



## **Saints Peter and Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Church Bulletin**

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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

**May 17, 2020**  
**Volume 56: Number 20**  
**Schedule of Services and Activities**  
**Week of May 17 - 24, 2020**  
**Celebrating our 93<sup>rd</sup> year of Service to the Lord**

**ALL SERVICES ARE LIVE STREAMED ON FACEBOOK & WEBPAGE**

Sunday, May 17 – Sunday of the Samaritan Woman - Tone 4

9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy for the Faithful of All Three Parishes

Pankahyda: +Maria Yasnisky Murowany (1 Yr. An.) – M/M Mark Murowany

Pankahyda: +Russak Family – Maria Russak

Wednesday, May 20

7:00 AM – Divine Liturgy

Sunday, May 24 – Sunday of the Man Born Blind – Tone 5

9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy for the Faithful of All Three Parishes

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**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

The Sunday of the Samaritan Women – Matins: John 20:1-10; 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 – 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 15:5-34; John 10:17-28

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

Sunday of the Man Born Blind – Matins: John 20:11-18; Acts of the Apostles 16:16-34; John 9:1-38;

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**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

THE SAMARITAN WOMAN



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?

### **MAKE IT PERSONAL: The Samaritan Woman John 4:5-42**

The Lord Jesus demonstrated often that He thinks of us not as crowds and masses but as persons and individuals. He loves us as if there were only one of us in the universe. And as far as He is concerned there is only one of us because each one of us is unique. In this vast universe there is no one exactly like us. The very hairs of our head are numbered and known to God. He knows each one of us personally. He calls us by name. He is concerned about each and every one of our needs. If Christ's ministry among us had any purpose, it was to demonstrate God's personal love for people. Jesus made God's love personal:

- ❖ To friendless Zacchaeus alone up a tree
- ❖ To the blind beggar lying by the roadside crying for help.
- ❖ To the woman who touched the hem of his robe seeking healing.
- ❖ To the adulteress who was about to be stoned for her sin.
- ❖ To the father who came pleading in behalf of his sick daughter.
- ❖ To the thief who was crucified next to Him.
- ❖ And to the Samaritan woman whom He met by the well.

His hours were full, yet He was never too busy to spend time with individuals to show them that God cared personally for each one of them. How personal was the love of Jesus for the Samaritan woman and for all who came into contact with Him. May we throw up one arm each day in prayer to receive the love of Christ and then throw the other arm out horizontally to aim this love that we receive from Jesus to the people, we meet every day, beginning with the members of our own family. I cannot but revolutionize our lives and the world.

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### **Great Martyr Irene**

#### **Commemorated on May 5 (18)**

The holy Great Martyr Irene was born in the city of Magedon in Persia during the fourth century. She was the daughter of the pagan king Licinius, and her parents named her Penelope.

Penelope was very beautiful, and her father kept her isolated in a high tower from the time she was six so that she would not be exposed to Christianity. He also placed thirteen young maidens in the tower with her. An old tutor by the name of Apellian was assigned to give her the best possible education. Apellian was a Christian, and during her lessons, he told the girl about Christ the Savior and taught

her the Christian Faith and the Christian virtues. She was baptized by the priest Timothy, and she was named Irene (peace). She even urged her own parents to become Christians. Shortly after this, she destroyed all her father's idols.

St Irene led thousands of people to Christ through her preaching, and by her example. The Church continues to honor her memory and to seek her heavenly intercession.

The holy, glorious Great Martyr Irene is invoked by those wishing to effect a swift and happy marriage. In Greece, she is also the patron saint of policemen. St Irene is also one of the twelve Virgin Martyrs who appeared to St Seraphim of Sarov (January 2) and the Diveyevo nun Eupraxia on the Feast of the Annunciation in 1831. By her holy prayers, may the Lord have mercy upon us and save us.

### Troparion - Tone 4

Your lamb Irene, O Jesus, \* Calls out to You in a loud voice: \* I love You, O my bridegroom, \* And in seeking You, I endure suffering. \* In Baptism I was crucified so that I might reign in You, \* And died so that I might live with You. \* Accept me as a pure sacrifice, \* For I have offered myself in love. \* By her prayers save our souls, since You are merciful.

### Kontakion - Tone 3

O pure Irene, you adorned yourself with the splendors of virginity, \* So you became all-beautiful in your struggle: \* You were dyed with the blood you shed for Christ \* And so became all-pleasing to God. \* Therefore you received the prize of glory from your Creator.

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY - is expressed to the following: Adam Duncan, 5/17; Sophia (Sonya) Patronik, 5/17; Max Roch, 5/17; Alexander Beaudean, 5/18; Nicholas Beaudean, 5/18 & Sarah Hutnick, 5/19. May God grant them a very happy birthday and keep them for many, happy and blessed years!

**SOMETHING TO DO** – during this stay at home time: gather your treasures for the UOL Flea Market which is still scheduled for Saturday, August 1<sup>st</sup>!!!!

**PARISH BOARD MEETING** – Tuesday, June 9<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 PM (Zoom Meeting)



**PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL – Metropolitan Antony, Archimandrite Raphael, Father Vasili Andrejuk, Father Paul Bigelow, Father John Bohush, Father Oleh Hucul, Father Mark Leisure, Father Andrew Molewski, Father John Nakonechney, Father James Norton, Father Victor Wronskyj, Father Volodymyr Wronskyj, Deacon Adrian, Pani Dobrodyka Lisa Weremedic, Mykola, Brennan, Deborah, Charles, Galina, Dolores, Julian, Madison, Michele, Mykola, Rita, Ryan, Randy Allen, Carolyn Angelo, Colby Atkinson, Shannon Austin, Stephania Bacha, Joyce Belles, Neil Belles, Ethel Bernhard, Yaroslav Bilinsky, Betty Bosland, Becky Bosley, Angie Brengle, Paul Brengle, Patricia Bringle, Richard Bringle, Thomas Bringle, John Brick, Fedir Bukacz, George Burns, Christine Cain, Mark Cello, Betty Charney, Mildred (Myrophora) Christo, Erik Colazo, Patricia Crystal, Alex Czernik, Sharon Dalaski, Stephen Dalecki, David Dalldorf, Peter DiVirgilio, John Dmytryk, James Dudrick, David Duncan, Rose Eldridge, Thomas Fagan, James Garrett, Peter Glenn, Ivan Golovniiov, Kathleen Gortva, Staci Gray, Charles Gunther, David Hamilton, Rick Hastings, Celeste Heiser, Dolores Helms, Victoria Herrschaft, Carla Hitchings, Greg Hitchings, Anthony Hnatow, Daniel Holoviak, Caroline Humphrey, Richard Humphrey, Sally Hutnick, Joette Jago, Stephen Johnson, Linda Josepinson, Rosalie Ann Kane, Sandra Kasch, Thomas Kasprzak, Charles Kaszytski, Julia Kaszytski, Diane Keyser, Barbara Kirylic, Wendy Klinedinst, Judith Kocinski, Ludmyla Krawchenko, Mykola Krawchenko, Emma Krasnopera, Volodymyr Krasnopera, Sue Kreisa-Christian, Marlene Kuhar, Karen Livick, Charles Lontor, Alla Lysenko, Andrew Makolynyk, Jean Marano, Paul Markow, Frederick McCarthy, Ronald Michel, Lisa Miller, Matthew Miller, Mary Elizabeth Moran, Barry Morris, Elsie Moroz, Michael Moroz, Linda Muldoon, Karen Needham, Julie Neff, Ann Nester, Laurie Newman, Betty Painter, Anastasios Pantelopulos, Anthony Pantelopulos, Linda Phillips, Joseph Pierson, Barry Pinkowicz, Bernice Pinkowicz, Ryan Pinkowicz, Valentina Plachuta, Maria Plumpton, Joseph Porini, Robert Powers, Joanne Procak, Lynn Procak, Joseph Ptak, Carol Purse, Sharon Reigh, Christopher Riehl, Arlene Roginski, Wyatt Roland, Andrea Roman, Alla Rudawsky, John Ruczhak, Glenn Runyan, Carol Rusk, Maria Russak, Anthony Saldutti, Dana Sargent, Doris Scully, Joella Seale, Clay Seman, Larissa Serth, Dawn Sheets, Justin Sheets, Emily Smitheman, Georgie Smolyar, Rich Steinman, Joseph Stevens, Noel Strobino, Charles Joseph Sweeney, Evelyn Synczyszyn, Tatiana Szvec, Pavlo Tabak, Nicholas Taylor, Sue Taylor, Elenora Thomas, Lydia Thomas, Brysen Tomei, Dominic Tomei, Mark Tomei, Violet Tomei, Aria Tonner, Anna Tur, Richard Twardus, Martha Vignali, Jack Vognetz, Margaret Vognetz, Marilyn Wagner, Olena Wasylevska, James Watts, Chris Way, Leah Way, Barbara Weeks, Peter Weremedic, Stephen Wienkowitz, Laura Worley, & James Zook.**

## "IF ANYONE THIRSTS, COME UNTO ME AND DRINK"

**T**hirst is a natural human experience. Simply stated, we could not survive for any length of time without a regular intake of liquids. It is not surprising, then, that Christ would draw an analogy between Himself and water, for indeed, He is our unquenchable source of life. What IS surprising, however, is the method deployed by our Lord to accent this divine truth.

Much of today's Gospel on this, the Sunday of the SAMARITAN WOMAN, centers around what appears to be an innocent conversation between Christ and a stranger. What is intriguing about this dialogue is that Christ would engage in such a conversation with a woman (unheard of in those days) and a Samaritan, who were natural enemies of the Jews, in the first place! Their words begin with a discussion of a material nature: "*Give me something to drink,*" asks our Lord. It leads to matters of enormous spiritual and theological significance. "*Whoever drinks of this water will thirst again,*" He reminds the Samaritan Woman, "*but whoever drinks of the waters that I shall give him will never thirst. For the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life.*" As their talk continues, Jesus ultimately reveals to her that He is the Messiah: the One Who can satisfy our every need.

The Gospel concludes, with a message from the townspeople to the Samaritan woman: "*Now we believe, not because of what you have said, for we ourselves have heard Him.*" It is important that we realize that we must, of our own accord, come unto that "*Living Water*" and drink! We must believe in Christ out of a personal, inner experience of faith.