

## SUNDAY OF THE SAMARITAN WOMAN

It has been said that the Word of God is like spiritual food for our souls. It can nourish and strengthen our spirits as we journey through the peaks and valleys of life. If this is indeed so, then what a marvelous feast is set before us today as we examine the Gospel about the Samaritan Woman. Read and ponder over each morsel of the Scripture portion of St. John 4:5-42.

It would take a volume to do justice to the lessons of this incident. Jesus, weary from a day's journey along the dusty paths of Samaria, comes to old Jacob's well hoping to drink of its refreshing waters. But there is a woman there, one who desperately needs to drink of a different water, the living water of God's grace. The Lord sets aside His own needs, and leads the woman to His Kingdom. Nor does He stop there, but ministers to the needs of the people of Samaria, instructs about deep theological truths, and proclaims Himself to be the long promised Messiah.

Christ is called at times the "Fountain of Life," and indeed He bids those who are thirsty "to come unto Me and drink" of the spiritual blessings that flow from Him. There is a thirst in all of us for the deep satisfaction that comes from godly living and fellowship. Let us not stifle that thirst, or try to satisfy it with the pleasures of the world, but turn to Him who said: "Whoever drinks of the water that I give shall never thirst . . . but it shall be a well . . . springing up into everlasting life . . ."

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# SAINT GEORGE ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN CHURCH

The Very Rev. Father Gabriel Karam, Pastor

Saturday Great Vespers 6:00 p.m. - Sunday Orthros 9:15 a.m.

Divine Liturgy 10:30 a.m. - Confessions: By Appointment

**DIVINE LITURGY VARIABLES SUNDAY MAY 10, 2026**

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF PASCHA: SUNDAY OF THE SAMARITAN WOMAN**

**& AFTER-FEAST OF MID-PENTECOST**

**Christ Is Risen! Indeed, He Is Risen!**

**PASCHAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE FIVE**

**\*Christ is Risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life!**

*\*المسيح قام من بين الأموات، ووطيء الموت بالموت، ووهب الحياة للذين في القبور.*

*\*Χριστός ανέστη εκ νεκρών, θάνατον θάνατον πατήσας, και τοις εν τοις μνήμασι, ζωην χαρισάμενος \**

**Verily, Jesus is Risen from the tomb, as He had foretold, and hath bestowed life eternal upon us, and Great Mercy.**

**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-PENTECOST 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.

**APOLYTIKION OF ST. GEORGE IN TONE FOUR**

As deliver of Captives: And defender of the Poor, Healer of the Infirm, champion of Kings, Victorious Great Martyr George, Intercede with Christ our God for our souls' salvation.

**THE 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.

**MEGALYNARION FOR PARALYTIC SUNDAY IN TONE ONE**

*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.

**We Celebrate Today**

On May 10 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate **Apostle Simon the Zealot; and Venerable Laurence of Egypt.**

On this day, the fifth Sunday of Pascha, we celebrate the feast of the Samaritan Woman.

Coming to obtain corruptible water, O woman,

Thou drawest living water, wherewith thy soul's stains thou washest.

The Samaritan woman—the holy and glorious Great-martyr Photeini—met Jesus at midday at Jacob's Well, which was located in the city of Sychar. And being tired from travel and the heat, Jesus sat at Jacob's Well. A little after, the Samaritan woman came to draw water, and had a long conversation with Him (it is the longest recorded discourse between Christ and a single person in the entire Bible). Photeini did not want to talk to Jesus, because the Samaritans did not have any dealings with Jews; Jews considered her people heretics because Samaritans kept only the first five books of the Old Testament. However, the Lord talked with her anyway, read her heart, revealed her secrets and gave her to drink of the "Living Water"—the grace of the Holy Spirit that leads to eternal life and flows to all humanity. Photeini immediately ran throughout the city to proclaim Christ. Through her, many other Samaritans believed in Jesus.

By the intercessions of Thy Martyr, Photeini, O Christ God, have mercy on us. Amen.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**+Healing & Recovery** Fr. Paul Yerger. Fr. Leo. Dea. Terry. Kh. Janet Henderson. Joy Logue.

Dolores Nosser. Rick Collins. George Michael Nasif. Lynne Abraham. Pam Smith, Irene

Tzotzolas. Michael Farris. Athena. Georgia. Andrea Simon. Chuck Abraham. Carla Leese.

**+Birthdays & Anniversaries** May. Donna Thornton (16), Mickey & Jaynie Fedell (18), Cole & Janet Gleason (20). Mickey & Jaynie Fedell (18), Cole & Janet Gleason (20).

**+Holy Bread & Coffee Hour.** Are offered by Rhonda Wright and her family.

**+Mother's Day Brunch** Sunday May 10. Is Offered by Rhonda (Thomas)Wright.

**+Keep in your prayers.** Our Catechumens, Cole Gary, & John Morgan Mcright. Who are preparing themselves for the Holy Sacrament of Chrismation.

**+Antiochian Men Meeting.** Monday May 18 @ 6 pm.

**+Parish Council Meeting** Tuesday May 19 @ 6pm. |

**+Fast Free.** From Pascha April 12 until. Ascension May 21.

**+Diocese OF Miami & The Southeast** 2026 PARISH LIFE CONFERENCE (PLC) *hosted by St. Nicholas Church of Springdale, Arkansas* **June 10 - 13, 2026** If you would like to register or have any questions about PLC, please get in touch with [miamiplc@antiochianevents.com](mailto:miamiplc@antiochianevents.com)

## **The Church Fathers Teach**

As we continue to journey toward the radiant feast of Pentecost, we are reminded to emulate Saint Photini; to thirst for Christ; to seek His mercy; to us desire-above all things—the living water of the Holy Spirit. And, upon, having received all these gifts, to live our life in gratitude in response to all that our Lord has bestowed upon humanity. For this reason, our prayer ought to be one that invites God's illumination so that we may truly come to know ourselves; that we may repent sincerely; that we may learn to trust and love God fervently; and that we may be filled with His gifts: the gifts of the joy, peace, freedom and the love of the Holy Spirit.

## DIVINE LITURGY MAY 10, 2026

“DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM”

**SUNDAY OF THE SAMARITAN WOMAN & AFTER-FAST OF MID-  
PENTECOST**

### 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 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."