



*The Samaritan Woman*

*Fifth Sunday of Pascha*



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### **HOLY MYSTERIES**

**VISITATIONS OF THE SICK AND INFIRM** – If you are going into the hospital for any reason, please inform Father Stephen at the Rectory. Our hospitalization code for Christiana and Wilmington Hospitals is **UKR**.

**EMERGENCY CALLS** – Please call the Rectory anytime (day or night) in an Emergency!

**BAPTISMS** – Celebrated by appointment.

**CROWNING IN MARRIAGE** – Please discuss timing with Father prior to setting a date. At least six months notice is needed. There are three 2-hour courses that must be attended prior to the Wedding.

**BULLETIN DEADLINE** – The deadline for getting information printed in the Weekly Bulletin is Wednesday.

**SUNDAY COLLECTIONS** – For the Needs of the Parish; 2<sup>nd</sup> Youth Ministry

**June 2, 2024**  
**Volume 60: Number 22**  
**Schedule of Services and Activities**  
**Week of June 2 - 9, 2024**  
**Celebrating our 97<sup>th</sup> year of Service to the Lord**

Sunday, June 2 - Sunday of the Samaritan Woman – Tone 4

8:30 AM – Confessions

9:15 AM – Hours

9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy for the Faithful

Coffee Hour

Saturday, June 8

10:00 AM – 5:00 PM - Hall Rental

Sunday, June 9 - Sunday of the Man Born Blind – Tone 5

8:30 AM – Confessions

9:15 AM – Hours

9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy for the Faithful

Pankahyda: +Protopresbyter Frank Estocin (14 Yrs)

Coffee Hour – UOL Meeting

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**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

Sunday of the Samaritan Women - Matins: John 20:1-10; Liturgy: Acts of the Apostles

11:19-26, 29-30; John 4:5-42

Monday - Acts of the Apostles 12:12-17; John 8:42-51

Tuesday –Acts of the Apostles 12:25-13:12; John 8:51-59

Wednesday – Leave-taking of Mid-Pentecost – Acts of the Apostles 13:13-24; John 6:5-14

Thursday – Acts of the Apostles 14:20-27; John 9:39-10:9

Friday – Acts of the Apostles 15:5-34; John 10:17-28

Saturday – Acts 15:35-41; John 10:27-38

Sunday of the Man Born Blind – Matins: John 20:11-18; Liturgy: Acts of the Apostles

16:16-34; John 9:1-38

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**FATHER STEPHEN** – will be away from Monday, June 3 – Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup> . In case of an emergency, please call Father Gus (302) 479-5672 or Father Jerry (302) 798-7935.

## The Samaritan Woman . . . Saint Photini (Svetlana)

Today, on this the fourth Sunday following the Feasts of Feasts, the Pascha of the Orthodox Church, we read a lesson from the Gospel of John that details Christ's dealings with the Samaritan Woman. It was on account of this interaction that the Samaritans became the first people to recognize Jesus as Savior of the world. And, it is on account of this interaction that we first realize that the Gospel of Christ is for all people!



According to an early tradition, after the Resurrection of Christ [the Samaritan Woman] was baptized and given the Christian name Photini, (Svetlana) 'the enlighten one.' Along with her two sons and five daughters she went to Carthage to spread the gospel. There they were arrested, taken to Rome under Nero, imprisoned, and later martyred. According to tradition, Saint Photini, who first met Christ beside a well, was martyred for Christ by being thrown into a well. The Church commemorates her on March 20 (April 2).

For most of the faithful, Saint Photini is remembered on her feast day, yet some stewards of the Church call her to mind on a daily basis as they "enlighten" others with the Gospel of Christ. These stewards realize that the Gospel of Christ is for all people! These stewards, the missionaries, travel to the four corners of the earth, spreading the Word and assisting the faithful in the establishment of their Orthodox communities.

### Daily Reflections: The Samaritan Woman

Today's reading is rich in meaning; one way of understanding it is as a demonstration of the truth of a verse that we read yesterday: 'God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him' (3:17). The Samaritan woman would have been a good candidate for condemnation, if Jesus had wanted to go around condemning people. Being a Samaritan, she was a heretic. She had been divorced five times and was now living with a man. She might have been lazy as well: noon is a little late to be getting the day's water (verses 6-7). Jesus could certainly have found plenty to berate her about.

Instead Jesus struck up a friendly conversation with her, and offered to give her something. She was thirsty for ordinary water; Jesus told her about a source of water welling up to eternal life. He was that source, and he took the initiative to enter into her life.

Jesus neither approved of her multiple partners nor thought that Samaritan beliefs were just as valid as Jewish beliefs. This woman had done nothing to merit what Jesus offered her. But he offered it anyway, and offered it before pointing out her sins and mistakes.

Jesus treats us the same. There are things in our lives that he wants changed, but his first word to us is an offer of eternal life. He wants to satisfy our thirst with a spring that will never run dry. Picture yourself coming to this well and meeting Jesus. What words would he speak to you? What invitation would he make you?

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY** - is expressed to Timothy Feleshchuk, 6/2; Mary Duffy, 6/5; Miriam Krauthauser, 6/5; Linda Hnatow, 6/5; Natalia Smith, 6/8 & Katherina Smith, 6/8 May God grant them a very happy birthday and keep them for many, happy & blessed years!

### **MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

(Please find a substitute if you cannot make a given week)

June 2 – Victor Kaliakin and Sonya Patronik

June 9 – John Plachuta and Linda Hnatow

June 16 – John Plachuta and Linda Hnatow

June 23 – Matthew Andreas and Victor Kaliakin

June 30 – Matthew Andreas and Victor Kaliakin

### **MEETINGS**

**UOL MEETING** – Sunday, June 9 after Liturgy

**PARISH BOARD** – Tuesday, June 11 @ 6:30 PM

**SIGN UP SHEET FOR THE METROPOLITAN'S VISIT** – His Eminence, Metropolitan Antony will be visiting our Parish for Liturgy on Ascension Thursday, June 13. We need to have a number for how many will attend the Luncheon afterwards. Please sign up at the coffee hour table. Thank you!

### **CLEANING OF THE CHURCH MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

Week of June 3 - Earle and Jennifer Robinson

Week of June 10 - John Plachuta and David Lazaration

Week of June 17 - Thomas and Lynn Sulpizi

Week of June 24 - Nancy Hlwiak, Jean Roeth, Zina Twardus

Week of July 1 - Earle and Jennifer Robinson

Week of July 8 - Michael Tilson & Linda Hnatow, Irene Maskaly

Week of July 15 - Mark & Laura Andreas

**DONATIONS (CREDIT CARDS) ACCEPTED** – for those who are interested, we can accept donations to the Church through credit cards. See Mark Andreas for details.

**WINE TASTING** - \$35/person, \$60/ couple – Saturday, June 29 from 5-8 PM – More Later

### **GREETER MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

June 2 - David and Eve Lazaration

June 9 - Zina Twardus and Nancy Tur

June 16 - Sandy Cramer

June 23 - Sonya Patronik

**We need more Greeters!! If you would like to volunteer, please see Father Stephen**

### **TENTATIVE CALENDER OF EVENTS**

Saturday, June 8 – Hall Rented

Thursday, June 13 – Ascension – Visit by Metropolitan Antony

Saturday, June 29 – Wine Tasting Event 5PM – 8PM

Sunday, June 16 – Father's Day Dinner

Monday, July 1 – Apostles' Fast

Sunday, July 14 – Patronal Dinner

Saturday, July 20 – Hall Rented

Saturday, August 3 – UOL Flea Market

Saturday, November 2 – Fall Bazaar

Tuesday, November 26 – Community Thanksgiving Service – Atonement Methodist

**SCHEDULING FOR THE PARISH** – Please remember that all events, work parties, use of the hall must be cleared through the calendar kept by Father Stephen so that dueling events can be avoided.

### **READERS MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

May 26 – Andrew Duncan

June 2 - Thomas Sulpizi

June 9 - Jean Roeth

June 16 - Pani Elizabeth Hutnick

June 23 - Linda Hnatow

June 30 – Andrew Duncan

July 7 – Thomas Scholtz

**We need more Readers, if you would like to volunteer, please see Father Stephen**

**GRADUATE SUNDAY** – will be celebrated on Father's Day, June 16. Please give to Father Stephen the name of the graduate from kindergarten, High School college or university with the name of the school, where the student will attend the next year or the degree (college) and where the graduate will go from here. All entries must be in by Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup>. Thank you.

**REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL** – Metropolitan Antony, Archbishop Daniel, Archimandrite Raphael, Father George Bazylevsky, Father Vasyl Dovhan, Father Oleh Hucul, Father Andrew Molewski, Father John Nakonechney, Father James Norton, Father Gerald Ozlanski, Father Volodymyr Wronskyj, Father Michael Zaparyniuk, Matushka Andrejuk, Matushka Laura Odell, Matushka Lisa Weremedic, Pani Matka Oksanna Bazylevsky, Pain Matka Marianne Ozlanski, Matka Annette Zaparyniuk, , Alicia, Nerry, Mykola, Brennan, Henry, Deborah, Galina, Dolores, Julian, Madison, Maria, Marie, Matt, Michele, Mykola, Penelope, Rita, Ryan, Jonathan Angelo, Randy Allen, Carolyn Angelo, Colby Atkinson, Shannon Austin, Stephania Bacha, Joyce Belles, Neil Belles, Joyce Bendoakas, Ethel Bernhard, Yaroslav Bilinsky, Irene Billon, James Bolton, Maria Borowenski, Betty Bosland, Becky Bosley, Angie Brengle, Paul Brengle, Patricia Bringle, Richard Bringle, Thomas Bringle, John Brick, Fedir Bukacz, Christine Cain, Mark Cello, Kathy Chalfont, Erik Colazo, Alex Czernik, Michael Dalaski, Sharon Dalaski, Stephen Dalecki, David Dalldorf, Paula Daubert, William Dewhurst, Peter DiVirgilio, James Dudrick, Kathleen Dugan, Margaret Durell, Mary Eagleton, Maria Economou, Mary Eagleton, Rose Eldridge, Thomas Fagan, Archantula Fanjoy, Mary Farell, James Garrett, Lisa Gee, Peter Glenn, Ivan Golovnirov, Kathleen Gortva, Staci Gray, Charles Gunther, David Hamilton, Richard Haslam, Rick Hastings, Victoria Herrschaft, Carla Hitchings, Greg Hitchings, Alicia Hlywak, John Hlywak, John Hnatow, Daniel Holoviak, Jennifer Huertes, Joette Jago, Stephen Johnson, Linda Josepinson, Michael Kapelus, Walter Katolik, Diane Keyser, Wendy Klinedinst, Judith Kocinski, Lorissa Kozakova, Ludmyla Krawchenko, Mykola Krawchenko, Sue Kreisa-Christian, Marlene Kuhar, Ron Lazaration, Karen Livick, Charles Lontor, Alla Lysenko, Jeremy Madea, Andrew Makolynyk, Jean Marano, Frederick McCarthy, Beth McKirachan, Fred McKirachan, Stephen McNulty, Ronald Michel, Mary Ann Michalcewicz, Michelle Michalcewiz, Lisa Miller, Matthew Miller, Mary Elizabeth Moran, Barry Morris, Elsie Moroz, Karen Needham, Julie Neff, Ann Nester, Laurie Newman, Betty Painter, Anastasios Pantelopulos, Anthony Pantelopulos, Linda Phillips, Joseph Pierson, Barry, Bernice & Ryan Pinkowicz, Daphne Pantelopulos, George Pantelopulos, Joseph Porini, Robert Powers, Joanne Procak, Joseph Ptak, Carol Purse, Sharon Reigh, Christopher Riehl, Arlene Roginski, Wyatt Roland, Andrea Roman, Jeff Rozwadowski, Glenn Runyan, Carol Rusk, David Scharba, Isaac Schmidt, Joella Seale, Clay Seman, John Serth, Larissa Serth, Dawn Sheets, Justin Sheets, Emily Smitheman, Georgie Smolyar, Alexandra Sparco, Natalia Stanford, Rich Steinman, Joseph Stevens, Noel Strobino, Charles Joseph Sweeney, Evelyn Synczyszyn, Michael Synczyszyn, Pavlo Tabak, Nicholas Taylor, Sue Taylor, Elenora Thomas, Lydia Thomas, Michael Tilson, Brysen Tomei, Dominic Tomei, Mark Tomei, Violet Tomei, Aria Tonner, Mariel Trimble, Martha Vignali, Jack Vognetz, Margaret Vognetz, Marilyn Wagner, Olena Wasylevska, James Watts, Chris Way, Leah Way, Barbara Weeks, Peter Weremedic, Laura Worley, Jack Ziegler & James Zook.

## JESUS SPEAKS TO THE SAMARITAN WOMAN

**T**he icon on our bulletin depicts Christ and the woman of Samaria. This fascinating story is told in the Gospel of St. John: 4:5-42, read every Fifth Sunday after the Resurrection. It is an event with profound lessons that are vital in every age.



life of the woman, who had endeavored to contract several marriages. He reveals Himself as the promised Messiah. He outlines what constitutes true worship of God.

The Apostles return with food and Jesus tells them He has eaten "food" which they are not aware of - that is, fulfilling the Will of the Father. He speaks to the Apostles of the fields of Humanity ripe for harvest into the Kingdom of God, and of the need for laborers in this effort.

The Lord had been travelling with His Apostles when they came to an ancient well. They stopped there to rest and eat. Jesus sent the disciples to town to buy food, and in the meantime He went to the well for water. A Samaritan women came to draw from the well, and Jesus spoke to her. A striking conversation ensued, providing her and her people, and us in our times, with challenging religious thought.

When the woman goes back to her people and tells them of Christ, the Lord stays for two days and teaches the Samaritans who finally proclaim: "We have heard for ourselves and we know that this is in truth the Saviour of the world."

Jesus forgot all about His thirst and hunger as He ministered to the needs of the woman. He spoke of "LIVING WATER," of spiritual sustenance or grace, so necessary for life. He reveals the secret

Volumes can be written, and a multitude of sermons preached, on the great themes spoken by Our Lord as He sat alongside Jacob's well. May we give the Gospel lesson the attention it deserves.