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Sunday, May 14, 2023

Sunday of the Samaritan Woman

St. Isidore the Martyr

Eothinon/Orthros Gospel: Seventh (John 20:1-10)

Mode of the Week: Fourth/Τέταρτος

QR Codes (scan with smart phone for service texts)

Orthros



Divine Liturgy



Upcoming Schedule

<i>Today, May 14</i>	9:15am Orthros 10:30am Divine Liturgy on the Sunday of the Samaritan Woman Sunday School for the Youth after Holy Communion Coffee Fellowship in the Parish House after the Liturgy
<i>Tuesday, May 16</i>	5:00pm Intro to Orthodoxy Meeting (on Zoom)
<i>Wednesday, May 17</i>	5:45pm Vespers 6:30pm Adult Study Class
<i>Saturday, May 20</i>	4:00pm Byzantine Chant Class 5:00pm Great Vespers
<i>Sunday, May 21</i>	9:15am Orthros 10:30am Divine Liturgy on the Sunday of the Blind Man and Sts. Constantine and Helen Sunday School for the Youth after Holy Communion (last day) Honoring of our High School and College Graduates at the end of the Liturgy Coffee Fellowship and Philoptochos Board Elections in the Parish House after the Liturgy 1:00pm Parish Council Meeting
<i>Tuesday, May 23</i>	9:00pm Holy Vigil for the Leave-taking of Pascha (Great Vespers, Orthros, and Divine Liturgy) - until approx. 12:30am
<i>Wednesday, May 24</i>	3:00pm Blood Drive in the Parish House (until 7:00pm) 6:00pm Great Vespers for the Feast of the Ascension of the Lord
<i>Thursday, May 25</i>	9:30am Orthros 10:30am Divine Liturgy on the Feast of the Ascension of the Lord
<i>Sunday, May 28</i>	9:15am Orthros 10:30am Divine Liturgy on the Sunday of the Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council Coffee Fellowship after the Liturgy in the Parish House
<i>Monday, May 29</i>	Memorial Day—Office Closed
<i>Tuesday, May 30</i>	7:00pm Young Adult Outing
<i>Wednesday, May 31</i>	5:45pm Vespers 6:30pm Adult Study Class

Upcoming Epistle Readers: (5/21) Aleca Hortman, Cleo Bennette; (5/28) Sarah Drakopoulos, Charles Glotzbach
Upcoming Ushers: (5/17) Hazel D.; (5/20) Cleo B.; (5/21) Cheryl+ Erick S.; (5/23) TBD; (5/24) Melanie M.
Upcoming Video Operators: (5/21) Cristina L.; (5/23) Natalia S.; (5/25) Joanna P.; (5/28) Gray Y., David N.
Upcoming Fellowship Hosts: (5/21) Georgia Saratsiotis; (5/28) Katerina Iakovidis; (6/4) Tassie Cantrell

Our Parish Hymn of the Holy Cross of Christ:

Save, O Lord, save your people and bless Your inheritance. Give victory to those who battle evil and protect us all by Your Holy Cross.

Σώσον Κύριε τὸν λαόν σου καὶ εὐλόγησον τὴν κληρονομίαν σου, νίκας τοῖς βασιλεῦσι κατὰ βαρβάρων δωρούμενος καὶ τὸ σὸν φυλάττων διὰ τοῦ Σταυροῦ σου πολίτευμα.

To our Visitors and Guests: We extend a **warm welcome** to all worshiping with us today! While Holy Communion, following ancient practice, is reserved for Orthodox Christians, non-Orthodox may receive the blessed bread (antidoron) offered at the conclusion of the service.

Please join us in the Parish House after the Divine Liturgy for Coffee Fellowship!

Epistle Reading

Ὡς ἐμεγαλύνθη τὰ ἔργα σου, Κύριε· πάντα ἐν σοφίᾳ ἐποίησας.

Στίχ. Εὐλόγει, ἡ ψυχὴ μου, τὸν Κύριον. Κύριε ὁ Θεός μου, ἐμεγαλύνθης σφόδρα.

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Πράξεων τῶν Ἀποστόλων τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα.

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Ἐν ταῖς ἡμέραις ἐκείναις, διασπαρέντες οἱ Ἀπόστολοι ἀπὸ τῆς θλίψεως τῆς γενομένης ἐπὶ Σεφάρῳ διῆλθον ἕως Φοινίκης καὶ Κύπρου καὶ Ἀντιοχείας, μηδενὶ λαλοῦντες τὸν λόγον εἰ μὴ μόνον Ἰουδαίοις. Ἦσαν δὲ τινες ἐξ αὐτῶν ἄνδρες Κύπριοι καὶ Κυρηναῖοι, οἵτινες εἰσελθόντες εἰς Ἀντιόχειαν ἐλάλουν πρὸς τοὺς Ἑλληνιστάς, εὐαγγελιζόμενοι τὸν Κύριον Ἰησοῦν. Καὶ ἦν χεὶρ Κυρίου μετ' αὐτῶν, πολὺς τε ἀριθμὸς ὁ πιστεύσας ἐπέστρεψεν ἐπὶ τὸν Κύριον. Ἠκούσθη δὲ ὁ λόγος εἰς τὰ ὄτα τῆς Ἐκκλησίας τῆς ἐν Ἱεροσολύμοις περὶ αὐτῶν καὶ ἐξαπέστειλαν Βαρνάβαν ἕως Ἀντιοχείας· ὃς παραγενόμενος καὶ ἰδὼν τὴν χάριν τοῦ Θεοῦ ἐχάρη, καὶ παρεκάλει πάντας τῇ προθέσει τῆς καρδίας προσμένειν τῷ Κυρίῳ, ὅτι ἦν ἀνὴρ ἀγαθὸς καὶ πλήρης Πνεύματος ἁγίου καὶ πίστεως. Καὶ προσετέθη ὄχλος ἱκανὸς τῷ Κυρίῳ. Ἐξῆλθε δὲ εἰς Ταρσὸν ἀναζητῆσαι Σαῦλον, καὶ εὐρῶν ἡγάγεν εἰς Ἀντιόχειαν. Ἐγένετο δὲ αὐτοὺς καὶ ἐνιαυτὸν ὅλον συναχθῆναι ἐν τῇ Ἐκκλησίᾳ καὶ διδάξαι ὄχλον ἱκανόν, χρηματίσαι τε πρῶτον ἐν Ἀντιοχείᾳ τοὺς μαθητάς Χριστιανούς. Ἐν ταύταις δὲ ταῖς ἡμέραις κατῆλθον ἀπὸ Ἱεροσολύμων προφήται εἰς Ἀντιόχειαν· ἀναστὰς δὲ εἷς ἐξ αὐτῶν ὀνόματι Ἄγαβος ἐσήμανε διὰ τοῦ Πνεύματος λιμὸν μέγαν μέλλειν ἔσσεσθαι ἐφ' ὅλην τὴν οἰκουμένην· ὅστις καὶ ἐγένετο ἐπὶ Κλαυδίου Καίσαρος. Τῶν δὲ μαθητῶν καθὼς εὐπορεῖτό τις ὤρισαν ἕκαστος αὐτῶν εἰς διακονίαν πέμψαι τοῖς κατοικοῦσιν ἐν τῇ Ἰουδαίᾳ ἀδελφοῖς· ὁ καὶ ἐποίησαν ἀποστείλαντες πρὸς τοὺς πρεσβυτέρους διὰ χειρὸς Βαρνάβα καὶ Σαύλου.

O Lord, Your works shall be magnified greatly; You made all things in wisdom.

Verse: Bless the Lord, O my soul. O Lord my God, You are magnified exceedingly.

(Ps. 103)

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The reading is from the Acts of the Apostles. (11:19-30)

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In those days, those apostles who were scattered because of the persecution that arose over Stephen traveled as far as Phoenicia and Cyprus and Antioch, speaking the word to none except Jews. But there were some of them, men of Cyprus and Cyrene, who on coming to Antioch spoke to the Greeks also, preaching the Lord Jesus. And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number that believed turned to the Lord. News of this came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. When he came and saw the grace of God, he was glad; and he exhorted them all to remain faithful to the Lord with steadfast purpose; for he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a large company was added to the Lord. So Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul; and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. For a whole year they met with the church, and taught a large company of people; and in Antioch the disciples were for the first time called Christians. Now in these days prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. And one of them named Agabos stood up and foretold by the Spirit that there would be a great famine over all the world; and this took place in the days of Claudius. And the disciples determined, every one according to his ability, to send relief to the brethren who lived in Judea, and they did so, sending it to the elders by the hand of Barnabas and Saul.

The Holy Gospel Reading according to St. John (4:5-42)

Sunday of the Samaritan Woman

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ ἔρχεται ὁ Ἰησοῦς εἰς πόλιν τῆς Σαμαρείας λεγομένην Συχάρ, πλησίον τοῦ χωρίου ὃ ἔδωκεν Ἰακώβ Ἰωσήφ τῷ υἱῷ αὐτοῦ. Ἦν δὲ ἐκεῖ πηγὴ τοῦ Ἰακώβ. ὁ οὖν Ἰησοῦς κεκοπιακῶς ἐκ τῆς ὀδοπορίας ἐκαθέζετο οὕτως ἐπὶ τῇ πηγῇ· ὥρα ἦν ὥσπερ ἔκρη. ἔρχεται γυνὴ ἐκ τῆς Σαμαρείας ἀντλήσαι ὕδωρ. λέγει αὐτῇ ὁ Ἰησοῦς· Δός μοι πεῖν. οἱ γὰρ μαθηταὶ αὐτοῦ ἀπεληλύθεισαν εἰς τὴν πόλιν, ἵνα τροφάς ἀγοράσωσι. λέγει οὖν αὐτῷ ἡ γυνὴ ἡ Σαμαρεῖτις· Πῶς σὺ Ἰουδαῖος ὢν παρ' ἐμοῦ πεῖν αἰτεῖς, οὔσης γυναικὸς Σαμαρεῖτιδος; οὐ γὰρ συγχρῶνται Ἰουδαῖοι Σαμαρεῖταις, ἀπεκρίθη Ἰησοῦς καὶ εἶπεν αὐτῇ· Εἰ ἤδεις τὴν δωρεὰν τοῦ Θεοῦ καὶ τίς ἐστίν ὁ λέγων σοι, δός μοι πεῖν, σὺ ἂν ἤτησας αὐτόν, καὶ ἔδωκεν ἄν σοι ὕδωρ ζῶν. λέγει αὐτῷ ἡ γυνὴ· Κύριε, οὔτε ἀντλημα ἔχεις, καὶ τὸ φρέαρ ἐστὶ βαθύ· πόθεν οὖν ἔχεις τὸ ὕδωρ τὸ ζῶν; μὴ σὺ μείζων εἶ τοῦ πατρὸς ἡμῶν Ἰακώβ, ὃς ἔδωκεν ἡμῖν τὸ φρέαρ, καὶ αὐτὸς ἐξ αὐτοῦ ἔπιε καὶ οἱ υἱοὶ αὐτοῦ καὶ τὰ θρέμματα αὐτοῦ; ἀπεκρίθη Ἰησοῦς καὶ εἶπεν αὐτῇ· Πᾶς ὁ πίνων ἐκ τοῦ ὕδατος τούτου διψήσει πάλιν· ὃς δ' ἂν πῖνῃ ἐκ τοῦ ὕδατος οὗ ἐγὼ δώσω αὐτῷ, οὐ μὴ διψήσει εἰς τὸν αἰῶνα, ἀλλὰ τὸ ὕδωρ ὃ δώσω αὐτῷ, γενήσεται ἐν αὐτῷ πηγὴ ὕδατος ἀλλομένου εἰς ζῶην αἰώνιον. λέγει πρὸς αὐτὸν ἡ γυνὴ· Κύριε, δός μοι τοῦτο τὸ ὕδωρ, ἵνα μὴ διψῶ μηδὲ ἔρχομαι ἐνθάδε ἀντλεῖν. λέγει αὐτῇ ὁ Ἰησοῦς· Ὑπάγε φώνησον τὸν ἄνδρα σου καὶ ἐλθέ ἐνθάδε. ἀπεκρίθη ἡ γυνὴ καὶ εἶπεν· Οὐκ ἔχω ἄνδρα. λέγει αὐτῇ ὁ Ἰησοῦς· Καλῶς εἶπας ὅτι ἄνδρα οὐκ ἔχω· γένετο γὰρ ἄνδρας ἔσθες, καὶ νῦν ὃν ἔχεις οὐκ ἐστὶ σου ἀνὴρ· τοῦτο ἀληθῆς εἶρηκας. λέγει αὐτῷ ἡ γυνὴ· Κύριε, θεωρῶ ὅτι προφήτης εἶ σὺ. οἱ πατέρες ἡμῶν ἐν τῷ ὄρει τούτῳ προσεκύνησαν· καὶ ὑμεῖς λέγετε ὅτι ἐν Ἱεροσολύμοις ἐστὶν ὁ τόπος ὅπου δεῖ προσκυνεῖν. λέγει αὐτῇ ὁ Ἰησοῦς· Γύναι, πιστεύσων μοι ὅτι ἔρχεται ὥρα ὅτε οὔτε ἐν τῷ ὄρει τούτῳ οὔτε ἐν Ἱεροσολύμοις προσκυνήσετε τῷ πατρὶ. ὑμεῖς προσκυνεῖτε ὃ οὐκ οἴδατε, ἡμεῖς προσκυνοῦμεν ὃ οἶδαμεν· ὅτι ὁ σωτήριος ἐκ τῶν Ἰουδαίων ἐστίν. ἀλλ' ἔρχεται ὥρα, καὶ νῦν ἐστίν, ὅτε οἱ ἀληθινοὶ προσκυνῆται προσκυνήσουσι τῷ πατρὶ ἐν πνεύματι καὶ ἀληθείᾳ· καὶ γὰρ ὁ πατὴρ τοιοῦτους ζητεῖ τοὺς προσκυνοῦντας αὐτόν. πνεῦμα ὁ Θεός, καὶ τοὺς προσκυνοῦντας αὐτόν ἐν πνεύματι καὶ ἀληθείᾳ δεῖ προσκυνεῖν. λέγει αὐτῷ ἡ γυνὴ· Οἶδα ὅτι Μεσσίας ἔρχεται ὁ λεγόμενος Χριστός· ὅταν ἔλθῃ ἐκείνους, ἀναγγελεῖ ἡμῖν πάντα. λέγει αὐτῇ ὁ Ἰησοῦς· Ἐγὼ εἰμι, ὁ λαλῶν σοι. καὶ ἐπὶ τούτῳ ἠῴθαι οἱ μαθηταὶ αὐτοῦ, καὶ ἐθαύμασαν ὅτι μετὰ γυναικὸς ἐλάλει· οὐδεὶς μὲντοι εἶπε, τί ζητεῖς ἢ τί λαλεῖς μετ' αὐτῆς; Ἀφῆκεν οὖν τὴν ὕδριαν αὐτῆς ἡ γυνὴ καὶ ἀπῆλθεν εἰς τὴν πόλιν, καὶ λέγει τοῖς ἀνθρώποις· Δεῦτε ἴδετε ἄνθρωπον ὃς εἶπέ μοι πάντα ὅσα ἐποίησα· μὴτι οὗτός ἐστιν ὁ Χριστός; ἐξῆλθον οὖν ἐκ τῆς πόλεως καὶ ἤρχοντο πρὸς αὐτόν. Ἐν δὲ τῷ μεταξύ ἠρώτων αὐτόν οἱ μαθηταὶ λέγοντες· Ραββί, φάγε. ὁ δὲ εἶπεν αὐτοῖς· Ἐγὼ βρωδῶν ἔχω φαγεῖν, ἦν ὑμεῖς οὐκ οἴδατε. ἔλεγον οὖν οἱ μαθηταὶ πρὸς ἀλλήλους· Μὴ τις ἠνεγκεν αὐτῷ φαγεῖν; λέγει αὐτοῖς ὁ Ἰησοῦς· Ἐμὸν βρωμά ἐστίν ἵνα ποιῶ τὸ θέλημα τοῦ πέμψαντός με καὶ τελειώσω αὐτοῦ τὸ ἔργον. οὐχ ὑμεῖς λέγετε ὅτι ἐπι τετράμηνας ἐστὶ καὶ ὁ θερισμὸς ἔρχεται; ἰδοὺ λέγω ὑμῖν, ἐπάρατε τοὺς ὀφθαλμοὺς ὑμῶν καὶ θεάσασθε τὰς χώρας, ὅτι λευκαὶ εἰσι πρὸς θερισμόν. ἤδη καὶ ὁ θερίζων μισθὸν λαμβάνει καὶ συνάγει καρπὸν εἰς ζῶην αἰώνιον, ἵνα καὶ ὁ σπείρων ὁμοῦ χαιρῇ καὶ ὁ θερίζων. ἐν γὰρ τούτῳ ὁ λόγος ἐστίν ὁ ἀληθινός, ὅτι ἄλλος ἐστὶν ὁ σπείρων καὶ ἄλλος ὁ θερίζων. ἐγὼ ἀπέστειλα ὑμᾶς θερίζειν ὃ οὐχ ὑμεῖς κεκοπιάκατε· ἄλλοι κεκοπιάκασι, καὶ ὑμεῖς εἰς τὸν κόπον αὐτῶν εἰσεληλύθατε. Ἐκ δὲ τῆς πόλεως ἐκείνης πολλοὶ ἐπίστευσαν εἰς αὐτόν τῶν Σαμαρειτῶν διὰ τὸν λόγον τῆς γυναικός, μαρτυρούσης ὅτι εἶπέ μοι πάντα ὅσα ἐποίησα. ὥς οὖν ἦλθον πρὸς αὐτὸν οἱ Σαμαρεῖται, ἠρώτων αὐτόν μείναι παρ' αὐτοῖς; καὶ ἔμεινε ἐκεῖ δύο ἡμέρας. καὶ πολλοὶ πλείους ἐπίστευσαν διὰ τὸν λόγον αὐτοῦ, τῇ τε γυναικὶ ἔλεγον ὅτι οὐκέτι διὰ τὴν σὴν λαλιὰν πιστεύομεν· αὐτοὶ γὰρ ἀκηκόαμεν, καὶ οἶδαμεν ὅτι οὗτός ἐστιν ἀληθῆς ὁ σωτὴρ τοῦ κόσμου, ὁ Χριστός.

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 you, 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, you have nothing to draw with, and the well is deep; where do you get that living water? Are you 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; 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 you are a prophet. Our fathers worshiped on this mountain; and you say that 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 the Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ); when he comes, he will show 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 do you wish?" or, "Why are you 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 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."

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Bulletin for the week of May 14, 2023

Ushers on Duty: John Apostolou, Charles Glotzbach

Video: Natalia S. Altar Servers: All Adult/Youth Servers

Epistle Readers: Pete Tsamolias (Greek), Panos Drakopoulos (English)

Fellowship Host (Thank You!): Cleo Bennette



Today our Holy Orthodox Church commemorates:

+ Fifth Sunday of Pascha: Sunday of the Samaritan Woman

When our Lord Jesus Christ, then, came at midday to this city, which is also called Sychar (John 4:5), He was wearied from the journey and the heat. He sat down at this well. After a little while the Samaritan woman mentioned in today's Gospel passage came to draw water. As she conversed at some length with the Lord and heard from Him secret things concerning herself, she believed in Him; through her many other Samaritans also believed. After the Ascension of the Lord, and the descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, the woman of Samaria was baptized by the holy Apostles and became a great preacher and Martyr of Christ; she was called Photini, and her feast is kept on February 26.

+ The Holy Martyr Isidore of Chios (+251)

This Saint was a soldier from Alexandria. He came with the Roman fleet to Chios, where he was betrayed as a Christian to Numerian, Commander of the Fleet. Because he boldly pro-fessed himself to worship Christ as God and refused to worship any other, he was tormented and beheaded in 251, during the reign of Decius.

+ The Holy Martyr Therapon (+3rd Century)

+ The Holy Martyr Alexander of Centumcellae

+ The Holy Martyrs Alexander, Barbarus, and Acoluthus

+ Our Father among the Saints, Leontos, Patriarch of Jerusalem (+1190)

+ The Holy New Martyr Mark the Cretan (+1643)

+ The Holy New Martyr John the Bulgarian (+1802)

By the intercessions of Your Saints, O God, have mercy on us and save us. Amen.

Variable Hymns of the Day in the Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom (page 8 in the Pew Book):

- Hymn of the Resurrection (Χριστός ανέστη, Plagal 1st Mode):

Χριστός ανέστη ἐκ νεκρῶν, θανάτῳ θάνατον πατήσας, καὶ τοῖς ἐν τοῖς μνήμασι, ζῶν ἡν χριστάμενος.

Christ is risen from the dead, by death trampling down upon death, and to those in the tombs He has granted life.

- Special Entrance Hymn (Ἐν ἐκκλησίαις, 2nd Mode):

Bless God in the churches, the Lord from the fountains of Israel. Save us, O Son of God, risen from the dead. We sing to You, Alleluia.

- Weekly Resurrectional Hymn (Το φαίδρόν, 4th Mode):

When the women disciples of the Lord heard the Angel joyously proclaim the resurrection, they cast aside the ancestral verdict, and boasting in glory they said to the Apostles, "Death has been despoiled! Christ God has risen, granting the great mercy to the world!"

- Hymn of Mid-Pentecost (Μεσοῦσης της εορτής, Plagal 4th Mode):

O Lord, midway through the feast, give drink to my thirsty soul from the living waters of right belief. You, O Savior, proclaimed to everyone, "Let whoever is thirsty come to Me and drink." You are the fountain of life, O Christ our God. Glory to You!

- Hymn of the Holy Cross (Σῶσον Κύριε, 1st Mode):

Save, O Lord, save your people and bless Your inheritance. Give victory to those who battle evil and protect us all by Your Holy Cross.

- The Kontakion of Pascha (Ἐι και εν τῷ φῶ, Plagal 4th Mode):

Though You went down into the tomb, O Immortal One, yet You brought down the dominion of Hades; and You rose as the victor, O Christ our God; and You called out "Rejoice" to the Myrrh-bearing women, and gave peace to Your Apostles, O Lord who to the fallen grant resurrection.

Guidance, Prayer Requests, and Announcements

This Week's Daily Scripture Readings and Fasting Guidance:

Sunday (5/14—No Fasting): John 20:1-10; Acts 11:19-30; John 4:5-42

Monday (5/15—No Fasting): Acts 12:12-17; John 8:42-51

Tuesday (5/16—No Fasting): Acts 12:25, 13:1-12; John 8:51-59

Wednesday (5/17—Wine, Oil): Acts 13:13-24; John 6:5-14

Thursday (5/18—No Fasting): Acts 14:20-28, 15:1-4; John 9:39-10:9

Friday (5/19—Wine, Oil): Acts 15:5-12; John 10:17-28

Saturday (5/20—No Fasting): Acts 15:35-41; John 10:27-38

Prayer Requests:

Metropolitan Alexios, Fr. Symeon (mission priest supported by our parish), Panteleimon, Michael, Eve, Kassiani, Michael, Dimitrios, Georgia, Pavlos, Jill, Betty, David, Chris, Irene, Valerie, Chris, Dianna, Keith, Jeannie, Dawn, Kenneth, Samuel, Hermione, Emmanuel, Mary, Kay, Helen, Nikki, Sedky, Mena, Austin, Kiley, Garrett, Andy, Heather, Carolina, Maria, Laurie, Lindsey, Randy, Raymond, Marina, Effie, Christina, Ashley

Prayers for those recently reposed:

Fr. Angelo (+April 20), Stanley (+April 24), Adrienne (+May 3)

Prayers for expecting mothers:

Katina B.

Prayers for Military Personnel and Their Families:

Aubriana Butchko, Kyle Glotzbach, Robert Ice, Aaron Vrahotes, Aleksander Zajac

Prayers for our Catechumens and Inquirers into the Orthodox Church:

Nate, Chad, Alexander, and pray for those who are seeking Christ and His Church!

Weekly Wisdom of the Fathers:

St. Sophrony of Essex on the blessing and responsibility of parenthood: "The upbringing of children begins from the day of the wedding. The couple ought to live with Prayer and the fear of God. When a mother Prays when she is pregnant, the embryo feels the energy of the Prayer. When a child is conceived the parents ought not to be angry. When it is born, they ought to Pray; they should also Pray when they have the child in their arms. Whatever the mother does, she should do it with Prayer. She should make the

Sign of the Cross over the child when it is asleep, and Pray when she breastfeeds it or gives it food."

Upcoming Celebrations This Week

Name Days—Chronia Polla, Many Years!
None in the Records

Birthdays—Happy Birthday!

May 14: Jennifer Kangas

May 19: David Lee Bradford

Anniversaries—Congratulations!

None in the Records

(If you have a celebration that did not make it into the bulletin, please e-mail Fr. Theodore!)

Announcements:

* **We wish all of our mothers, Godmothers, grandmothers, everyone who is like a mother to us in our lives a very happy and blessed Mother's Day today. God bless you all!**

* **Shut-Ins:** If you know of anyone who is unable to come to the Church because of illness, age, or any other reason, please contact Fr. Theodore so that he can visit with them, pray with them, and administer to them the Holy Mysteries.

* **YOUTH:** Today we will have a 30 min MAX "2nd Sunday" GOYA activity! The last day of Sunday School is next Sunday May 21st, and we will also honor our Graduates. We'll carry on our tradition of Ice Cream Sundaes to celebrate! 2-day Vacation Church Camp (tent camping!) in the works for June.. stay posted!

* **Philoptochos:** Board Elections will be taking place next Sunday, May 21 after the Divine Liturgy. Philoptochos is a wonderful opportunity to be hands on with those in need and fulfill the commandments of our Lord—please consider being a part of this beautiful ministry! The Food Drive is continuing through today. Thank you to those that have participated!

* For those that are interested in learning more about the Orthodox Christian faith, we are conducting our **Intro to Orthodoxy/Catechumen classes** online by Zoom meeting every other week (next meeting: May 16). Please contact Fr. Theodore for more information!

* The next Red Cross **Blood Drive** in the Parish House will be on Wednesday, May 24 from 3:00 to 7:00pm. Come, give blood, and stay for the Great Vespers for the Ascension of the Lord at 6:00!

Christ is Risen! Χριστός Ανέστη!