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May 6th – 5th Sunday Of Pascha – Sunday Of The Samaritan Woman – Tone 4
(Commemorating the Holy Glorious Great Martyr George The Victorious)

Today's Epistle Reading:

EPISTLE: ACTS 11: 19-26, 29-30

Today's Gospel Readings:

MATINS: Jn. 20: 1-10/**LITURGY:** John 4: 5-42

Troparion: "Christ is Risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs, bestowing life!"

(The Troparion of the Samaritan Woman also will be sung)

Troparion – Tone 4: When the women disciples of the Lord, learned from the Angel the joyous message of Thy Resurrection; they cast away the ancestral curse, and elatedly told the Apostles: 'Death is overthrown! Christ God is risen, granting the world great mercy!' "

Troparion (St. George): "The deliverer of prisoners, and protector of the poor; healer of the infirmed, and defender of Kings: Holy Victorious, Great Martyr George, pray to Christ our God, for the salvation of our souls!"

(The Hymn to the Theotokos, "The Angel Cried...", will also be sung!)

Spiritual Food: Some random thoughts about last weekend – if I may: I was surprised at the number of parishioners that **decided NOT to be in Church** last Sunday when I was away (The number of people that either called me or told me when I got back was surprising too). May I ask you all to consider something (because this happens frequently when someone comes to serve in my place): (1) How do you think the Guest Priest/Deacon feels when he comes to lead us in prayer, only to find a handful of faithful present? (2) What impression are we giving to the visiting Clergy who are with us on that day – that Church is not important to us, or that this is a chance to take a Sunday off? (3) Finally, what is the 'Big Picture' of our not coming to welcome a Visiting Cleric in our midst – that he is not important, that his time is not as valued as ours is, or that his message to us means nothing, so we can just stay away? I think it is time that those of you who do stay away take a good, long, hard look at what you are doing in these situations – not only does it reflect badly on our Parish, but it is also VERY DAMAGING to your souls. I only ask this because this is a horrible habit that we have all allowed to creep into the life of Church (not just ours, but other parishes who suffer with this affliction), and I KNOW we are better than this!

Today's Special Announcements and Upcoming Events For Our Parish:

- (1) **TODAY:** we invite ALL of you downstairs for the celebration of our Family's Patron Saint Feast-Day, a wonderful Open House to enjoy!
- (2) **Special REMINDER:** as many have been asking for it, I will be serving a TEACHING LITURGY NEXT **Sunday, May 13th** – meaning that periodically we will take short breaks to explain what is taking place at that time – **we will begin at 9:40AM sharp!**
(For the Proskomedie service) Come and learn!
- (2-A) **NEXT Sunday** is also Mother's Day – Come and Honor all our 'Mom's'!
- (3) **Please pray for the health and well-being of our following loved ones within our parish:**
Katie Repasky George Rocknage Ann Cervo Nick Trbovic Donna/Nick Moss-NH
Lucy Pcholiniski-H Lora Washowich Martha Zivkovich-NH Stella Stipanovich -NH
Helen Lia Ann Vunovic-NH Beverly Stipanovich Keith Bedell Margaret Ivkovich-NH
Melva Buzzelli-NH V. Rev. Adam Yonitch V. Rev. Paul Lazor Wayne Eremic
- (4) **Also pray for the souls of those fallen asleep in the Lord:**
+Alex Stipanovich +Dan Ikach +Sophie Vranesevic +Louise Zivkovich +Smilja Blagovich
+Mimi Pavlovich +Robert Torbic +Ann Vranesevic +Nick Pilipovich +George Medich
+Kh. Stefanie Yazge +Stoyanka Vranesevich +Mel Trkula +Sharon Young +Mika Rocknage
+Betty Perich +Dorothy Shumkaroff +Tom Greyno +Zoran Popovich +Amy Pacura
+APS Stevan Stepanov, +Rastko Trbuhovich, & +Vasilije Sokolovic +Arlene Crnkovich
- (5) **GROUPS Ministry:** Our Men's Support Group meets THIS Tuesday at 7 PM at Twin Oaks!
- (6) **Don't forget: you can help out at the St. Cyril Food Pantry** – any Thursday at 4:30pm!
- (7) **UPCOMING MAY EVENTS:** please mark your calendars for the following:
- **May 13th: Teaching Liturgy (and Mother's Day)** – Come & Learn the Beauty of our Faith!
 - **May 17th:** Ascension of XC – 9:30AM Divine Liturgy/**May 20th:** Honoring Grads/Teachers!
 - **May 24th:** Sts. Cyril and Methodius – Matins at 9:30AM!
 - **May 26th/27th:** PENTECOST Weekend – KOLO SLAVA on that Sunday!
- (8) **REMINDER:** Saturday nights – Confessions at 5PM and Great Vespers at 6 PM!
- (9) **Sunday, May 20th:** We honor our Graduates and Teaching Staff – JOIN US!
(ALSO, we will serve the 40-day Parastos for +Daniel Ikach)
- (10) **Saturday/Sunday May 26th-27th: PENTECOST WEEKEND** – Parastos on Saturday at 9:30AM – followed by Blessing of Graves; Sunday – KOLO Slava in Church – JOIN US!

SUNDAY OF THE SAMARITAN WOMAN

The Gospel story today highlights an encounter between our Lord and a woman from Samaria. Weary from His travels, Jesus pauses to rest at Jacob's well. When this woman approached the well, our Saviour asked her for a drink. But He was really asking for so much more.

The event at the well is full of vital Christian teaching. It was an amazing theological discourse that led not only to the conversion of the woman, but to the people of Samaria as well. Jesus discussed true worship, the integrity of marriage, the need for laborers to further the work of the Church, and He identifies Himself as the Promised Messiah.

It is no wonder that this event occupies an important position in the calendar of the Church. Within the post-Resurrection period, we hear each year this inspiring and educational meeting at the well, and we drink deeply of the "living water" that quenches our spiritual thirst. The Kontakion hymn says it is this way: **"Coming in faith to the well, the woman of Samaria beheld You, the Water of Wisdom, and satisfying her thirst, she inherited the kingdom on high, and is glorified forever."**

Are you, in a spiritual sense, thirsty? Is your soul dry and parched? Then follow the example that this woman so many years ago did and drink from the deep well of "living water." Jesus is willing and able to fill ALL our souls with the nourishment we need.