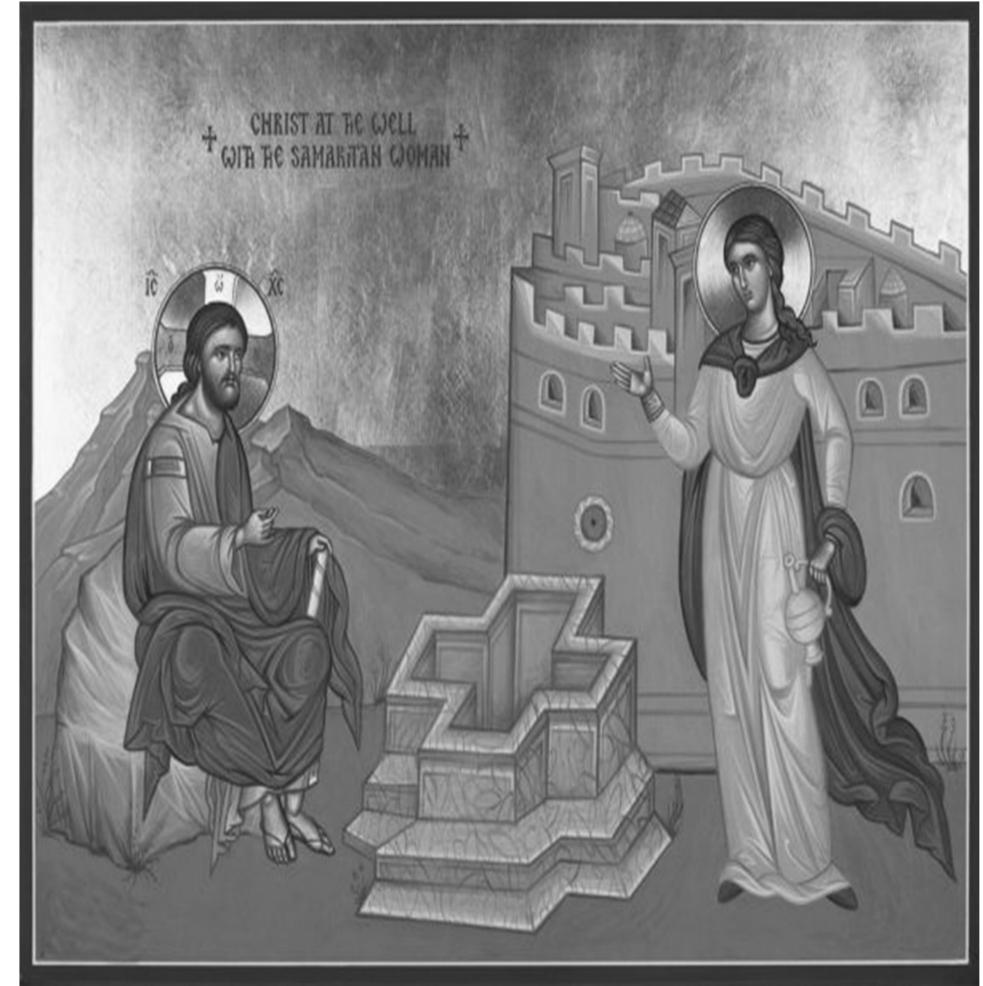


From the Front Cover

Imagine how surprised the Samaritan Woman was when the Jesus Christ asked her for a drink of water and then engaged in a conversation about spiritual matters with her. Jewish men simply did not strike up conversations with women in that time and place, and consuming food or drink from a Samaritan was out of the question. How even more shocking it is that Jesus Christ's conversation with her is the longest recorded between Him and any one person in the four gospels. He spoke straightforwardly to her and did not shy away from uncomfortable truths that hit her where she lived. But instead of shutting down the conversation or running away in fear, this Samaritan woman told the people of her village about Christ. As a result, many of her neighbors came to believe in the Lord.

This Samaritan woman is known in the Church as St. Photini, which means "the enlightened one." Through the Savior's conversation with her, Photini became an evangelist who boldly shared the good news, even to her Samaritan neighbors who were surely used to viewing her in anything but spiritual terms. That took tremendous courage. Photini was not only brave in preaching to them, but ultimately in responding to the persecution of the pagan Roman emperor Nero, to whom she said "O most impious of the blind, you profligate and stupid man! Do you think me so deluded that I would consent to renounce my Lord Christ and instead offer sacrifice to idols as blind as you?" The Great Martyr Photini refused to back down and gave the ultimate witness to Christ's victory over death by laying down her life for Him. The Savior had set her free even from fear of the grave.

Too many of us today flee in shame from uncomfortable truths, whether we encounter them in our own thoughts or in the opinions of others. Too many of us define ourselves by our failings, weaknesses, and temptations. Too many of us accept some unrealistic cultural standard of "the good life" as the norm we must meet in order to be worthwhile. Thank God, St. Photini the Great Martyr did none of that. In response to her shocking encounter with the Savior, she humbly acknowledged the truth about her brokenness; she did not react defensively or make excuses. She did not end the conversation or run away in shame. Instead, she was open to the healing of her soul, to the possibility of a new and restored life through the mercy of the Lord. This was such a great blessing to her that she immediately shared the good news with the people of her village and refused to stop, even to the point of laying down her life.



Fifth Sunday of Pascha 'Sunday of the Samaritan Woman'

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Welcome!

Whether you are a parishioner or a visitor, we are glad you have chosen to pray with us at Saint Mary's. As a friendly reminder, please observe the following upon entering the church for prayer.

- If you arrive after the services begin, try to enter the Church quietly and observe what is happening. Try not to interrupt the service by your entrance.
- Please silence your cellular telephones.
- Please place your offerings in the basket on the table in the Church Narthex (Entrance), or the Offering Tray when passed.
- You are invited join us in the Banquet Hall for coffee and refreshments following the Sunday Divine Liturgy.

Paschal Greetings...

Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!

المسيح قام! حقا قام!
(al-Masīḥ qām! Ḥaqqan qām!)

Χριστός ἀνέστη! Ἀληθῶς ἀνέστη!
(Khristós Anéstī! Alithós Anéstī!)

Христосъ воскресъ! Воистину воскресъ!
(Hristos Voskrese! Voistinu Voskrese!)



Schedule of Services

Sunday of the Samaritan Woman, May 22nd

- Matins at 8:50 AM, followed by the Divine Liturgy at 10:00 AM

Wednesday, May 25th

Vespers at 6:30 PM

Sunday of the Blindman, May 29th

- Matins at 8:50 AM, followed by the Divine Liturgy at 10:00 AM

The Feast of Ascension

Wednesday, June 1st

- Vespers at 6:30 PM

Sacrament of Confession

Fr. Peter is available for the hearing of Confessions:

- Wednesday's 6:00 to 6:30PM
- Sunday's 8:30 to 8:50 AM
 - By appointment

Wednesday 'Ask Abouna'

Each Wednesday through June 8th, Fr. Peter will hold 'Ask Abouna' following the Vespers Service at 6:30 PM. 'Ask Abouna,' is an opportunity to answer questions you may have about the Orthodox Faith. Make plans to join Fr. Peter and bring a friend and your questions.



On Sunday, June 12th, Saint Mary's will honor our 2022 graduates in prayer and with a special coffee hour in their honor. Graduates from the following will be honored:

- Elementary School
- Middle School
- High School
- College
- Graduate School

Please submit their names to Fr. Peter by Wednesday, June 9th, for inclusion in the bulletin.

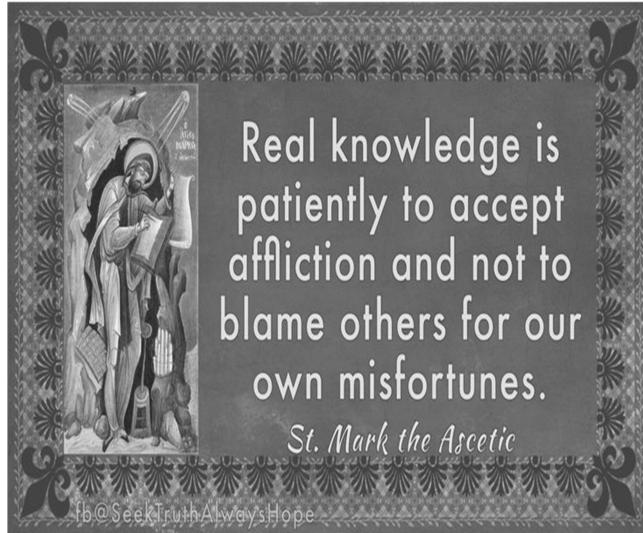


If you did not have your home blessed before Great Lent, Fr. Peter will be blessing homes through the end of June. Please speak to him to make arrangements to have your home blessed.

Laying Blame

by Abbot Tryphon

Putting the Blame in the Right Place



We all have a natural tendency to lay blame on others, when in truth we must blame only ourselves. When facing our own sins and shortcomings, it is always easy to put the blame on others, yet our faith tells us that spiritual progress can only come with the acquisition of a humble and contrite heart. As long as we are anxious to put the blame on others for our shortcomings, we will remain stagnant on the spiritual path. The saints give clear witness that progress towards holiness can only come when we look

only to our own faults, and not see the faults of others.

It is far more comfortable to see the wickedness of others, for in focusing on them, we can forgo the all important work of changing our own behavior, and allowing the Holy Spirit to transform our own fallen nature. Focusing on the shortcomings of others allows our own self-serving pride to grow stronger, and we remain puffed up, and wallow in unfounded pride.

When we keep our attention focused on our own shortcomings, we keep vigilant until our last day, guarding our soul until the final judgement. When we take our eyes off our own faults, while focusing on our neighbor's sin, we deprive ourselves of precious time for repentance. Since we do not know the day or hour of our last breath, we must treat every moment as though it were our last.



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Fifth Sunday of Pascha 'Sunday of the Samaritan Woman'

The Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom is celebrated on this day. The service text may be found beginning on page 91 in the Red Service Book in the pews.

Divine Liturgy Variables

- *The Priest begins Divine Liturgy with "Blessed is the Kingdom" and the choir responds "Amen." Bearing the Paschal Candle, the Priest then leads the singing of the Paschal Apolytikion and censes the Altar as follows:*

Priest: Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death; and upon those in the tombs bestowing life! *(once)*

Choir: Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death; and upon those in the tombs bestowing life! *(twice)*

The First Antiphon

Shout with joy to God, all the earth; sing to His Name, give glory to His praises.

Refrain: Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us.

Say to God: How awesome are Thy works; let all the earth worship Thee, and sing to Thee. Let it sing a song to Thy Name, O Most High. *(Refrain)*

Glory... Both now... *(Refrain)*

The Second Antiphon

May God have mercy upon us, and bless us, and may He cause His face to shine upon us, and have mercy upon us.

Refrain: Save us, O Son of God, Who art risen from the dead; who sing to Thee. Alleluia.

That Thy way may be known upon earth, Thy salvation among all nations; let the peoples give thanks to Thee, O God, let all the peoples give thanks to Thee. *(Refrain)*

May God bless us, and may all the ends of the earth fear Him. *(Refrain)*

Glory... Both now... O, only begotten Son and Word of God...

The Third Antiphon *(sung during the Little Entrance)*

Let God arise, and let His enemies be scattered, and let those that hate Him flee from before His face.

(Refrain) Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death; and upon those in the tombs bestowing life!

As smoke vanisheth, so let them vanish; as wax melteth before the fire. *(Refrain)*

So let sinners perish at the presence of God, and let the righteous be glad. *(Refrain)*

This is the day which the Lord hath made; let us rejoice and be glad therein.

(Refrain)

Entrance Hymn of Pascha

In the gathering places bless ye God the Lord, from the springs of Israel. Save us, O Son of God, Who art risen from the dead, who sing to Thee: Alleluia.

- *After the Little Entrance, these hymns are sung in the following order*

Resurrectional Apolytikion in Tone Four

Having learned the joyful message of the Resurrection from the angel, the women disciples of the Lord cast from them their parental condemnation. And proudly broke the news to the Disciples, saying, Death hath been spoiled; Christ God is risen, granting the world Great Mercy.

Apolytikion for Mid-Pentcost in Tone Eight

In the midst of this Feast, O Savior, give Thou my thirsty soul to drink of the waters of true worship; for Thou didst call out to all, saying: Whosoever is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink. Wherefore, O Christ our God, Fountain of life, glory to Thee.

- *The Apolytikion of the patron saint or feast of the temple is not sung.*

Kontakion of Pascha in Tone Eight

Though Thou didst descend into the grave, O Immortal One, yet didst Thou destroy the power of Hades, and didst arise as victor, O Christ God, calling to the myrrh-bearing women, Rejoice, and giving peace unto Thine Apostles, O Thou Who dost grant resurrection to the fallen.

The Epistle

How magnified are Thy works, O Lord. In wisdom hast Thou made them all. Bless the Lord, O my soul.

The Reading from the Acts of the Holy Apostles. (11:19-30)

In those days, when the apostles were scattered because of the tribulation that arose

“Unless you are converted and become like children you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven.” Matthew 18:3



2022 Parish Life Conference Diocese of Miami and the Southeast Memphis, Tennessee June 15–18, 2022



Hosted by St. John Orthodox Church at the beautiful Hilton Memphis

Join us in Memphis, Tennessee – the home of the Blues and the birthplace of Rock ‘n’ Roll – as we share fellowship with members from all corners of our Diocese. **Highlights of the in-person PLC include:**

- Keynote Speaker: Fr. Stephen Freeman
- Oratorical Festival
- Bible Bowl
- ...and much more!

The city of Memphis also has much to offer, including:

- Historic Beale Street
- Graceland (the home of Elvis Presley)
- National Civil Rights Museum
- The world’s largest Bass Pro Shop
- Big River Crossing over the majestic Mississippi River
- ...and much more!



Barbecue, Blues, and Beatitudes

For the Shut-ins of our Church Community: Gloria Yedlinsky, Lidia Pawlcuk, Basil Dalack, Angie Smith, Zakia Salloum.

Metropolitan Boulos & Archbishop Youhanna, for their release from captivity and safe return.

For the end of hostilities and sufferings, and for peace in the Ukraine.

For those serving in our armed forces here and abroad: Christopher Smith, Jonathan Shportun.

For the Departed

"With the spirits of the righteous made perfect, give rest O Lord to the souls of Thy servants..."

Thomas Eissey *(newly departed 5/4/22)*, Margo Fankhauser *(newly departed 5/3/22)*, Fr. Nicholas Neyman *(12/12/21)*, Sonia AbuHadid *(10/3/21)*, Ruth Bashour *(6/28/21)*.

Last Day of Sunday School

Sunday, May 22nd, is the last day for Sunday School Classes until the end of August. Thank you to all the parents who have faithfully brought their children to classes, as well as the teachers who again this year volunteered to teach.



Summertime Coffee Hour Hosts Needed!

Following the Sunday Divine Liturgy, Coffee Hour is a time for fellowship and to welcome visitors to our church community. Each Sunday, Coffee Hours hosts are needed. To volunteer, Please sign-up at the entrance of the hall, or speak to Jane Pasley or Khouryia Myriam.

Food for Hungry People

Now is the time to return your Food For Hungry People Lenten almsgiving boxes. The boxes may be placed on the table in the Church Narthex. If you did not use FFHP Box during Great Lent and wish to contribute, please see Sam Pasley.

Church Directory Information

The Parish Council is in the process of updating our Church Directory to better minister to our Saint Mary's Community. If you have not done so already, please take a minute or two to complete a Church Directory Information Form. Forms are on the table in the Church Narthex.

over Stephen, they traveled as far as Phoenicia and Cyprus and Antioch, speaking the word to no one, except to Jews only. But there were some of them, men of Cyprus and Cyrene, who upon coming to Antioch spoke to the Hellenists also, preaching the Lord Jesus. And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number that believed turned to the Lord. The report concerning them reached the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent out Barnabas, to go as far out as Antioch. When he came and saw the grace of God, he was glad; and he exhorted them all, that with purpose of heart they should cleave to the Lord; for he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a great multitude was added unto the Lord. Then Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul; and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. For a whole year, they were gathered together in the church, and they taught a great multitude of people, and the disciples were called Christians first in Antioch. Now in these days prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. And one of them named Agabos stood up and signified by the Spirit that there would be a great famine over the whole world; and this took place in the days of Claudius Caesar. And the disciples, every one according to his ability, determined to send relief to the brethren who dwelt in Judaea; and they did so, sending it to the elders by the hand of Barnabas and Saul.

The Gospel

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John. [4:5-42]

At that time, Jesus came to a city of Samaria, called Sychar, near the field that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and so Jesus, wearied as He was with his journey, sat down beside the well. It was about the sixth hour. There came a woman of Samaria to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give Me a drink." For His Disciples had gone away into the city to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to Him, "How is it that Thou, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans. Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and Who it is that is saying 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, Thou hast nothing to draw with, and the well is deep; where do you get that living water? Art Thou greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well, and drank from it himself, and his sons, and his cattle?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will thirst again, but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst forever; the water that I shall give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal 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 Him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and he whom you now have is not your husband; this you said truly." The woman said to Him, "Sir, I perceive that Thou art a prophet. Our fathers worshiped on this mountain; and Thou sayest that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe Me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for such the Father seeks 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 [He Who is called Christ]; when He comes, He will tell us all things." Jesus said to her, "I Who speak to you am He." Just then His Disciples came. They marveled that He was talking with a woman, but none said, "What dost Thou wish?" or, "Why art Thou talking with her?" So the woman left her water jar, and went away into the city, and said to the people, "Come, see a man Who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?" They went out of the city and were coming to Him. Meanwhile the Disciples besought Him, saying, "Rabbi, eat." But He said to them, "I have food to eat of which you do not know." So the Disciples said to one another, "Has anyone brought Him food?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of Him Who sent Me, and to accomplish His work. Do you not say, 'There are yet four months, then comes the harvest?' I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see how the fields are already white for harvest. He who reaps receives wages, and gathers fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor; others have labored, and you have entered into their labor." Many Samaritans from that city believed in Him because of the woman's testimony, "He said to me all that I ever did." So when the Samaritans came to Him, they asked Him to stay with them; and He stayed there two days. And many more believed because of His words. They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of your words that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is indeed the Savior of the world."

Megalynarion for the Sunday of the Samaritan Woman in Tone One

[sung instead of 'It is truly meet...']

The angel spake to her that is full of grace, saying, O pure Virgin, rejoice; and I say

also, Rejoice; for thy Son is risen from the tomb on the third day.

Rejoice and be glad, O gate of the divine Light; for Jesus Who disappeared in the tomb hath risen with greater radiance than the sun, illuminating all believers, O Lady favored of God.

Communion Hymn

Receive ye the body of Christ; taste ye the Fountain of immortality.

- *After Communion, instead of "We have seen the true light," "Christ is Risen" is sung once.*

Memorial (Trisagion) Prayers

Offered at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy by Fr. Elia & Kh. Odette Shalhoub for the repose of his sister Hooda Shalhoub. +Memory Eternal!

Liturgical Offerings

- Holy Altar Vigil Candle for the week of May 22nd is offered in glory of the Most-Holy Trinity: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
- Holy Bread offered by Fr. Elia & Kh. Odette Shalhoub for the repose of his sister Hooda Shalhoub.

If you wish to offer Holy Bread or an Altar Vigil Candle, please speak with Fr. Peter.

Coffee Hour

For Sunday, May 22nd, is offered by Fr. Elia & Kh. Odette Shalhoub in memory of his sister Hooda Shalhoub.

There will be no fasting on Wednesdays and Fridays, not only during Bright Week but until the Feast of the Ascension, for the whole forty days. (This was the decision of the Holy Synod of the Church of Antioch in 1997.)

Please Remember In Your Prayers

For the Living

"Is any sick among you? Let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord." James 5: 14

For the Good Health of the Servants of God: Archpriest Michael & Matushka Annette Zaparyniuk, The Priest John, Michael, Sub-Deacon William Hall, George Frieji, Jodet Rae, Judy Chalhub, Johnny & Joyce Chalhub, Nayla Tacla, Jenna Welch, Shane Brown, Raouf Saballeil.