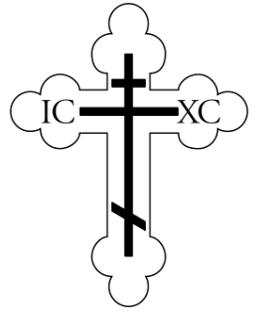


Protection of the Virgin Mary



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**Welcome visitors!
Please join us in
the parish hall after
Divine Liturgy for
coffee hour.**

May 26, 2019

Midfeast Sunday: Samaritan Woman

This week we celebrate the midpoint of the fifty days between
the Feasts of Pascha and Pentecost.

HYMNS OF THE DAY

Tone 4 – Resurrectional Troparion

When the women disciples of the Lord
learned from the angel the joyous message of Your resurrection,
they cast away the ancestral curse
and elatedly told the apostles:

“Death is overthrown!

Christ our God is risen, //
granting the world great mercy!”

Tone 8 – Troparion of Midfeast

In the middle of the feast, O Savior,
fill my thirsting soul with the waters of piety as You cried to all:
“If anyone thirst, let him come to Me and drink!” //
O Christ God, Fountain of our life, glory to You!

Tone 8 – Kontakion for the Samaritan Woman

The Samaritan Woman came to the well in faith;
she saw You, the Water of wisdom and drank abundantly.//
She inherited the Kingdom on high, and is ever glorified!

Tone 4 – Kontakion of 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 You and faithfully cry://
“Grant us Your mercies, for You are the Fountain of our life!”

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Epistle: Acts 11.19-26, 29-30

At that time, 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

At that time, Jesus 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 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."

WE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

N.Dep. Michael Pachapa

Sophianos Hasapis

Anthony Leone

Ev.Mem. Todor Doneff ('59)

John Waranowsky ('52)

Thomas Gashtevich ('85)

Danny Shocaroff

Anatol Meuch

Health &

Salvation:

Protopr. George

Mat. Anna

Archpr. Peter

Archpr. John

Pr. John

Pr. Christopher

Mat. Jennifer

Andrew

Gideon

Kevin

Jon

Tanya

Kimberly

Gail

William

Jovan

Charles

Barbara

Theodore

Michael

Julia

Warren

Janet

Gilbert

Carol

Ryan

Peter

Janie

Tom

Elizabeth

Tina

Adam

Myah

Margaret

Diane

Madelin

Villian

Deborah

Claudia

John

Carisa

Natalia

Elizabeth

Tom

Paul

Alexander

Darlene	Lennox	Allyson
Kristin	Irvin	Joseph
Mitchel	Linda	Daniel
Brittany	Laila	Alvin
Jennifer	Richard	Kenneth
David	Paula	Anna
Chris	Christopher	Justin
Benjamin	Brian	Nika
Juliana	Jennifer	Leo
Joseph	Kevin	Shaun
Cathy	Barbara	Gail
Laurie	Thomas	Maria

*If you know someone who needs prayer, please give their name to Fr Jacob

From Pascha until Ascension, instead of "It is Truly Meet..." we sing "The Angel Cried..." and instead of "We have seen the true light..." we sing "Christ is Risen..."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome **Fr. Danial Doss!** Fr. Jacob is in Saint Louis today with his family. He returns tonight and will be at St. Mary's cemetery tomorrow morning @ 9am rain or shine for the **blessing of graves.**

At **Bible Study** this Wednesday (7pm) we are studying Genesis 4-6.

The **PTVM Jan Hughes Memorial Golf Outing** is **Saturday, June 1** at the Summertree Golf Course in Crown Point. The proceeds will benefit our Church's building and repair fund and be used to develop charitable and educational projects in our community! Please consider sponsoring a hole (\$125), or making a monetary or prize donation. Golfers need to RSVP as soon as possible so we have an accurate count for the banquet. Those wishing to purchase tickets or to help in any way, including preparing desserts or appetizers ahead of time, please see Rich or Linda Svihra or Lara Richards. Thanks in advance! – The Golf Committee

The **O-Club** is pleased to report that the Trivia Night raised \$1200, \$600 of which has been donated to Meals on Wheels.

Mark your calendars:

May 27: Memorial Day **Grave Blessings** beginning at St. Mary's Cemetery @ 9am

May 29: **Bible Study** @ 7pm

May 30: **Faith Enrichment** @ 10am

Jun 1: Annual **Golf Outing** at Summertree in Crown Point

Jun 5: Great Vespers for the **Feast of the Ascension** @ 6pm

Jun 6: Divine Liturgy for the **Feast of the Ascension** @10am

Jun 9: **Livestream with Bishop Paul:** www.midwestfamily.org

Jul 27: **Mortgage Burning party!**

Last Week's Offerings to the Lord: \$2059

The Foundations of Stewardship **by His Beatitude, our Metropolitan Tikhon**

Two years ago, I served the funeral for a remarkable young woman, whom I had previously only met once when I brought Communion to her and her family as she lay on her bed of recovery after an amputation. She was a gifted 11-year old who sang, danced and played the piano and the violin on a professional level. The year before, she had been diagnosed with a rare form of terminal cancer and bore that cross until the Lord received her into His Kingdom. Even as she faced physical suffering, the difficulties of treatment, and the reality of her own death, she never lost the joy of living, nor did she grow bitter or angry. A few weeks before her falling asleep, she sent out a message: "It was snowing today [here]! The snow was so strong and the grass was white! It was majestic! I hope you can visit me soon. You are always welcome! Hope to see you soon!" Her courageous and joyful example, along with her Christ-like long-suffering, confirmed for me that

truly the Glory of God is revealed in a human person, sometimes more brightly in the most trying of circumstances, and that there is no work that is more necessary than the caring for our broken and hurting fellows, all of whom, like us, are made in the image and likeness of that Glory. This is the foundation of genuine stewardship.

Stewardship is the application of our spiritual life to the realities of the fallen world. Creation itself is in need of healing, but those of us who dwell within that creation are also in need of healing, since it is on our account that creation fell. And healing requires a therapeutic method of treatment, which the Church offers to us through the Holy Mysteries and the liturgical and sacramental life by which we become true human beings and, by God's grace, saints. If Christ is the Divine Physician, then He is the Physician for all of us and for all of creation. His Body, the Church—reflected in her monasteries, parishes, and communities—serves as a hospital for the souls of all who are broken, beaten down or wounded.

The spiritual life is not simply a routine that we follow; it is the foundation by which the human person finds healing. When we partake of the Holy Mysteries, not only our hearts, but our bodies also are filled with the life of the Holy Trinity; when we pray before our icons, it is not only our soul, but all of mankind which is transformed; and when we care for our fellows, we not only give value to their existence, but we become authentic human beings ourselves, placed within a transfigured creation, which we must care for as a garden planted by God Himself.

Glory to God for all things!