

SUNDAY OF THE CANAANITE



Icon of the Canaanite Woman (Matthew 15:21-29)

The Gentiles Cry Out for Jesus

To grasp the inner motive of the Canaanite woman for obtaining what came to pass, we must reflect on the impact of her words. There is a firm belief that there was and still is in Israel a community of converts who passed over from the Gentiles into the works of the law. They had left behind their previous life and were bonded by the religion of a foreign land and dominating law as though from home. The Canaanites were inhabiting the lands of present-day Judea. Whether absorbed by war or dispersed to neighboring places or brought into servitude as a vanquished people, they carried about their name but lacked a native land. Intermingled with the Jews, therefore, these people came from the Gentiles. And since a portion of those among the crowds

who believed were converts, the Canaanite woman most likely had left her territory, preferring the status of a proselyte – that is, coming out from the Gentiles to the community of a neighboring people. She was appealing on behalf of her daughter, who was a type for all the Gentile people. And since she knew the Lord from the law, she addressed him as Son of David. For in the law, the king of the eternal and heavenly kingdom is referred to as the “rod out of the stem of Jesse and the son of David.” This woman, who professed Christ as both Lord and Son of David, did not need healing. Rather, she was begging for help for her daughter – that is, the Gentile people in the grips of unclean spirits.

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Christ is Born!
Khristos Razhdayetsia!

Jan. 22-23, 2022
The 35th Sunday

THIS SUNDAY, THE 23RD, WE WILL LIVESTREAM THE Holy Liturgy at 9 am on the Youtube platform for all our shut-ins and distant-living folks. Next weekend we plan to livestream once again the Holy Liturgy Saturday evening, the 29th, at 6 pm. Be sure to tell all your friends and relatives about this wonderful chance to sing and pray with us.

OUR TERRIFIC SUNDAY SCHOOL is now in spring session for all our youth. Parents can enroll their school-age youngsters on the parish website and these students will be enrolled in the proper class on google meet at 11 am every Sunday. This program is free and open for all students, from PreSchool through Highschool, including First Communion.

WE HAVE SUCCEEDED in removing the 100-year-old Walnut tree from the parish orchard thanks to the great work of Jack Strouse and his men. We pray that the Good Lord will bless these fellows and the Strouse Family for their great labors.

THE NEW RECTORY ROOF is now one-half complete. All we need is some decent and clement weather to complete this project. We thank all the generous folks for their kind donations to make this job possible.

ON THURSDAY WE SANG THE BURIAL PRAYERS FOR +Michael Gergel, 76, of Swedeland, Upper Merion. We pray today that the Archangel Michael will now take +Michael home to heaven and make his memory eternal.

NEW PARISH CALENDARS and donation envelopes have been prepared for all the faithful. If you cannot find your envelopes, simply tell Fr. Pastor and we will prepare them for you by the following week. Also, please take home these items for your neighbors and relatives, please.

WE ARE SO VERY GRATEFUL to all the kind folks for their donations by mail and in person this past week. OUT OF TOWN FAITHFUL, from Florida to New Hampshire and points between, have been so generous to our Parish. God bless all you good people with health and peace in 2022!

DIVINE SERVICES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, Jan. 22, 6 pm	+John, Mary Dudas (Margaret, Fam.)
Sunday, Jan. 23, 9 am	+George Dychdala, Family (Lidia D.)
Saturday, Jan. 29, 6 pm	+Karpov, Mary Moshtuk (Mary Irene)
Sunday, Jan. 30, 9 am	+Wasyk, Anastasia, Olga, George (The Maruszczak Family)

TODAY'S TROPAR:

When You descend unto death, O Life Immortal,
You vanquished hell with the splendor of Your
Divinity. When You raised up the ead from the subterranean abodes,
the angels cried out: O Life-Giver Christ our God, Glory be to You.

GLORY TO THE FATHER AND THE SON...

TODAY'S KONTAK:

You rose from the tomb, O Savior Almighty,
as hell saw this miracle and feared. All the
world saw this and exulted with You, and today the universe now is
praising You forever, amen.

TODAY'S PROKIMEN:

My strength and my song is the Lord, my
Salvation and my hope.

LOVE, Fr. Rozala