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5th SUNDAY OF PASCHA

The Samaritan Woman

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Scheduled Readers - 2026

Sunday, May 10 - Reader Michael Luc
Sunday. May 17 - Hours: Subdeacon Terrence Bilas
Epistle: Anastasia Bohush

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF PASCHA – *Tone 4*

SAMARITAN WOMAN Mother's Day

Saturday, May 9

5:00 pm Great Vespers and Confessions
Matins Gospel: John 20:1-10

Sunday, May 10 - *Mother's Day*

9:10 am 3rd and 6th Hours: Reader Michael Luc
9:30 am Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

Epistle Reader: Reader Michael Luc

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

SIXTH SUNDAY OF PASCHA – Tone 5

BLIND MAN

Saturday, May 16

5:00 pm Great Vespers and Confessions
Matins Gospel: John 20:11-18

Sunday, May 17

9:10 am 3rd and 6th Hours: Subdeacon Terrence Bilas
9:30 am Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

Epistle Reader: Anastasia Bohush
Epistle: Acts 16:16-34 Gospel: John 9:1-38

THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD

HOLY EQUAL-TO-THE-APOSTLES: EMPEROR CONSTANTINE AND HIS MOTHER, HELEN

Wednesday, May 20

6:00 pm Vesperal Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Sunday of the Samaritan Woman

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

Barnabas and Saul at Antioch

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. 21And 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. 26And 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

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

The Samaritan Woman

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 six hours.

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."

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."**

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 Velimirovic**h**

A BLESSED MOTHER'S DAY

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!

REMEMBERING THOSE SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES

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

REMEMBER OUR SICK AND SHUT-INS

Metropolitan Onuphry of the Ukraine
Metropolitan Theodosy of the Ukraine
Metropolitan Arseny of the Ukraine
Archbishop Benjamin
Archbishop Nathaniel
Archpriest Emil Huntyan
Matushka Laryssa Hnntyan
Mitred Archpriest Daniel Kovalak
Matushka Myra Kovalak
Priest Gabriel Bilas
Matushka Christine Zebren
Matushka Valerie
Florence Lambo
Michele Lambo
Marc Lambo
Mary Magensky
Sarah Nigilo
Melissa Trace
Frances Hakim
Louis Hakim
Joey Gresh
Halina Woroncow
Joseph Taylor
Sofia Wsevolodov
Gary and Patricia Thompson

CELEBRATING OUR DOCTRINAL GRADUATE

As a Parish Family we can joyfully celebrate the milestone in the lives of one another. Dr. Benjamin Czarnota walked in commencement on Saturday, May 9 at Indiana University, Jacobs School of Music. He receives a Doctor of Music in Music Literature and Performance. BRAVO! MANY YEARS!

PARISH COUNCIL

St. Elia Parish Council will meet for the monthly meeting on May 26 at 6:30 pm

Coming soon to St. Elia Parish Theater Hall - **Friday evening, June 12, at 6:30 pm**. A FREE SCREENING of ***'American Orthodox.'*** The film is approximately 50 minutes and additional time for Q&A and discussion. It explores the living presence of Orthodoxy in America through saints, sacred places, and personal stories of faith. ***All ages are welcome!***

Winter/Spring Bible Study:
The Epistle to the Hebrews

Join us as we study and discuss this rich and meaningful book of the New Testament that is read in the Orthodox Church throughout the year. All sessions will be from **6:30 to 7:30 p.m.,**

Our up-coming and last session on May 14 will meet at Freude Home,
Deacon Aaron will send the details by e-mail. We look forward to learning together!

Session 6: Let Brotherly Love Continue
Hebrews 12:14 to 13:25 •
Thursday, May 14, Freude Home

OUR STEWARDSHIP: May 3, 2026

Candles	**95.00**
Pantocrator Icon:	**100.00**
Bingo Salad Supper:	**138.63**
Improvement Fund:	**5.00**
Tithely Offering:	**358.25**
Sunday Tray Offering:	**1,090.00**
TOTAL:	**$1,786.88**

GRASS-CUTTING HELP NEEDED

Please look for the sign-up sheet in the hall and choose any date that you would be able to assist with cutting the grass using our Parish riding-mower. Please see Subdeacon Terrence Bilas if you have any further questions