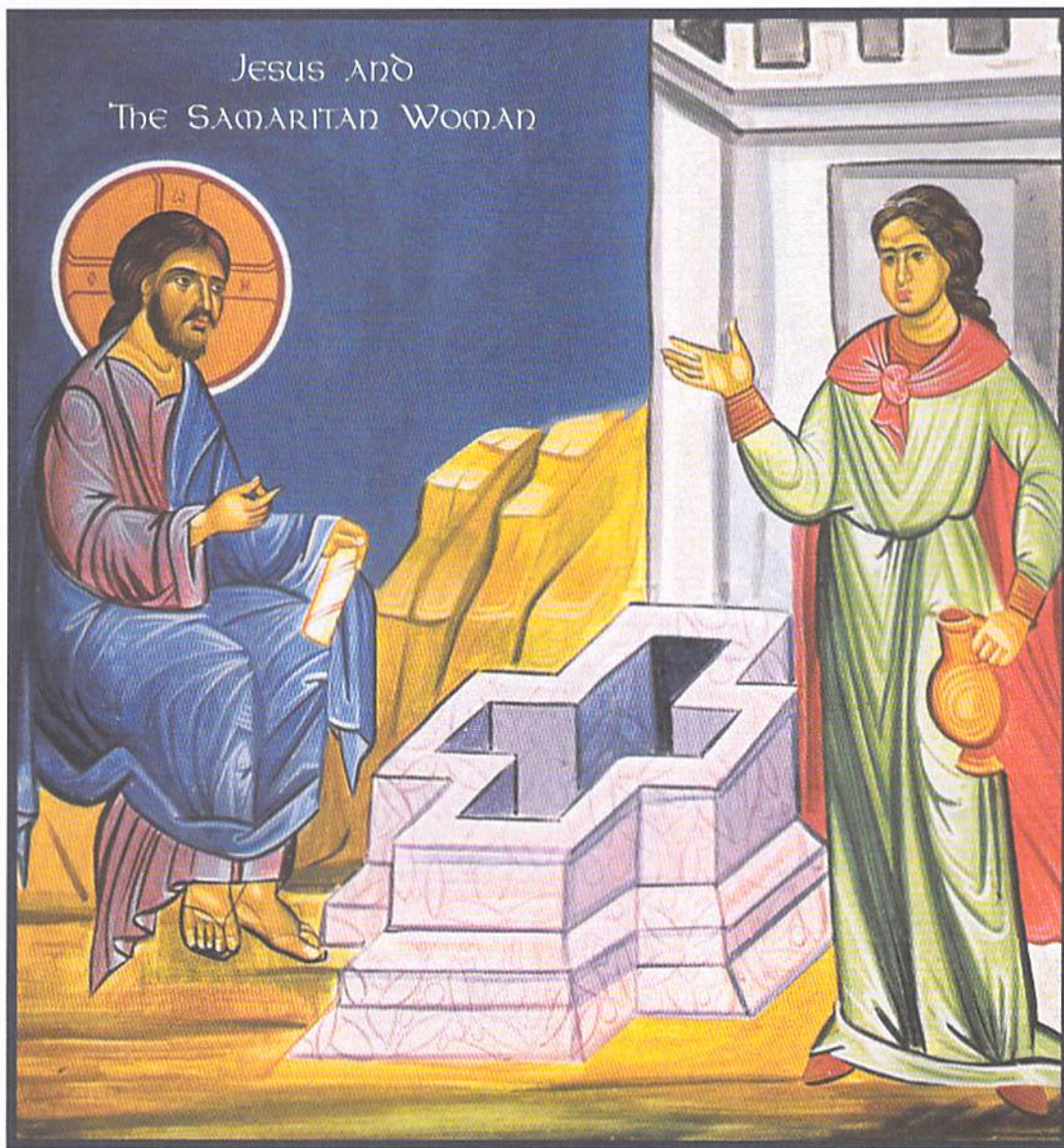


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HOLY MYSTERIES

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; 2nd Youth Ministry

May 30, 2021
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Schedule of Services and Activities
Week of May 30 – June 6, 2021
Celebrating our 94th year of Service to the Lord

Sunday, May 30 – Sunday of the Samaritan Woman – Memorial Day – Tone 4

8:30 AM – Confessions

9:15 AM – Hours

9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy for the Faithful

Pankahyda: +Remembering Our Veterans

Coffee Hour

Wednesday, June 2

8:00 AM – Divine Liturgy

Thursday, June 3

7:00 AM – Divine Liturgy

Sunday, June 6 – Sunday of the man Born Blind – Tone 5

8:30 AM – Confessions

9:15 AM – Hours

9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy for the Faithful

Coffee Hour

SCRIPTURE READNGS

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 – holy Apostles James (Brother of John) – Matins: John 20:11-18; Acts of the Apostles 16:16-34; John 9:1-38; Apostle: Acts of the Paostles 12:1-11; Luke 5:1-11

THE SAMARITAN WOMAN.



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Today's Gospel gives us the story of how Jesus influenced the life of a Samaritan woman. The story is important because it reveals Jesus' love not only for the Chosen People but also how He reached out to ALL people.

The Samaritans were descendants of the Israelites who intermarried with pagan Assyrian colonists. They evolved a variant of Judaism and built a rival Temple on Mount Garizim. There was bitterness between the Jews and the Samaritans and they avoided one another.

Jesus had to pass through Samaria and stopped to rest at Jacob's well while His disciples went into the town to buy food. While resting at the well a Samaritan woman came there to draw water. Jesus asked her for a drink, which surprised her very much because Jews used nothing in common with Samaritans.

Slowly and simply Jesus begins to reveal who He is especially and He revealed to her His knowledge that she had five husbands and the one with whom she was now living was not her husband. The rest of the story tells how the woman accepted and believed in Christ and brought the news of her encounter with Him to the townspeople and invited them "Come and see a man who told me all I have done." Many in the town believed in Jesus and told her, "We no longer believe because of your word; for we have heard for ourselves and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world."

The story of the Samaritan woman is a pattern for Evangelization: Personal witness. We are all called to be evangelizers - God's instruments in spreading His Good News!

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MEMORIAL DAY

Memorial Day, originally called Decoration Day, is a day of remembrance for those who have died in our nation's service. There are many stories as to its actual beginnings, with over two dozen cities and towns laying claim to being the birthplace of Memorial Day. There is also evidence that organized women's groups in the South were decorating graves before the end of the Civil War.

Memorial Day was officially proclaimed on 5 May 1868 by General John Logan, national commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, in his General Order No. 11, and was first observed on 30 May 1868, when flowers were placed on the graves of Union and Confederate soldiers at Arlington National Cemetery.

In 1915, inspired by the poem "In Flanders Fields," Moina Michael replied with her own poem:

"We cherish too, the Poppy red; That grows on fields where valor led;
It seems to signal to the skies; That blood of heroes never dies."

She then conceived of an idea to wear red poppies on Memorial day in honor of those who died serving the nation during war. She was the first to wear one, and sold poppies to her friends and co-workers with the money going to benefit servicemen in need. Shortly before Memorial Day in 1922 the VFW became the first veterans' organization to nationally sell poppies. Two years later their "Buddy" Poppy program was selling artificial poppies made by disabled veterans.

To help re-educate and remind Americans of the true meaning of Memorial Day, the "National Moment of Remembrance" resolution was passed on Dec 2000 which asks that at 3 p.m. local time, for all Americans "To voluntarily and informally observe in their own way a Moment of remembrance and respect, pausing from whatever they are doing for a moment of silence or listening to 'Taps.'"

CHRIST IS RISEN!!

INDEED HE IS RISEN!!

PLEASE REMEMBER WHAT THIS HOLIDAY IS ALL ABOUT !

Today, we remember the following Parishioners who served in the Armed Forces: **Very Rev. Paul Hrynyshyn - Army * Leroy Aiken - National Guard * Morris Bijan - Navy * Michael Bilinski - Navy * John Bolinski - Army * Thomas Bringle * David Duncan - Army * David Gibas - Army * John Goodley - Army * Stephen Gula * Anne Hambiski (Johnson) * Michael Hambiski * Stanley Hambiski * Michael Hatz * Charles Heluck - Navy * Thomas Hlywak - Army * Basil Hlywiak - Army * Tim Hnatowski - Navy * John Hrynyshyn - Army * Walter Hrynyshyn - Army * Stephen Hrynyshyn - Army * Andrew Kapelus - Army Air Corps * Harry Kosowsky, Jr. - Air Force * Norman Kristic - Air Force * John Litchko - Army * John Macey - Army * John Macey, Jr. - Marines * Max Macey - Navy * Michael Macey - Navy * Nicholas Macey - Navy * William Maciey * Joseph Maier - Air Force * Albert Malinowski - Army * Oscar Orr - Army Air Force * Michael Ostafy * William Pastuzek * John Sass - Army * Charles Scully - Army * Anthony Serednicki * Philip Shweda * Charles Synczyszyn * William Sukach - Army * William Sukach, Jr. - Air Force * Nels Thomas * Charles Tyrawsky - Marines * John Tyrawski - Army * Michael Tyrawski - Army * Steven Tyrawski - Navy * William Uranko**

PLEASE REMEMBER WHAT THIS HOLIDAY IS ALL ABOUT – It is OK to have the Family Picnic and celebrate the holiday with your friends and loved ones. But please remember what this holiday is really about. Take the time to say a prayer for the repose of the souls of those brave men and women who gave their lives so that you and I might live in freedom. Many God grant rest to their souls and may their memory be eternal!

MEMORIAL DAY

Memorial Day! What thoughts come to your mind? What does the day mean to us and what do we remember? Just another “holiday”? Just a chance to take a day off from work and take the family for a ride, a picnic, with an all-day outing? Or is it an opportunity to spend the day on the golf course? What will we remember? Will we spend a few moments in silent thought and thanks for those who gave themselves that we might continue in the ways of democracy (which by the way, means a system of government that considers the individual, regardless of color, race or creed, important in the total scheme of things)? Or

will we continue to thank God for our own position in life and forget that there is no such thing as a “privileged class”?

The story is told about an incident which occurred when the first Memorial Day was celebrated. A group of Washington D.C. women had asked the War Department for permission to put flowers on the soldier’s graves in Arlington Cemetery. After much persuasion, permission was granted and on May 30th, the day designated, this was to be done. But a stern order was attached to the permission: No flowers were to be placed on the three hundred graves of the Confederate soldiers who were buried in a segregated section of the cemetery. The ladies who had made the request obediently decorated all the other graves, omitting the Confederate graves. Then General James A. Garfield made the speech at Arlington. When the crowd had left, a high wind rose. The wind blew almost all the flowers from the Union soldiers’ graves into the Confederate area. After that day the separation was never again repeated.

In September of 2005, on the first day of school, Martha Cothren, a History teacher at Robinson High School in Little Rock, did something not to be forgotten. On the first day of school, with the permission of the school superintendent, the principal and the building supervisor, she removed all of the desks in her classroom. When the first period kids entered the room they discovered that there were no desks.

'Ms. Cothren, where are our desks?'

She replied, 'You can't have a desk until you tell me how you earn the right to sit at a desk.'

They thought, 'Well, maybe it's our grades.' 'No,' she said.

'Maybe it's our behavior.' She told them, 'No, it's not even your behavior.'

And so, they came and went, the first period, second period, third period. Still no desks in the classroom. Kids called their parents to tell them what was happening and by early afternoon television news crews had started gathering at the school to report about this crazy teacher who had taken all the desks out of her room.

The final period of the day came and as the puzzled students found seats on the floor of the desk-less classroom. Martha Cothren said, 'Throughout the day no

one has been able to tell me just what he or she has done to earn the right to sit at the desks that are ordinarily found in this classroom. Now I am going to tell you.'

At this point, Martha Cothren went over to the door of her classroom and opened it. Twenty-seven (27) U.S. Veterans, all in uniform, walked into that classroom, each one carrying a school desk. The Vets began placing the school desks in rows, and then they would walk over and stand alongside the wall. By the time the last soldier had set the final desk in place those kids started to understand, perhaps for the first time in their lives, just how the right to sit at those desks had been earned.

Martha said, 'You didn't earn the right to sit at these desks. These heroes did it for you. They placed the desks here for you. They went halfway around the world, giving up their education and interrupting their careers and families so you could have the freedom you have. Now, it's up to you to sit in them. It is your responsibility to learn, to be good students, to be good citizens. They paid the price so that you could have the freedom to get an education. Don't ever forget it.'

By the way, this is a true story. And this teacher was awarded the Veterans of Foreign Wars Teacher of the Year for the State of Arkansas in 2006. She is the daughter of a WWII POW.

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 the following: Mila Beaudan, 6/1; Daniel Nazarenko, 6/1; Alexander Smith, 6/1; Timothy Feleshchuk, 6/2; Mary Duffy, 6/5; Miriam Krauthauser, 6/5 & Linda Hnatow, 6/5. May God grant them a very happy birthday and keep them for many, happy and blessed years!

ELECTRONIC DONATIONS (CREDIT CARDS) ACCEPTED – for those who are interested, we can accept donations to the Church through credit cards. See Michael Tilson or Lorraine Neff for details.

DO YOU SHOP ON AMAZON? – Did you know that if you would get on Smile Amazon and choose our Parish as your beneficiary that Amazon would donate a percentage of your purchase to us? Search on Orthodox Wilmington and choose SS Peter & Paul Ukrainian (yes it is misspelled and we've tried to correct it). Try it and help our Parish Family benefit from your shopping experience!

GREETER MINISTRY SCHEDULE

May 30 - Lorraine Neff, Sonya Patronik & Alexander Smith

June 6 - David and Eve Lazaration

June 13 - Nancy Tur, Zina Twardus

June 20 - John and Sandy Cramer

AUTONOMY LOST AND REGAINED - The Ukrainian Orthodox Metropolia of Kyiv, 1633-2019 (<https://www.ukrhec.org/exhibits>) Check out the newest exhibit at our Ukrainian History and Education Center.

MEETINGS

PARISH BOARD MEETING – Tuesday, June 8, 2021 @ 6:30 PM.

CLEANING OF THE CHURCH MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Week of May 31 – John Plachuta and David Lazaration

Week of June 7 - Mark & Laura Andreas

Week of June 14 - Earle and Jennifer Robinson

Week of June 21 - Nancy Hlywiak, Jean Roeth, Zina Twardus

Week of June 28 - Earle and Jennifer Robinson

Week of July 5 - Michael Tilson & Linda Hnatow, Irene Maskaly

READER MINISTRY SCHEDULE

May 30 - Jean Roeth

June 6 - John Plachuta

June 13 - Andrew Duncan

June 20 - Pani Elizabeth Hutnick

June 27 - Linda Hnatow

TRUSTEES MINISTRY SCHEDULE

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

May 30 – Linda Hnatow and Ann Duncan

June 6 – Linda Hnatow and Ann Duncan

June 13 – Victor Kaliakin and Lorraine Neff

June 20 – Victor Kaliakin and Lorraine Neff

June 27 – Thomas Bringle and Linda Hnatow

July 4 - Thomas Bringle and Linda Hnatow

TENTATIVE CALENDER OF EVENTS

Sunday, June 20 – Pentecost – Father’s Day Dinner – Graduate Sunday

Monday, June 28 – Apostle’s Fast Begins

Sunday, July 18 – Metropolitan Antony: Blessing of the Patron’s Path

Saturday, August 7 – UOL Flea Market

Saturday, September 18 – Karaoke Night (6:00 PM)

Saturday, November 6 – Fall Bazaar

RULES FOR ATTENDING ALL SERVICES: *

If you are not vaccinated, masks **MUST** be worn during the service – if you do not have one, a mask will be provided. * **PLEASE:** if you have a fever of over 100°, or have any symptoms: **PLEASE STAY HOME!!** If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to **CALL ME** (302) 798-4455. I will be happy to assist you in any way that I can.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL – Metropolitan Antony, Archbishop Daniel, Archimandrite Raphael, Father Vasili Andrejuk, Father John Bohush, Father Vasyl Dovhan, Father George Hnatko, Father Oleh Hucul, Father Andrew Molewski, Father John Nakonechney, Father James Norton, Father Victor Wronskyj, Father Volodymyr Wronskyj, Pani Dobrodyka Lillian Hnatko, Pani Dobrodyka Lisa Weremedic, Alicia, Nerry, Mykola, Brennan, Deborah, 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, Maria Borowenski Betty Bosland, Becky Bosley, Angie Brengle, Paul Brengle, Patricia Bringle, Richard Bringle, Thomas Bringle, John Brick, Fedir Bukacz, 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, Mary Eagleton, Rose Eldridge, Thomas Fagan, James Garrett, Peter Glenn, Ivan Golovnirov, Kathleen Gortva, Staci Gray, Charles Gunther, David Hamilton, Rick Hastings, Celeste Heiser, Victoria Herrschaft, Carla Hitchings, Greg Hitchings, Anthony Hnatow, Michael Hnatow, Daniel Holoviak, Jennifer Huertes, Caroline Humphrey, Richard Humphrey, Sally Hutnick, Joette Jago, Stephen Johnson, Linda Josepinson, Rosalie Ann Kane, Sandra Kasch, Charles Kaszytski, Julia Kaszytski, Diane Keyser, Wendy Klinedinst, Judith Kocinski, Lorissa Kozakova, 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, Victor Melnychenko, 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, Ivan Otamas, Betty Painter, Anastasios Pantelopulos, Anthony Pantelopulos, Linda Phillips, Joseph Pierson, Barry Pinkowicz, Bernice Pinkowicz, Janylyn Pinkowicz, Ryan Pinkowicz, Valentina Plachuta, Joseph Porini, Robert Powers, Joanne Procak, Joseph Ptak, Carol Purse, Sharon Reigh, Christopher Riehl, Arlene Roginski, Wyatt Roland, Andrea Roman, John Ruczhak, Glenn Runyan, Carol Rusk, Isaac Schmidt, Doris Scully, Joella Seale, Clay Seman, Larissa Serth, Dawn Sheets, Justin Sheets, Emily Smitheman, Kimberly Smitheman, Georgie Smolyar, Rich Steinman, Joseph Stevens, Noel Strobino, Charles Joseph Sweeney, Evelyn Synczyszyn, Pavlo Tabak, Nicholas Taylor, Sue Taylor, Elenora Thomas, Lydia Thomas, Brysen Tomei, Dominic Tomei, Mark Tomei, Violet Tomei, Aria Tonner, Mariel Trimble, 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.

"COULD THIS BE THE CHRIST?"

Although we usually hear about Christ's encounters with large groups of people, the setting for Sunday's Gospel is markedly different. Today, we find the Lord engaged in a one-on-one conversation with an unlikely individual. More than a few eyebrows must have been raised when Jesus enters into a lengthy dialogue with a **SAMARITAN WOMAN**. At that time, Jews and Samaritans were bitter enemies, and women were not considered important enough to participate in intellectual discussions!

The conversation begins innocently enough. Weary from a tiring journey, Christ sits down near a well in the town of Sichar and asks the Samaritan woman for a drink of water. After satisfying His **PHYSICAL** needs, Jesus proceeds to teach the woman about "living water," which can forever quench all of her **SPIRITUAL** longings. He patiently instructs her concerning how to worship God, and Who God really is. "God is spirit," Christ tells her, "And those who worship Him must worship in spirit and in truth."

The Samaritan woman is impressed with the wisdom Christ possesses, and she comments that she is aware that a Messiah is coming, ". . . Who will tell us all things." It is then that the Lord shares the greatest of truths with her: **HE IS THE MESSIAH!**

The Gospel concludes with a wonderful lesson for all of us. Many others from the village come out to meet Christ, and they recognize Him as the Saviour, not because of the woman's testimony, but because of what they heard for themselves. We **ALL** must come to know Jesus on our own.

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