## 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."

Archbishop Vsevolod of Scopelos

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"Christ is Risen!"
"Khristos Voskres!"

May 1-2, 2021
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This Weekend we will live-stream the Sunday morning Divine liturgy at 9 am throughout the Country on the YOUTUBE betwork. Be sure to inform all your friends and family members near and far about this exceptional chance to sing and pray with us, particularly on this May Day Feast of Mary the Theotokos, Mother of God. Next weekend we plan to live-stream the Saturday evening Liturgy at 6 pm, May 8.

OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL STUDENTS WILL HONOR Mary, the Mother of God, this Marian weekend. Check out our Parish Website to share in this wonderful program. Our School will conclude the spring semester on Sunday May 16. We are so very grateful to all our Parish Teachers-catechists for their love and devotion for our dear children with Prof. George Maxim in the lead. God bless all of you.

PLEASE REMEMBER all our ailing and struggling folks this week: Maryanne Cameron, Luba jackson, Maryann kardash, our dear Catechist Kathy Plush, Father's Sister-in-Law Noreen in Florida, Pat and Donny Pasquale, and Bishop Andriy Rabij. Perhaps a card, a prayer, a kind thought...?

PS - Latest news is thatthe Good Bishop is struggling mightily with the Corona Virus in a Philadelphia hospital.

SPEAKING OF THE CORONA VIRUS, IF YOU HAVE SOME HESITANCY ABOUT GETTING the vaccine, it is best to speak with your family doctor. Personally, Father has received both shots of the Moderna Vaccine with no side effects. Please don't kid yourself. This virus is deadly.

BOTH CHURCH CALENDARS and church donation boxes are available today in the Church vestibule and/or basement. Please take these items home for yourselves and your family members.

WE SEND OUT TODAY OUR LOVING THANKS TO ALL THE GOOD PEOPLE, BOTH IN Church and on our livestream network, for their generosity to our Parish. We are especially grateful to the folks for their monetary gifts for our refrigeration system in our Hall Kitchen. God bless all of you with good health and much peace!

UPCOMING EVENTS: Mayday Feast to honor Mary; Fr. Pastor's 80th birthday day celebration, May 22-23; First Holy Eucharist, Fathers Day, June 20.

## DIVINE SERVICES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, May 1, 6 pm Sunday, May 2, 9 am

+Joseph Dudas (Margaret, Daughters) +Roman Dychdala (Lidia and Family)

Saturday, May 8, 6 pm Sunday, May 9, 9 am

+Dr. Howard Leyboldt (Wife Joanne) +Bruce Wagner (Joanna Franzone)

TODAY'S TROPAR:

When the Easter-Paschal season reaches the half-mark, O Christ, water my thirsty soul with piety, even as You once cried out: "Let him who is thirsty come to me and drink". For You are the Fountain of Life, Glory be to You.

GLORY TO THE FATHER AND THE SON AND ...

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 gained the Kingdom of Heaven, amen.

TODAY'S PROKIMEN:

Sing to our God, sing. Sing to our King, sing.

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