



ST. GEORGE'S/ST. JOHN'S DIVINE SERVICES

Saturday, May 9

Transfers of relics of St. Nicholas Wonderworker

Readings: Acts. 11:19-26 & 29-30; Jn. 4:5-42

St. John's parish

6:30 P.M. Vigil Divine Liturgy

Repose of all mothers.

Sunday, May 10

Sunday of the Samaritan Woman/Mother's day

Readings: Acts. 11:19-26 & 29-30; Jn. 4:5-42

St. George's parish

9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy

God blessing upon Nicholas Hohosha on his birthday

God blessing upon all mothers.

Thursday, May 14

St. Isidore, Venerable

Readings: Acts. 14:20-15:4; Jn. 9:39-10:9

St. George's parish

7:00 P.M. Moleben to the Mother of God

Saturday, May 16

St. Theodore venerable

Readings: Acts. 16:16-34; Jn. 9:1-38

St. John's parish

6:30 P.M. Vigil Divine Liturgy

God blessing upon all parishioners.

Sunday, May 17

Sunday of the Man Born Blind

Readings: Acts. 16:16-34; Jn. 9:1-38

St. John's parish

9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy

God blessing upon Fr. Igor Hohosha on his birthday

Supplications will be offered for+ **Anastasia Malanczuk, given by Pyptyk sisters.**

Thursday, May 21

Ascension of Our Lord

Readings: Acts. 1:1-12; Lk. 24:36-53

St. George's parish

7:00 P. M. Vespertal Divine Liturgy

Repose of Antony, Anthoni, Kateryna Fedyna

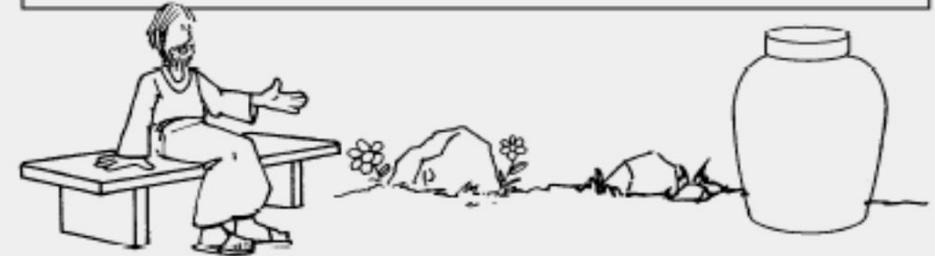
Jesus said, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water that I give him will never thirst."

Jesus offered something special to the woman.

What was it?

Write these words in alphabetical order on the graph below. The second letter of each word in order will answer the question. (We've done the first word for you.)

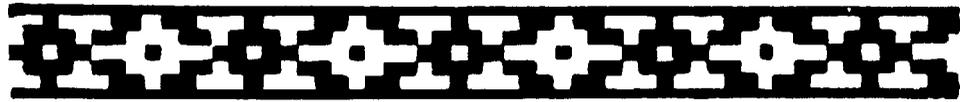
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O God Almighty, Lord of heaven and earth, and of all creation visible and invisible, in Your ineffable goodness, look down upon Your people gathered in Your Name. Be our helper and defender in this day of affliction. You know our weakness. You hear our cry in repentance and contrition of heart.

O Lord Who loves mankind deliver us from the impending threat of the coronavirus. Sent Your Angel to watch over us and protect us. Grant health and recovery to those suffering from this virus. Guide the hands of physicians, and preserve those who are healthy that we may continue to serve You in peace and glorify Your Most Honorable and Majestic Name, of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages. Amen

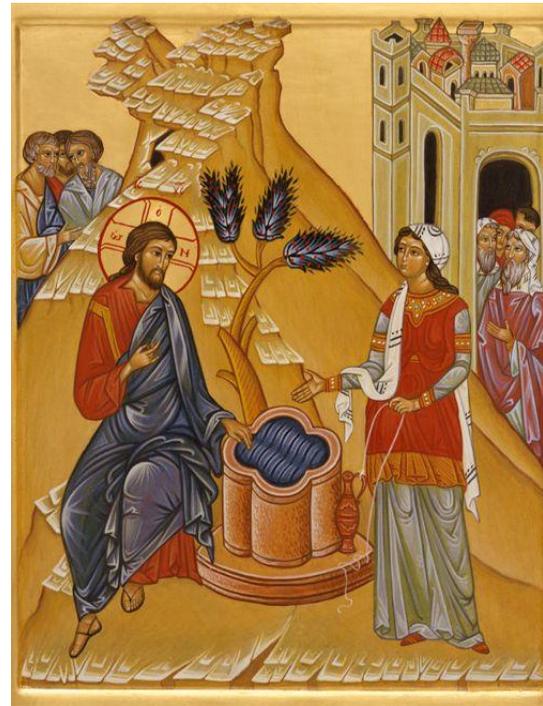


AS A MOTHER...

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



As a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you; and you will be comforted over Jerusalem. -ISAIAH 66:13 NIV



May 10, 2020

**Fifth Sunday after Pascha –
Sunday of the Samaritan
Woman, Tone 4; The Holy
Apostle Simon the Zealot**

**Changeable Part: Pages 12-13
In the Booklet of Changeable Parts
(Small white book)**



Happy and Blessed Mother's Day!

O Lord, our God, look down with merciful eyes upon our humble and earnest petition which we fervently offer to You today on behalf of all of our mothers. Shower Your heavenly graces upon them. Grant that they may always behold the joy of their children and their children's children. Fill them with that same maternal love that our most holy Lady, the God-bearer, and ever-Virgin Mary showed to Your Only-Begotten Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ. And, grant that all of our mothers may ever be sustained in the image of our heavenly mother, the Most Pure Virgin Mary. We pray to You, O heavenly Master, on this special day, honoring our mothers to graciously hear us and have mercy on them.



Our Parish Family wishes special blessings upon all our mothers, grandmothers, god-mothers and spiritual mothers on this Mother's Day. Grant them, O Lord, many happy and blessed years! Многая Лѣта! Христос Воскрес!

Announcements:

Today: Sunday of the Samaritan Woman

We celebrate the Fifth Sunday of Pascha which deals with the woman of Samaria with whom Christ spoke at Jacob's Well. As we hear in the Gospel Reading for this Sunday (John 4:5-42), again the theme is the "living water" and the recognition of Jesus as God's Messiah. We are reminded today of our New Life in Him, of our own drinking of the "living water", of our own true worship of God in the Christian messianic age "in Spirit and in Truth". We see as well that salvation is offered to ALL: Jews and Gentiles, men and women, saints and sinners.

Help your parish during COVID 19 - DONATE.

In addition to caring for your neighbor and taking care of yourself, one of the most practical ways to help the Church is to continue to do what you have always done: support our parish with your financial resources. Please, continue to contribute to your parish, even during the period you are unable to attend the Liturgy, with your gifts of alms during this Great Fast. Parishioners' weekly contributions are the main source of financial support for our parishes, and while some expenses may be a little lower during this time, parishes have many fixed costs that need to be attended to. **You may send your donations to the office of St. George (St. John) or we just added an option to make online donation on our Saint George's web page:**

<http://saintgeorgepittsburgh.org/donate.htm>

Collection (St. George) - May God bless you...

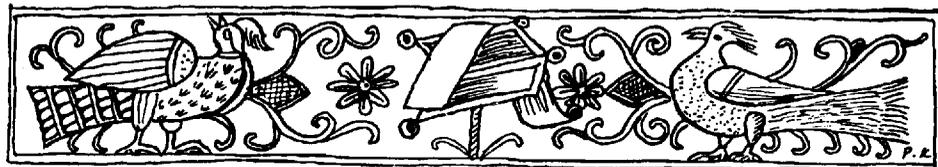
The total for Sunday of May 3, 2020 was **\$2,670.00**.

(Regular: \$920.00, Anonymous: \$1000.00; Online donation through our website: \$750.00)

Collection (St. John's) – May God bless you ...

The total for Sunday of May 3, 2020 was **\$826.00**

*May Our Risen Lord bless you and reward you for your kindness and generosity to our Holy Church: **Христов Воскрес! Christ is Risen!***



Sunday of the Samaritan Woman

Today's Gospel reading from St. John the Evangelist (Jn 4:5-42) does not give us the name of the Samaritan woman. But the Tradition of the Church remembers, and calls her in Greek - Photini, in Ukrainian - Svitlana, in Western languages - Claire. And all these names speak to us of one thing - of light.

Having met the Lord Jesus Christ she has become a light shining in the world, a light that enlightens those who meet her. Every Saint is offered to us as an example; but we cannot always emulate the concrete ways in which a Saint lived, we cannot always repeat their way from earth to heaven. But we can learn from each of them two things. The one is that by the grace of God we can achieve what seems humanly impossible; that is, to become a person in the image and likeness of God, to be - in this world

of darkness and tragedy which is in the power of lies - a word of truth, a sign of hope, the certainty that God can conquer if we only allow Him access to our souls. Because if the Kingdom of God is not established within us, if God is not enthroned in our minds and hearts, a fire that destroys everything unworthy of ourselves and of Him, we cannot spread God's light around.

And the second thing which the Saints can teach us is to understand the message which their names convey to us. Today's Samaritan woman learns and speaks of light. Christ has said that He is the Light of the world, the light that enlightens all people; and we are called to give shelter within our souls, minds and hearts - indeed, within our whole self - to this light; so that the word spoken by Christ, "Let your light so shine before all men, that seeing your good deeds they may give glory to your Father who is in heaven", may be fulfilled and accomplished in and through us.

It is only through seeing our deeds, through seeing how we live that people can believe that the light is God's light; it is not in our words, unless they are words of truth and of power like those of the Apostles, or of Christ Himself indeed. On this Sunday of the Samaritan Woman let us reflect, each of us, on the meaning of our name and on the way in which we can become what we are called. Amen.

·THE SAMARITAN WOMAN·

