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Sunday, May 14, 2023
Choir Director: Wash King
Reader Epistle: Michael Ropitsky

5th SUNDAY OF PASCHA – SAMARITAN WOMAN

Christ is Risen! Indeed, He is Risen!
Christos Voskrese! Voistinu Voskrese!
Christos Anesti Alithos Anesti
El Messieh Kahm! Hakken Kahm!
Cristos a Inviat! Adevarat a Inviat!

We welcome all our visitors today! We want to let you know that we are so glad you came to pray with us. Please come again; join us after the Divine Liturgy in the Church Hall for Coffee Hour. If you do not have a home church, we invite you to become a part of our Church Family. Please Note: Only those Orthodox Christians who have properly prepared themselves may approach the Chalice and receive Holy Communion.

Services:

Sunday, May 14	8:45 AM – Church School
Sunday, May 14	9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy & Fellowship (The Samaritan Woman) Happy Mother's Day – Flowers will be distributed after Divine Liturgy Church Council Meeting
Saturday, May 20	5:00 PM – Great Vespers & Confessions
Sunday, May 21	8:45 AM – Church School
Sunday, May 21	9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy & Parastas (Sunday of the Blind Man) Adult Class: POSTPONED In memory of William Faenza offered by Barbara Faenza & Family In memory of Justin King offered by David & Chris King Silent Auction – Browsing at 1:00 PM; Auction starts at 2:30 PM Kitchen will be open – Please support this fundraiser for the Parish
Wednesday, May 24	5:00 PM – Great Vespers & Litiya & Confessions
Thursday, May 25	9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy – The Ascension of Our Lord, Jesus Christ
Saturday, May 27	5:00 PM – Great Vespers & Confessions
Sunday, May 28	8:45 AM – Church School
Sunday, May 28	9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy & Fellowship (Fathers of 1 st Ecu. Council)

If anyone is in need of a priest, please call Father James Weremedic at 570-645-2772. Visitation of the Sick and Infirm: If you are going into the hospital for any reason, please inform Fr. James at the Rectory. Emergency Calls: Please call the Rectory (570-645-2772) anytime (day or night) in an emergency.

Prayer List:

Fr. James Weremedic, Matushka Lisa Weremedic
Andrew Balliet, Michael Birocik, Clark Andrew Bogosh, Theodore Bogosh, Danielle Bogosh, Elizabeth Brennan, Stephanie Chmel, Ilene Devine, Kimberly Evetushick, Nadine Fegley, Julia Forte, Michael & Julia Harahus, Karen & Rose Harkins, Nancy King, Michael Kulick, Olga Kushnir, Anna Marie Mantey, Dorothy & Joseph Macenka, Mildred O'Shura, Anna Pierson, Melissa Schmitt, Althea Shellock, Helen Sheers, Olga Sidoriak, Mary Simone, Jolie Skelton, Martha Stafiniak, Martha Teno, Michael Teno, Elizabeth Warcholak, Russell Wishousky, Russell Yallas, George Yurchak, & Marie Yurchak.

Candles (May 14)

Flowers/Tetrapod – For the **Health of all Living Mothers**, and in **Memory of all the deceased Mothers**

7-day Vigils-Altar...In memory of **Mary & Andrew Yelsh** offered by William Yelsh

Altar Candles... In memory of **Aunt Olga Hebda** offered by Raymond & Mary Jo Danchak

Eternal Lamp... In memory of **Nephew, Justin King** offered by Russell & Geri King

Vigil Crosses...In memory **Mother, Mary Lutash** offered by Raymond & Mary Jo Danchak

7-day Vigils-Tetrapod...In memory of **Marion Pickenheim** offered by William Yelsh

Decorated Candles/Tetrapod- In memory of **Husband, Frank Forte** offered by Julia Forte

May Birthdays: 2- Lynn Sharpe, 5- Sal Herbert, 17- Russell King, 17- Julia Forte,
21- Lindsey Ruch, 31- Marie Skripnek

May Anniversary: May 9- Richard & Julie McHugh

Financials 5/7/23: *Operating Acct:* Weekly Envelopes \$963, Non-Envelope \$ 100,
Altar Candles \$20, Candles \$73, Donation \$50

Coming Events: Silent Auction – May 21 – Donations and monetary gifts would be greatly appreciated – See Helen King, Marie Skripnek, or Gloria Bench

Yard Sale – June 10;

Fellowship Hour Hosts:

May 14 Marie Berezniak

May 21 Auction

May 28 Russell King

June 4 John Evetushick

If you have any Redner receipts, please call or get them to Helen King
Please use your Boyer's card when shopping at Boyers; if you need one call Helen King.

“HE TOLD ME ALL THAT I EVER DID”

The icon on the cover of this morning’s Church Bulletin depicts the subject matter for this 5th Sunday of Pascha: Christ’s encounter with the SAMARITAN WOMAN. Weary from His travels, our Lord seeks rest at the local well in the tiny town of Sichar. It is here that Jesus goes against the accepted social and political norm of His time: He engages in conversation with a woman!

And what a conversation they have! The Samaritans were a mixed race and were fierce enemies of the Jews. While they, too, worshipped the one true God of Israel and were awaiting the coming of the Messiah, the Samaritans accepted only the five books of Moses as their Scriptures. The Samaritan woman of the Gospel listens intently as Christ explains to her the significance of partaking of “living water.” “WHOEVER DRINKS THE WATER THAT I SHALL GIVE HIM WILL NEVER THIRST.” (John 4:14) He instructs her in the proper manner of giving glory to God. “GOD IS SPIRIT, AND THOSE WHO WORSHIP HIM MUST WORSHIP IN SPIRIT AND IN TRUTH.” (John 4:24) In response to her statement that she knows the Messiah is coming, Who will reveal all things, our Lord tells her plainly: “I WHO SPEAK TO YOU AM HE.” (John 4:26)

According to Sacred Tradition, the Samaritan woman is later baptized into Christianity and given the name PHOTINI, meaning “the enlightened one.” During the reign of Nero, she suffered martyrdom by being thrown into a well.

5th SUNDAY OF PASCHA — Tone 4. Samaritan Woman. “Yaroslavl-Caves” Icon of the Mother of God

Sunday of the Samaritan Woman

Kontakion — Tone 8 - The Samaritan Woman came to the well in faith; / she saw You, the Water of Wisdom, and drank abundantly / she inherited the Kingdom on High and is ever glorified!

Acts 11:19-26, 29-30 (Epistle)

Now those who were scattered after the persecution that arose over Stephen traveled as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus, and Antioch, preaching the word to no one but the Jews only.

But some of them were men from Cyprus and Cyrene, who, when they had come to Antioch, spoke to the Hellenists, preaching the Lord Jesus.

And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number believed and turned to the Lord.

Then news of these things came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent out Barnabas to go as far as Antioch.

When he came and had seen the grace of God, he was glad, and encouraged them all that with purpose of heart they should continue with the Lord.

For he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a great many people were added to the Lord.

Then Barnabas departed for Tarsus to seek Saul.

And when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. So it was that for a whole year they assembled with the church and taught a great many people. And the disciples were first called Christians in Antioch.

Then the disciples, each according to his ability, determined to send relief to the brethren dwelling in Judea.

This they also did, and sent it to the elders by the hands of Barnabas and Saul.

John 4:5-42 (Gospel)

So, He came to a city of Samaria which is called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob gave to his son Joseph.

Now Jacob's well was there. Jesus therefore, being wearied from His journey, sat thus by the well. It was about the sixth hour.

A woman of Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, “Give Me a drink.”

For His disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.

Then the woman of Samaria said to Him, “How is it that You, being a Jew, ask a drink from me, a Samaritan woman?” For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.

Jesus answered and said to her, “If you knew the gift of God, and who it is who says to you, ‘Give Me a drink,’ you would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water.”

The woman said to Him, “Sir, You have nothing to draw with, and the well is deep. Where then do You get that living water?”

Are You greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well, and drank from it himself, as well as his sons and his livestock?”

Jesus answered and said to her, “Whoever drinks of this water will thirst again, but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life.”

The woman said to Him, “Sir, give me this water, that I may not thirst, nor come here to draw.”

Jesus said to her, “Go, call your husband, and come here.”

The woman answered and said, “I have no husband.” Jesus said to her, “You have well said, ‘I have no husband,’ for you have had five husbands, and the one whom you now have is not your husband; in that you spoke truly.”

The woman said to Him, “Sir, I perceive that You are a prophet.

Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, and you Jews say that in Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship.”

Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe Me, the hour is coming when you will neither on this mountain, nor in Jerusalem, worship the Father.

You worship what you do not know; we know what we worship, for salvation is of the Jews. But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.”

The woman said to Him, “I know that Messiah is coming” (who is called Christ). “When He comes, He will tell us all things.”

Jesus said to her, “I who speak to you am He.”

And at this point His disciples came, and they marveled that He talked with a woman; yet no one said, “What do You seek?” or, “Why are You talking with her?”

The woman then left her waterpot, went her way into the city, and said to the men, Come, see a Man who told me all things that I ever did. Could this be the Christ?

Then they went out of the city and came to Him.

In the meantime, His disciples urged Him, saying, “Rabbi, eat.”

But He said to them, “I have food to eat of which you do not know.”

Therefore, the disciples said to one another, “Has anyone brought Him anything to eat?”

Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to finish His work. Do you not say, ‘There are still four months and then comes the harvest’? Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look at the fields, for they are already white for harvest! And he who reaps receives wages, and gathers fruit for eternal life, that both he who sows and he who reaps may rejoice together. For in this the saying is true: ‘One sows and another reaps.’ I sent you to reap that for which you have not labored; others have labored, and you have entered into their labors.”

And many of the Samaritans of that city believed in Him because of the word of the woman who testified, “He told me all that I ever did.”

So, when the Samaritans had come to Him, they urged Him to stay with them; and He stayed there two days. And many more believed because of His own word.

Then they said to the woman, “Now we believe, not because of what you said, for we ourselves have heard Him and we know that this is indeed the Christ, the Savior of the world.”

“Yaroslavl-Caves” Icon of the Mother of God

Alexandra Dmitrievna Dobychkina, who was from a middle-class family in Yaroslavl, suffered terribly from spiritual and physical ailments for seventeen years. In 1823 she beheld a vision of a church in which was an Icon of the Mother of God. Offering her heartfelt prayers to the Most Holy Theotokos, she asked to be freed from these afflictions. One day Alexandra had a vision in which she was shown a church where there was a certain Icon of the Mother of God. Then a mysterious voice told her to search for the Icon in that church, and there she would be healed.

On May 1, 1823, Alexandra managed to find the church beside the residence of the Bishop of Yaroslavl. The church was very old, and was dedicated to the Feast of the Procession of the Precious Wood of the Life-giving Cross of the Lord (August 1). Recognizing the church as the one she had seen in her vision, Alexandra went inside to look around. Suddenly, she found herself before an Icon of the Mother of God painted on the wall, the same one she had been shown in the vision. Struck with fear, she fell to the floor with terrible convulsions, and writhed in pain. When these subsided, Alexandra stood up and prayed fervently before the holy Icon. As she prayed, she began to feel relief from her painful torments. The next day she was perfectly well.

From that time, many miraculous cures have taken place before this Icon for those who pray to the Most Holy Theotokos with faith and reverence.

The Yaroslavl-Caves Icon of the Mother of God depicts her seated on a throne with her Divine Child, and it also includes Saints Anthony and Theodosios, the wonderworkers of the Kiev Caves (September 2). Two Angels stand behind the throne on either side.

There are two other Yaroslavl Icons: the first is the famous Yaroslavl Icon (June 8), which is of the Eleousa (Tenderness) type, and dates from the XIII century. The second is the Yaroslavl-Kazan Icon, which was revealed on July 8, 1588.

**COMMEMORATION OF DEPARTED SOULS
PENTECOST SUNDAY – JUNE 2023**

Dear Father,
Kindly include the following names of the beloved souls
to be remembered in the Pentecost Memorial Services

Family Name: _____

Parish Cemetery-Summit Hill

Sunday, June 4 at 1:00 PM
Rain Date, Sunday, June 11 at 1:00 PM

First Names:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
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10. _____

Submitted by _____

Offering _____

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Dear Father,
Kindly include the following names of the beloved souls
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Family Name: _____

Sky View Mausoleum-Hometown

Saturday, June 3 at 2:00 PM
Rain Date, Saturday, June 10 at 2:00 PM

First Names:

1. _____
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