 2023

Sunday, May 14 Hours: Subdeacon Terrence Bilas
Epistle: Anastasia Bohush

Sunday, May 21 Sue Ellen Turscak

Sunday, May 28 Hours: Mary Beth Gray
Epistle: Subdeacon Aaron Gray

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

5th SUNDAY OF PASCHA – Tone 4

Samaritan Woman *A Blessed Mother's Day*

Saturday, May 13

5:00 pm Great Vespers and Confessions

Sunday, May 14

9:10 am 3rd and 6th Hours: Subdeacon Terrence Bilas

9:30 am Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom

Epistle Reader: Anastasia Bohush

Epistle: Acts: 11:19-26,29-30 Gospel: John 4:5-42

6th SUNDAY OF PASCHA – Tone 5 – Blind Man Holy Equal to the Apostles Emperor Constantine and his mother Helen

Saturday, May 20

5:00 pm Great Vespers and Confessions

Sunday, May 21

9:10 am 3rd and 6th Hours: Sue Ellen Turscak

9:30 am Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom

Epistle Reader: Sue Ellen Turscak

Epistle: Acts: 16: 16-34 Gospel: John 9:1-38

Christos Voskrese! Kriste Aghsdga!

Al Masseh Qam! Hristos a Inviat! Hristos vaskrse!

Krishti U Ngjail! Christus ist auferstanden!

**Cristo e' risorto! Krisztus feltamadt! Le Christ est
ressucite! Christus resurrexit! Christ is Risen!**

THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD

Wednesday, May 24

**6:00 pm Vesperal Divine Liturgy of Saint John
Chrysostom**

TODAY'S SCRIPTURAL READINGS

Epistle: Acts: 11:19-26, 29-30

¹⁹ 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. ²⁰ 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. ²¹ And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number believed and turned to the Lord.

²² 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. ²³ 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. ²⁴ For he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a great many people were added to the Lord. ²⁵ Then Barnabas departed for Tarsus to seek Saul. ²⁶ 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.

Relief to Judea

. ²⁹ Then the disciples, each according to his ability, determined to send relief to the brethren dwelling in Judea. ³⁰ This they also did and sent it to the elders by the hands of Barnabas and Saul.

Gospel: John 4:5-42

⁵ So He came to a city of Samaria which is called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. ⁶ Now Jacob's well was there. Jesus therefore, being wearied from *His* journey, sat thus by the well. It was about the sixth hour.

⁷ A woman of Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, “Give Me a drink.” ⁸ For His disciples had gone away into the city to buy food. ⁹ 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. ¹⁰ 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.” ¹¹ 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? ¹² 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?”

¹³ Jesus answered and said to her, “Whoever drinks of this water will thirst again, ¹⁴ 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.”

¹⁵ The woman said to Him, “Sir, give me this water, that I may not thirst, nor come here to draw.” ¹⁶ Jesus said to her, “Go, call your husband, and come here.” ¹⁷ The woman answered and said, “I have no husband.” Jesus said to her, “You have well said, ‘I have no husband,’ ¹⁸ for you have had five husbands, and the one whom you now have is not your husband; in that you spoke truly.” ¹⁹ The woman said to Him, “Sir, I perceive that You are a prophet. ²⁰ Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, and you *Jews* say that in Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship.” ²¹ Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe Me, the hour is coming when you will neither on this mountain, nor in Jerusalem, worship the Father. ²² You worship what you do not know; we know what we worship, for salvation is of the Jews. ²³ 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. ²⁴ God *is* Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.” ²⁵ The woman said to Him, “I know that Messiah is coming” (who is

called Christ). “When He comes, He will tell us all things.”²⁶ Jesus said to her, “I who speak to you am *He*.”

The Whitened Harvest

²⁷ 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?”²⁸ The woman then left her waterpot, went her way into the city, and said to the men, ²⁹ “Come, see a Man who told me all things that I ever did. Could this be the Christ?” ³⁰ Then they went out of the city and came to Him. ³¹ In the meantime His disciples urged Him, saying, “Rabbi, eat.”³² But He said to them, “I have food to eat of which you do not know.”³³ Therefore the disciples said to one another, “Has anyone brought Him *anything* to eat?”³⁴ Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to finish His work. ³⁵ 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! ³⁶ And he who reaps receives wages, and gathers fruit for eternal life, that both he who sows and he who reaps may rejoice together. ³⁷ For in this the saying is true: ‘One sows and another reaps.’ ³⁸ I sent you to reap that for which you have not labored; others have labored, and you have entered into their labors.”

The Savior of the World

³⁹ 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.” ⁴⁰ So when the Samaritans had come to Him, they urged Him to stay with them; and He stayed there two days. ⁴¹ And many more believed because of His own word.

⁴² 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 ^[a]the Christ, the Savior



Top Ten Momisims

- 1) Why? Because I said so, that's why!
- 2) I'm going to give you until the count of three!
- 3) It's all fun and games until someone gets hurt!
- 4) I don't know is not an answer!
- 5) I would never have talked to my mother that way!
- 6) I'm not running a taxi service!
- 7) If everyone jumped off a cliff, would you do it too!
- 8) Someday your face will freeze like that!
- 9) It hurts me more than it hurts you!
- 10) Bob, Sue, Joe, Fido, whatever your name is!

PARISH NEWS

SISTERHOOD OF ST. JULIANA MEETING

Sunday, May 21, following the Divine Liturgy

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

May 23, 2023, at 7:00 pm

TEMPLE FEAST OF ST. ELIA THE PROPHET

The Feast Day of St. Elia is on July 20 and will be celebrated with a Vespereal Divine Liturgy on **Wednesday, July 19 at 6:00 pm**

Continuing our Feast Day celebration, we will welcome His Eminence, our Father, and Archbishop Alexander, on the following **Sunday, July 23**, to celebrate the Pontifical Divine Liturgy followed by a picnic style luncheon. **Please mark your calendars.**

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OUR STEWARDHIP – May 7, 2023

Candles:	\$ 87.00
Wish List:	50.00
Sunday Offering:	655.00
TOTAL:	\$ 797.00

Tithely Donations:	\$ 314,43
PayPal	100.00

TOTAL OFFERINGS: \$1,211.83

WISH LIST

With the rising costs in almost everything, our Parish of St. Elia, along with everybody else, is also facing financial difficulties in the present and more in the future to meet the daily bills on time. Thank you to all who faithfully donate and are willing to help the Treasurer meet these responsibilities on our behalf. If you are able, please consider increasing your offerings by monetary donations and/or by special donations of the Parish needs of items listed on the WISH LIST:

Paper towels

Bathroom Tissues

Kleenex

Dishwasher Soap

Incense (\$20.00 for a half pound)

Censor Charcoal (\$30.00)

4-hour votive candles (\$36.50 a gross)

7 Day Votive Candles (\$52.00 for a case of 12)

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Visit the St. Elia Shop

If you haven't visited the little St. Elia "shop" downstairs in the parish hall lately, we are carrying several new items including coffee mugs with quotes from the saints, and St. Elia T-shirts and baseball caps. If you are interested in a piece of St. Elia "spirit wear" in a certain size or style that's not currently available, please see Aaron Gray about a special order. All proceeds go toward the life and ministry of our parish. Thank you for your support.

**REMEMBERING THOSE SERVING IN THE
ARMED FORCES**

Subdeacon Anthony Freude, son of Fr Don and
Popadia Donna Freude
Egor Cravcenco, son of Serghei and Ludmila
Cravcenco

REMEMBERING OUR SICK AND SHUTINS

Archbishop Benjamin
Archbishop Nathaniel
Joseph Boyle (brother of Kathy Gray)
Phyllis (sister of Rose Marie Vronick)
Florence Lambo
Martin Vronick
Nicoletta (Nikki) Bober
Pani Dolores Zuder
Matushka Myra Kovalak
Mitered Archpriest Daniel Kovalak
Matushka Christine Zebren
Matushka Laryssa Hutnyan
Subdeacon Martin Paluch
Barbara Harp (sister of Veronica Bilas)
Ted Theodore
Sarah Costadinova
Melissa Trace
Gerald Gray (father of Subdeacon Aaron Gray)
Kalie Obeng Fiorg
Louis Hakim

What does love mean?

A group of professional people posed this question to a group of 4 to 8 year olds: "What does love mean?" The answers they got were broader, deeper, and more profound than anyone could have ever imagined.

"When my grandmother got arthritis, she couldn't bend over and paint her toenails anymore...So my grandfather does it for her all the time, even when his hands got arthritis too. That's love." Rebecca - age 8

"When someone loves you, the way they say your name is different. You just know your name is safe in their mouth." Billy – age 4

"Love is when a girl puts on perfume and a boy puts on shaving lotion, and they go out and smell each other." Karl – age 5

"Love is when you go out to eat and give somebody most of your French fries without making them give any of theirs." Chrissy – age 6

"Love is what makes you smile when you are tired." Terri –age 4

"Love is when my mommy makes coffee for my daddy and she takes a sip before giving it to him, to make sure the taste is OK." Danny – age 8

"Love is what is in the room with you at Christmas if you stop opening presents and just listen." Bobby – age 7

"If want to learn love better, you should start with a friend who you hate." Nika – age 6

“Love is when you tell a guy you like his shirt, then he wears it every day.” Noelle – age 7

“Love is like a little old woman and a little old man who are still friends even after they know each other so well.”

Tommy – age 6

“During my piano recital, I was on stage and I was scared. I looked at all the people watching me and saw my daddy waving and smiling. He was the only one doing that. I wasn’t scared anymore.” Cindy – age 8

“My mommy loves me more than anybody. You don’t see anyone else kissing me to sleep at night.” Clare – age 6

“Love is when mommy gives daddy the best piece of chicken.” Elaine – age 5

“Love is when mommy sees daddy sweaty and smelling and still says he is handsomer than Robert Redford.” Chris – age 7

“Love is when your puppy licks your face even after you have left him alone all day.” Mary Ann – age 4

“I know my older sister loves me because she gives me all her old clothes and has to go out and buy new ones.” Lauren- age 4

“When you love someone, your eyelashes go up and down and little stars come out of you.” Karen- age 7

“You really shouldn’t say ‘I love you’ unless you mean it. But if you mean it, you should say it a lot. People forget”

Jessica-age 8

And this final one: The winner was a four-year-old child whose next-door neighbor was an elderly gentleman who had recently lost his wife. Upon seeing the man cry, the little boy went into the old gentleman’s yard, climbed on his lap and just sat there.

When his mother asked what he had said to the neighbor, the little boy said, ‘Nothing, I just helped him cry.’

***“Rivers don’t drink their own waters.
Trees do not eat their own fruit.
the sun does not shine on itself and
flowers do not spread their fragrance for
themselves.”***

***“Living for others is a rule of nature. We
are all born to help each other.”***

***“No matter how difficult it is...Life is
good when you are happy, but much
better when others are happy because of
you.”***

