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Fifth Sunday of Pascha – Samaritan Woman

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Scheduled Readers 2025

Sunday, May 18 - Sue Ellen Turscak
Sun. May 25- Hours: Subd. Terrence Bilas
Epistle: Anastasia Bohush

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

CHRIST IS RISEN! INDEED, HE IS RISEN

5th SUNDAY OF PASCHA. Tone 4 SAMARITAN WOMAN
Afterfeast of the Midfeast of Pentecost
Saturday, May 17
5:00 pm Reception of Denise Britto into the Catechumenate
Great Vespers and Confessions
Sunday, May 18
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 11:19-26, 29-30
Gospel: John 4:5-42

6th SUNDAY OF PASCHA. Tone 5 BLIND MAN
Third Finding of the Honorable Head of the Holy Glorious Prophet, Forerunner and Baptist John
Saturday, May 24
5:00 pm Great Vespers and Confessions
Sunday, May 25
9:10 am 3rd and 6th Hours: Subd. Terrence Bilas
9:30 am Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom
Epistle Reader: Anastasia Bohush
Epistle: Acts 16:16-34 Gospel: John 9:1-38

THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD
Wednesday, May 28
6:00 pm Vesperal Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom

THIS SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

Barnabas and Saul at Antioch

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: 4:5-42

The Woman at the well

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 of the world."

SUNDAY OF THE SAMARITAN WOMAN

Pentecostarion, for Midfeast

The middle of the days has come, beginning with the Savior's Resurrection, and sealed by the holy Pentecost The first and the last glisten with splendor. We rejoice in the union of both feasts, as we draw near to the Lord's Ascension: the sign of our coming glorification.

The middle day between Pascha and Pentecost is solemnly celebrated and is called the **Midfeast of Pentecost**, at which Christ, ***"in the middle of the feast"***, teaches men of His saving mission and offers to all the ***"waters of immortality***:" ***"If anyone is thirsty let him come to me and drink"*** (John 7:37.

And now, the Fifth Sunday of Pascha brings us to the woman of Samaria with whom Christ spoke at Jacob's well. Jesus said to her: ***"Whoever drinks of this water from the well 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."*** ***Continued next page***

The Holy Martyr Photina was the Samaritan woman who had the rare fortune to speak with the Lord Christ Himself at Jacob's well in Sychar. Coming to faith in the Lord, she then came to believe in His Gospel with her two sons, Victor and Josiah and five sisters who were called Anatolia, Phota, Photida, Paraskeva and Kyriake. They went to Carthage in Africa. But they were arrested and taken to Rome in the time of the Emperor Nero and thrown into prison. By the providence of God, Domnina, Nero's daughter, came into contact with Photina and was brought by her to the Christian faith. After imprisonment, they all suffered for Christ. Photina, who first encountered the light of truth by a well, was thrown into a well, where she died and entered into the immortal Kingdom of Christ.

Prologue of Ochrid, St .Nikolai Velimirovich

GRADUATE CONGRATULATIONS

Our Parish Family prayerfully congratulates **ANDREW GRAY** graduating from High School on May 24. Andrew is committed to the University of Mount Union studying biology. with a research position at their nature center**.** **MANY YEARS ANDREW!**

PROMOTION CONGRATULATIONS

On Monday, May 12, Lieutenant Colonel Anthony Elias Freude was promoted to Colonel at the Ceremony held at the National Museum of the United States Army in Washington DC. The National Anthem was sung by his father-in-law, Mr. Philip Evancho and the Invocation by his father, Fr. Don Anthony Freude, with his children participating in the pinning of his new rank . Prayerful congratulations Subdeacon Anthony. **MANY YEARS!**

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 20 AT 6:30 PM

CHURCH SCHOOL TEACHERS MEETING

A Church School Staff meeting will be held on **Sunday, June 1,** following Divine Liturgy to discuss and share thoughts and reflections as we continue to build a firm Orthodox Formation Program for our Parish and children.

GRASS-CUTTING HELP NEEDED

Please watch for the sign-up sheet in the parish hall and choose any dates that you would be able to assist with cutting the grass using our parish riding mower. Please see Subdeacon Terry Bilas if you have any questions.

BOOKSTORE VOLUNTEER(S) SOUGHT

We are looking for one or more people who would be interested in overseeing and growing our parish bookstore/gift area in the Parish Hall. If this interests you, please contact Deacon Aaron Gray.

OUR STEWARDSHIP
MAY 11, 2025

Candles:	**$ 45.00**
Sun Tray Offerings:	**240.00**
Tithely Offerings:	**283.12**
PayPal Offerings:	**145.51**
TOTAL:	**$713.63**

REMEMBERING THOSE SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES

Subdeacon Anthony Freude, son of Fr Don and Popadia Donna
Egor Cravcenco, son of Serghei and Ludmila
Khristopher Barnhart, son of Diego and Chanelle

REMEMBERING OUR SICK AND SHUTINS

Archbishop Onuphry of the Ukraine
Archbishop Benjamin
Archbishop Nathaniel
Archpriest Anderew Moulton
Archpriest Emil Huntyan
Priest Gabriel Bilas
Priest John Manuel
Mitered Archpriest Daniel Kovalak
Matushka Myra Kovalak
Matushka Christine Zebren
Matushka Laryssa Huntyan
Matushka Valerie Zahersky
Subdeacon Martin Paluch,
Reader John Paluch
Florence Lambo
Mary Magensky
Sarah Niglio
Melissa Trace
Frances Hakim
Louis Hakim
Joey Gresh
Halina Woroncow
Joseph Taylor
Brian Gable
Ellen Rees
David Elioff
Sofia Wsevolodovna

Book Study: LIVING AS AN ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN IN AMERICAN SOCIETY

7:00-8:15 PM, Thursdays, May 22 - July 10, St. Elia Church (a Zoom connection will also be available)

Orthodox Christians are often unaware of how profoundly American culture affects their beliefs and spiritual practices. American ideas and habits regarding individualism, democracy, progress, politics, sexuality, and wealth are frequently at odds with the teachings of Holy Tradition. This study is intended to shed light on these secular attitudes and philosophies, and compare them, in a side-by-side format, to the theology and spiritual practices of the Eastern Orthodox Church. The goal of our class is not simply to know what Orthodoxy teaches, but to achieve an Orthodox *phronema* or mindset.

The class is based on an eBook (PDF) by the same name. For those without computer access, black and white printed copies can be made in advance by request (about $8 for an unbound copy). But most people will benefit by using the searchable electronic version which contains hundreds of online links.

If you are interested in joining this class, you can download the book at saintelia.com/news/bookstudy/

If you are attending by zoom, please contact Bill DiPuccio by email before Thursday, May 22, to obtain thelink: wlliamdipuccio@sbcglobal.net

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