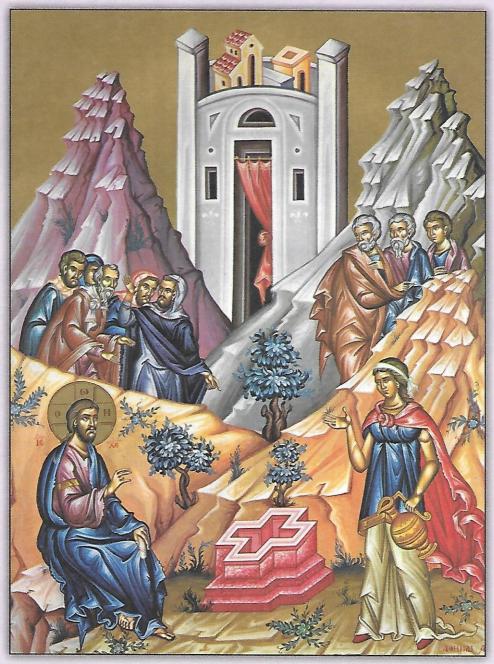
SUNDAY OF THE SAMARITAN WOMAN



Icon of Christ with the Samaritan Woman

The Samaritan Woman

The Fourth Gospel, attributed to Saint John the Evangelist, is used exclusively from Easter until Pentecost for the Sunday readings. The first chapter of John's Gospel is the proclamation used for the Divine Liturgy on Easter itself. This week, we are reminded of the story of Christ's encounter with the Samaritan woman at the well of Jacob, and thereby Christ's fulfillment of the Old Testament. In one of the many unique stories of the Fourth Gospel not found in the Synoptics (Matthew, Mark or Luke), Jesus reveals himself as Messiah to this woman of Samaria and talks with her about the "water that I will give will become ... a spring of water gushing up to eternal life."

In the early days of His ministry, Jesus travels back and forth between Galilee and Jerusalem, and must pass through Samaria. The Samaritans were outcast Jews because they were not subject to the Babylonian exile of the Israelites from other provinces. Therefore, when Jesus talks with this Samaritan woman, His disciples are surprised and in shock that He would carry on a conversation with a woman at the well, let alone a Samaritan. But as the story is explained, the woman's testimony about Jesus spreads through the nearby town, and because of her many come to hear His teachings. After hearing His word, they come to believe in Him, and proclaim Him "the Savior of the world." (Jn 4:42)

With water as the focal point of this encounter, we are once again reminded of our Baptism, and that Christ's Baptism is that of "eternal life" through "living water."

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"Christ is Risen!"
"Khristos Voskres!"

May 19, 2019 Samaritan Woman

WE CONGRATULATE FATHER ROBERT today on his 25th priestly anniversary and send out all our prayers and love to him in Washington, DC. He is the Pastor of our church of the Holy Family, as well as the Rector of the adjacent St. Josaphat Seminary. We are all so proud of him and so happy for all his success. We also send our love to his mother Mary-Ellen and brothers Keith and David, as well as to his late father Horace beaming down from heaven today. We pray today that the Archpriest Jesus the Christ will grant Father Robert and all his family love and joy for many good years - MNOHAYA LEETA!

OUR BUS TRANSPORT will depart from the church here at 6:30 am today, Sunday, for Fr. Robert's jubilee Liturgy and banquet in Washington, DC. Some 45 folks will attend the the celebration and then, time permiting, make a half-hour stop at nearby campus of Catholic University and the National Shrine Church for a group photograph. We trust in the Lord that all our folks will have a safe and joyful experience Sunday.

NINE CHILDREN RECEIVED first solemn Holy Communion last Sunday in our Church in what was a truly inspiring ceremony. We thank our two catechists Kathy Plush and Christine Pandolfo for all their love and devotion for our children and the Lord Jesus. God bless all ourangelic students and our wonderful teachers, as well as all our school catechists.

PRIMARY ELECTION DAY here in Pennsylvania is this Tuesday, the 21st, as our Parish will host all the voters from the 2nd Ward in Bridgeport. Our Church is proud to serve the local community and contribute to our great civic tradition of selecting our political leaders.

ON MONDAY, MAY 27, Memorial Day, we will celebrate the Holy Liturgy at 9 am in the church for all our Veterans and all our beloved deceased. Then we will celebrate at 10 am our memorial Panachyda service at our cemetery for all those buried therein. We will then visit your familial graves to sing a brief prayer for those who have passed on. Come out and pray with us on Memorial Day!

Father Ronald thanks all the kind folks who remembered him this week on his birthday. Thank you for all the prayers, kind thoughts and cards on this occasion. And we thank Peter and Martha, Father's good parents, who gave their firtsborn son to the Lord and the Lord's service, for all these so many happy years.

TODAY'S TROPAR: Christ is risen from the dead, conquering death by death, bestowing life upon those in the grave.

GLORY TO THE FATHER AND THE SON...

TODAY'S KONTAK: The Samaritan Woman who came to the well with faith, saw You, the Water of Wisdom; she drank abundantly from it, and thus won the kingdom of heaven, being glorified forever.

TODAY'S PROKIMEN: Sing to our God, sing; sing to our King, sing.

DIVINE SERVICES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, 6 pm +Anna Lonchar (The Rapine Family)
Sunday, 9 am +Cousin Oksana (Slava, Roslana, Lilia)
Thursday, 7 am +Sally Rumsey (Kathy Popivchak and Family)
Friday, 7 am +Bill Granger (Bill maruszczak)
Saturday, 8 am +Deceased in the Makar Family (Luba Makar)
Saturday, 6 pm Health of the Halas Family (Cindy and Elaine)
Sunday, 9 am Health of the Fedoryshyn Family (Oksana Fedoryshyn)

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