

May 15, 2022  
Fifth Paschal Sunday,  
Sunday of the Samaritan Woman



**SAINT GEORGE BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH**

*Fighting the Good Fight with Faith*

*Christ is Risen! Indeed he is Risen! ~ Christos Voskrese Voistinu Voskrese!*

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Divine Services for the Week:

**SUN., MAY 15**  
8:30 A.M.

**SUNDAY of the SAMARITAN WOMAN**  
**DIVINE LITURGY**  
+ Lori Dickey Stevic, offered by Mother & Father

**SUN., MAY 22**  
8:30 A.M.

**SUNDAY of the MAN BORN BLIND**  
**DIVINE LITURGY**  
+ Andrew & Patricia Kayla, offered by Mr. & Mrs. Dan Pinchot

**Fellowship Coffee and Doughnuts Today Following Liturgy**

Parishioners, visitors, and friends, we are thankful that you have come to worship with us today and pray that your participation in our Divine Liturgy will be enriching to you. Following every Sunday Divine Liturgy, Fellowship Coffee and doughnuts are served. Please stay and join us!



*Behold, how good and pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity.*

*Psalm 133:1*

*Christos Voskrese! Voistinu Voskrese! – Христосъ воскресе! Воистину воскресе!*

**Happy Birthday Greetings:**

May 15: Daniel Zimmerman

**Wedding Anniversaries:**

May 21: Francis & JoAnn Hersh

**Please Pray For Our Sick and Shut-ins**

Eileen Batcha, Rebecca Dickun, Marianne Dove, Jean Herdt, Rebecca Hutcheon, Kevin Joray, Mary Ann Jugan, Neil Jugan, Mary Salamon, Marian Yurosky

Josephine Maruhnich – **Beaver Elder Care** (616 Golf Course Road, Aliquippa, PA 15001)

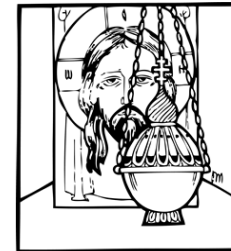
Betty Polas – **Apple Blossom Senior Living** (125 Apple Blossom Wy, #307, Moon Twp., PA 15108)

Carol Huchko – **Concordia at Villa St. Joseph** (1040 State St, Baden, PA 15005)

**Epistle Readers – May 15: Prudy Peya – May 22: Louisa Hersh**

**Ushers – Stand in as needed**

**Troica Holders May 15: R. Dzumba – May 22: R. Mudron**



**THIS WEEK'S SANCTUARY LAMP**

May 15 - 21, 2022

*Burns before the real presence of our Lord for:*

**+ Lori Dickey Stevic**

*(In Loving Memory)*

Offered By:

Family

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# St. George Church

# FLEA MARKET

Haluski Sale, Bake Sale

June 24 & 25

9:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.

## **It's St. George Flea Market Time!**

Our Flea Market, Haluski and Bake Sale will return this summer here at St. George Church, **Friday & Saturday, June 24 - 25. WE ARE IN NEED OF NEW DONATIONS.** Consider donating items you no longer need to our Flea Market, no clothing please. Items can be brought to the Center every Saturday from 9:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M. or any time you are here. Ask family and friends to consider donating items to our Flea Market. **We will also need Bake Sale items, so please consider baking.** Your help with this event will be greatly appreciated. We always have a great time. *Thank you!*

## ***Sunday of the Samaritan Woman***

Not only did our Lord Jesus Christ teach large crowds - for example, at the Sermon on the Mount - but he also spent time with individuals, in one-on-one situations. The Gospel for this Sunday, the account of the Woman at the Well, the Samaritan Woman, is one example of this and a very interesting one it is.

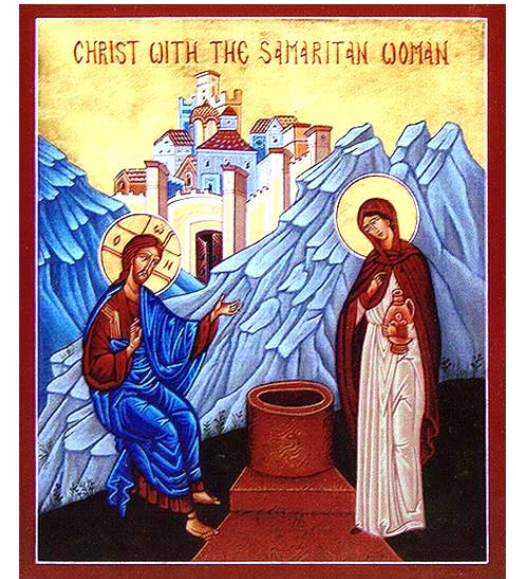
Our Lord knows what is in everyone's heart, He knew what was in the Samaritan woman's heart, and He also knows our own hearts and our weaknesses. He knows us well and can help us, only we must not fall prey to despondency. Tradition holds it that the Samaritan woman, who was called Photina, was persecuted during Nero's reign in approximately 66 A.D. for spreading Christianity, and died a martyr's death by being thrown into a well. Despite leading a sinful life, the Samaritan Photina had a sincere desire to know the true faith, and the Lord did not overlook her desire. In other words, she was not lukewarm in faith as is, unfortunately, the overwhelming majority of contemporary mankind. The Lord accepted the sinful Samaritan woman, but did not approve of the scribes and the Pharisees, despite the fact that outwardly their life may have appeared more righteous.

Today's Gospel reading teaches us to approach all spiritual issues in our life from within: to pay scant attention to externals, for the internal has more value than the external. And whenever we are faced with the question of whether we are acting correctly in such-and-such a case, we should look upon it from within the heart: if the answer is "yes" – then thanks be to God, and if the answer is "no" – then we must try to change ourselves.

## **Further Reflection...**

We are told in our society today to keep religion out of the public sphere. We are told that we should not talk about religion in social settings, in school, or at work. We are told that we should not proselytize and make convert to Christianity. We are told to leave others alone to follow their own path. But, if we are truly convinced that Christ is "the way, the truth, and the life," and this is true for all people, how can we possibly stay silent about something which impacts a person's salvation?

In what ways can we bring the message of Christ to others in a way that respects their freedom?





**The Week of the Samaritan Woman**

The Samaritan woman, Photina (Svetlana in Slavonic), is an image of our baptism. Since Jacob’s well could not quench her thirst, the Lord revealed to her true worship of the Father in spirit and in truth. In this week we draw of the water of the well of enlightenment and imitate the holy and repentant Photina, Great Martyr and Equal to the Apostles, the woman enlightened by our Lord. Martyred during the reign of the Emperor Nero, her feast day is February 26th . The Orthodox church of Jacob’s Well is located in the city of Nablus on the West Bank. The current church is the 5th structure to stand over the site, which has been venerated by Christians as the Well of Jacob since the 4th century.



*Do you partake of “living water” offered by Christ? Do you kindle the desire of others for this “living water”?*

**Excerpt from Christ our Pascha: The Proclamation of the Kingdom of God**

***The Announcement of the Kingdom: The Sermon on the Mount (Mt 5-7):*** The kingdom of God is a gift of God’s love: “I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another” (Jn 13:34). When we receive divine love into our life, we begin to perceive others in a new way—as our neighbors (see Lk 10:25-37). The power of love even conquers hatred towards enemies:

You have heard that it was said, “You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.” But I say to you: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children of your Father in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous (Mt 5:43-45) (#207)

**Holy Rosary to be Recited**

The Holy Rosary will be recited at the Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes located at the St. Anthony Center in West Aliquippa on Sunday, May 22, 2022 at 3:00 pm. Deacon Tony Giordano will lead the rosary and prayers. Refreshments and cookies will be served after the rosary. Everyone is welcome to join the St. Anthony Congregation in honoring the Blessed Mother. For further information please call 724-622-8445

“Give me this water, that I thirst not, neither come hither to draw.” (John 4:15)

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Holy Mystery of Marriage ..... Contact the church office eight months prior to wedding  
Religious Education Classes ..... September through May, following Sunday Divine Liturgy  
St. George Ladies' Guild & Men's Club ..... Everyone welcome to participate

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