

# **ST.GEORGE'S DIVINE SERVICES**

St. Simeon, Bishop-Martyr

Readings: Acts. 11:19-26 7 29-30; Jn. 4:5-42 6:00 P.M. Vigil Divine Liturgy (McKees Rocks)

**Sunday, April 28** Sunday of the Samaritan Woman

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9:10 A.M. Third Hour; 9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Supplications will be offered for + Charles & Ann Chulack, given by Luigi and Family.

Supplications will be offered for + Michael Adamchik, given by Pyptyks.

## Spring Clergy Conference - April 29 - May 2, 2024

St. Pelagia, Martyr

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

6:00 P.M. Vigil Divine Liturgy (McKees Rocks)

Sunday, May 5 Sunday of the Man Born Blind

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

9:10 A.M. Third Hour; 9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Supplications will be offered for+ Michael & Anna Chersnowsky, given by Magdalena.

Supplications will be offered for+ Patricia Della Ragione, given by Luigi & family.



Then, the woman went back to the town. What did she tell the people?

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## Sunday of the Samaritan Woman



Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony. "He told 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 word. They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of your words that we believe, for we have heard ourselves, and we know that this is indeed Christ the Savior of the world."

On this Fifth Sunday of Pascha, we read in our Holy Church the Gospel of John (4:5-42) that details Christ's dealings with the Samaritan Woman. It was on account of this interaction that

the Samaritans became the first people to recognize Jesus as Savior of the world. And, it is on account of this interaction that we first realize that the Gospel of Christ is for all people!

According to an early tradition, after the Resurrection of Christ, the Samaritan Woman was baptized and given the Christian name Photini, which means "the enlighten one." Along with her two sons and five daughters she went to Carthage (northern Africa) to spread the Gospel. There they were arrested, taken to Rome under Nero, imprisoned, and later martyred. According to tradition, Saint Photini, who first met Christ beside a well, was martyred for Christ by being thrown into a well. Besides honoring the Samaritan Woman on this Sunday our Holy Church also commemorates her every year on February 26<sup>th</sup>.

For most of the faithful, Saint Photini is remembered on her feast day, yet some stewards of the Church call her to mind on a daily basis as they "enlighten" others with the Gospel of Christ. We all have that calling-vocation to be enlighteners in our households, families, schools, at work, etc.

Let us this day pray that we too, like the Samaritan Woman, may bring others to the Church, testifying like her to the Divinity of Christ, becoming reapers of that which we have not sown. Holy Mother Photini, pray to God for us!

The Samaritan Woman came to the well with faith and saw You, the Master of Wisdom. You satisfied the thirst of her soul, and she inherited the Kingdom of Heaven forever.



## April 28, 2024

The Sunday of the Samaritan Women

The Holy Apostles Jason and Sosipater; Holy martyrs Dadas, Maximus and Quintilianus; Our father among the Saints Cyril of Turau, Festal Tone

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## **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.

<u>Mark your calendar:</u> The next Adult Religious Class is on May 16, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. Please mark other scheduled classes as June 13 and July 18, 2024. Special thank you to Don Fontana for coordinating these classes and parishioners for attending.

#### **Scholarship**

Again this year the Education Board of St. George's is happy to announce that students who are attending or are planning to attend Duquesne University should be aware of the availability of the Estina Franzak Perpetual Scholarship Fund. The Fund is intended to benefit students of Ukrainian ethnicity in their studies at Duquesne University. The amount of scholarship varies. Scholarships are awarded on an academic year basis. Recipients from prior years will be considered for renewal of awards provided that they demonstrate satisfactory academic progress.

For additional details please see Fr. Igor or Olha Perkun. Applications must be submitted to the Education Board of St. George Ukrainian Catholic Church by June 1, 2024

#### **Clergy Conference**

Starting Monday afternoon, April 29, the Conference of our Eparchy (Diocese) of St. Josaphat will continue until Thursday, May 2. During this time of prayer, celebration of Divine Services, and spiritual lessons, I ask you to offer prayers for all the clergy attending this conference. I will be absent during this time, but you can always contact the parish office or leave a message on my cellular phone at 412-478-5685.

#### **Prayer List:**

Make a point of praying for everyone on the prayer list. If you don't have one, contact the office and we'll send you one. In a special way at this time remember the following members of our parish family: Barbara Fedora, Helen Fedenko, Orysia Barshowski, Thomas Kunsak, Kathee Shabla and Rose Shedno.

## Collection- May God bless you...

The total for Sunday of April 21, 2024 was \$1,008 + \$130.00

(Collection: \$945.00, Loose & candles: \$63.00, pyrohi: \$130.00)

\*Sincere thanks to all of you for your generous donations during this Paschal Season. May Our Risen Lord bless you and reward you for your kindness and generosity to our Holy Church: Xpucmoc Bockpec! Christ is Risen!





### **MOTHER'S DAY**

## Please light a candle in honor/memory of the following

Given By:							
	Living	Deceased					
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Please print each name and circle the correct notation. Red candles will be used for the Living, White for the deceased. Donation for each candle is \$3.00.

\* DEADLINE TO ORDER THESE CANDLES: THURSDAY, MAY 9, 2024\*





If you forgive anyone, I also forgive him. And what I have forgiven—if there was anything to forgive—I have forgiven in the sight of Christ for your sake, in order that Satan might not outwit us. For we are not unaware of his schemes.

- 2 CORINTHIANS 2:10-11 NIV