



5th Sunday of Pascha Sunday of the Samaritan Woman

The Holy Apostle Simon the Zealot – Simon was one of the Twelve Disciples. Tradition reports that he preached the Gospel in Egypt & Persia.

**** Sunday, May 10th, 2020 ****

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Easter Season Greeting until May 20th

Christ Is Risen! - Indeed He Is Risen!

Chrystos Voskres! - Voistynu Voskres!

Христос Воскрес! - Воістину Воскрес!

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The Most Holy Trinity Parish Public Liturgical Services Postponed Until Further Notice.

Please join Holy Eucharist Cathedral (New Westminster) or St. Nicholas parish (Victoria) Facebook page for live-streamed coverage of liturgical services

www.facebook.com/stnicholasvictoria

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Holy Eucharist Cathedral schedule:

Sunday, May 10 & 17 Div. Lit. at 9:00 a.m. (Eng.) & 10:00 a.m. (Ukr.)



Paschal Troparion

Christ is risen from the dead, * trampling death by death, * and to those in the tombs * giving life.

Troparion, Tone 4: When the disciples of the Lord learned from the angel * the glorious news of the resurrection * and cast off the ancestral condemnation, * they proudly told the apostles: * “Death has been plundered! * Christ our God is risen, * granting to the world great mercy.”

Troparion, Tone 8: At the mid-point of the Feast, O Saviour, * water my thirsty soul with streams of true godliness; * for You cried out to all: Let any who thirst, come to Me and drink. * O Source of Life, Christ our God, glory to You!

+Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

Kontakion, Tone 8: Drawn to the well by faith, * the Samaritan woman beheld You, the Water of Wisdom, * and drinking abundantly of You, * she inherited the heavenly Kingdom for ever, * becoming everlastingly glorious.

Now and for ever and ever. Amen.

Kontakion, Tone 4: At the mid-point of the Feast according to the Law, * Maker of all things and Master, * You said to those present, O Christ God: * Come, and draw the water of immortality. * And so we fall before You crying out with faith: Grant us Your mercies, for You are the source of our life.

Prokeimenon, Tone 3: Sing to our God, sing; sing to our King, sing.
verse: Clap your hands, all you nations; shout unto God with the voice of joy.

Epistle: A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (11:19-26, 29-30):

In those days, those who were scattered because of the persecution that took place over Stephen, travelled as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus, and Antioch, and they spoke the word to no one except Jews. But among them were some men of Cyprus and Cyrene who, on coming to Antioch, spoke to the Hellenists also, proclaiming the Lord Jesus. The hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number became believers and 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 rejoiced, and he exhorted them all to remain faithful to the Lord with steadfast devotion; for he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a great many people were brought to the Lord. Then Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul, and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. So it was that for an entire year they met with the church and taught a great many people, and it was in Antioch that the disciples were first called “Christians.”



Alleluia, Tone 4: Poise yourself and advance in triumph and reign in the cause of truth, and meekness, and justice.

verse: You have loved justice and hated iniquity.(Psalm 44:5,8)

Gospel: John 4:5-42:

At that time, Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (His disciples had gone to 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?" (Jews do not share things in common 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 no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water." Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." 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 the one you have now is not your husband." "What you have said is true!" The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these 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" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." Jesus said to her,

“I am he, the one who is speaking to you.” Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, “What do you want?” or, “Why are you speaking with her?” Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, “Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?” They left the city and were on their way to him. Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, “Rabbi, eat something.” But he said to them, “I have food to eat that you do not know about.” So the disciples said to one another, “Surely no one has brought him something to eat?” Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, ‘Four months more, then comes the harvest’? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering 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 labour. Others have laboured, and you have entered into their labour.” Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, “He told me everything I have ever done.” 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 what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Saviour of the world.”

Hymn to the Mother of God - Virginité is alien to mothers and child-bearing is foreign to virgins; yet in you, O Mother of God, both of them came together. Therefore, we and all the nations of the earth without ceasing magnify you.

Communion Hymn - Receive the Body of Christ; * taste the fountain of immortality.

* Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise Him in the highest. * Alleluia, alleluia, * alleluia.

Instead of “Blessed is He...” , “We have seen the true light...”, “Let our mouths...” *we sing*: **Christ is risen from the dead, trampling death by death, and to those in the tombs giving life.**

Instead of “Blessed be the name of the Lord...” *we sing*: **Christ is risen...(3x).**

“Christ is risen” is sung again once (using a simple chord chant) instead of “Glory be to the Father...” at the dismissal.

Then the Troparion “Christ is risen” is sung as in the beginning of the Liturgy, but with an additional ending.

Troparion: Christ is risen from the dead, trampling death by death, and to those in the tombs giving life (3x).

*And to us He has granted life eternal * we bow down before His resurrection on the third day.*



Prayer of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in these Holy Gifts!

I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot receive You now,
I place before You my whole life and hope, O loving Master;
and I ask, pray, and entreat You: Make me worthy to partake in a mystical way and with a pure conscience of Your awesome and heavenly Mysteries: for forgiveness of sins, for the pardon of offenses, for communion of the Holy Spirit, for the inheritance of the kingdom of heaven, for confidence before You, and not for judgment or condemnation.
I embrace You as You enter and abide in me, and I unite myself completely to You. Permeate my soul and body, and never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Молитва духовного Причастя

Мій Ісусе! Я вірю, що Ти присутній у цих Святих Дарів!
Люблю Тебе над усе і моя душа тужить за Тобою.
Не можу зараз Тебе прийняти в Євхаристії,
тому хоча б духовно прийди до мого серця!
Запрошую Тебе, відчиняю навстіж двері мого серця,
згадаючи Твої слова: «Ось стою під дверима і стукаю.
Якщо хто почує Мій голос і відчинить двері,
Я ввійду до нього, і буду вечеряти з ним, а він зі Мною».
Я весь єднаюся з Тобою. Ісусе, моє найвище Добро
й моя солодка Любове!
Торкнись мого серця і запали його,

ЩОБ ВОНО ЗАВЖДИ ПАЛАЛО ЛЮБОВ'Ю ДО ТЕБЕ! АМІНЬ.



Catechetical Commentary (“God With Us Online” website)

“If we are convinced and have come to experience that without Christ life lacks something, that something real – indeed, the most real thing of all – is missing, we must also be convinced that we do no injustice to anyone if we present Christ to them and thus grant them the opportunity of finding their truest and most authentic selves, the joy of finding life. Indeed, we must do this. It is our duty to offer everyone this possibility of attaining eternal life.”

Pope Benedict XVI

In today’s Epistle we hear of the early evangelical work of the church as the Gospel message spread beyond Jerusalem to the city of Antioch, the birthplace of the Melkite Church, and began to take root in the hearts of those who were not of the “chosen race.” This initial sharing of the Gospel with non-Jews would cause great concern among some in the Jerusalem Christian community and eventually a council of the Apostles would be called to consider how to deal with this situation. By placing this Epistle within the context of the Gospel message, the Church holds up Christ’s ministry as the example to be followed.

Just as Jesus brought salvation to the Samaritan woman, and through her to the whole Samaritan village, so we cannot keep the Good News of Christ to ourselves and to our community alone. Today Christ calls each of us who have experienced the joy of the Gospel to share this gift with those whom we encounter. We have received our new life in Christ as a gift and therefore it is to be lived as a gift.

Challenge:

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 converts 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 FATHERS ON THE GOSPEL

Having initiated the conversion of the Samaritans ... Jesus focuses entirely on the salvation of those who are called and has no concern for bodily food, though wearied with his journey. In this way, he encourages the teachers in the churches and persuades them to disregard all fatigue and be more zealous for those who are being saved than caring for their own bodies. For the prophet says, “Cursed is he who does the work of the Lord with slackness.”
ST CYRIL OF ALEXANDRIA, *COMMENTARY ON THE GOSPEL OF JOHN 2.5*.



Although the Most Holy Trinity Parish Public Liturgical Services are postponed until further notice, Fr. Andrzej & his family will continue to celebrate daily services and offer their prayers for the intentions of parishioners of the Most Holy Trinity parish.

Sunday, May 10 *Liturgy* (Eng./Ukr.): God's blessings to all parishioners

Monday, May 11 *** Div. Lit: +Stefania K.

Tuesday, May 12 ** Moleben to the Mother of God

Wednesday, May 13 *** Div. Lit: +Mary Elizabeth, +Emmett, +Margaret & +Angus Brady

Thursday, May 14 *** Div. Lit: Good health & God's blessings for Cecil & Muriel S.

Friday, May 15 *** Div. Lit: + Gisela J.

Saturday, May 16 *** Div. Lit: Catherine H.

Sunday, May 17 * *Divine Liturgy* (Eng./Ukr.): God's blessings to all parishioners

Dear Parishioners, please continue participating in online or televised services and remain united with each other in thought and prayer. Keep up the phone calls and don't forget those who may not receive too many calls, emails, texts, etc.



Please Pray for health of ... All those affected by the coronavirus, and Stan K., Fr. Josaphat T., Olga P., Sharon B., Zonia R., Brian K., Maria Z., Jayne & Ernie P., Lawrence & Ping B., Allan N., Moris P., Mary W., Piotr & Jadwiga W., Sam D., Ray O., Mary E., Sharon & Al L., Joe S., Jeanne R., Emily H., Lisa M., Michael L., Greg H., Melynda S., Dorothy N., Gloria N., Ann D., Joyce K., Suzanne C., Clay B., Maria W., Anne D., Rose K., Maria S., all sick brothers and sisters in our families and parish community. Please let Fr. Andrzej know if you would like to add names to the prayer list and also notify him about any sick and/or hospitalized parishioners and family members.



Happy Mother's Day!!! – We wish all mothers, god-mothers and spiritual mothers many God's blessings, good health, joy and peace on this special day. May you be greatly rewarded for your love, care and commitment in this privileged and demanding call of being a mother.



Happy 90th Birthday Anne! – on behalf of our parish community we wish Mrs. Anne Tofan many God's blessings of good health, joy, peace and happiness on her very special birthday. Mnohaya Lita! Chrystos Voskres!



Sincerest Thanks – Many thanks to everyone who brought or sent financial support to our parish during this time when our liturgical services are not open to the public. God bless you all. **March income:** \$1,830.57;



April income: \$1,704.00. (Sunday donations - \$1,070; UCWLC - \$579; other - \$55).

Thank you to Pawlyshyn Family – in memory of mother & “Baba”, **late Jessie Pawlyshyn**, Mr. David Pawlyshyn & his daughters Shery & Diane donated a very generous gift of \$300 to our parish. Thank you & may God bless you.

Eparchy of New Westminster - Clergy Zoom Meeting – will take place this coming Tuesday, May 12th at 10:00 a.m.

Upcoming Major Feast Days – The Ascension of Our Lord Jesus Christ will be celebrated on **Thursday, May 21st** & The Descent of the Holy Spirit - **Pentecost Sunday, May 31st**.

Easter Catholic Catechetical Resource Website – just to let you know that there is one more great source to increase your spiritual life, please check out the new website for “God with Us” Byzantine Publications:

<https://godwithusonline.org> (**God With Us Online** – is an outreach project of the Eparchial Directors of Religious Education and the Eastern Catholic Associates and is dedicated to the catechetical renewal of Eastern Catholics in the United States in accord with the Church’s call for a new Evangelization.)

You may also sign up for an excellent three sessions teaching on Eastern Spirituality: “Purification of the Heart: The First Stage of the Spiritual Life.” By **Rev. Deacon Thomas Moses** - Wednesdays, May 6, 13 & 20 @ 8 - 9 pm ET.

**** **Special Events** **** :

Webinar: The Art of Prayer - The Saint John Paul II National Shrine's *The Art of Prayer* is a continuing series about interior prayer, which includes reflections and time for silent meditation. Join them for their newest video **Sunday, May 10, 6-7 p.m. EDT.** [YouTube](#) .

Join the March for Life in Canada – from your home - Unable to take to the streets, Knights in Canada are instead taking to social media and digital platforms to defend the rights of the unborn during [Canada’s National March for Life, May 10-15](#). Our brother Knight Alex Schadenberg (State Life Director in Ontario), in his capacity as executive director of the Euthanasia Prevention Coalition, will share his film [Fatal Flaws](#) and give an interview as part of the weeklong virtual march.

The National Week for Life and the Family - will be celebrated **May 10-17**, with the theme, “Children: The Crowning Glory of Marriage.”

Material to help celebrate Life and Family has been prepared by the Catholic Organization for Life and Family (COLF). The material, which can be freely downloaded and reproduced, includes: a proposed plan for pastors and lay pastoral workers on how they might organize the week; a message from the CCCB President, the Most Reverend Richard Gagnon; proposals for homily notes and Prayers of the Faithful; and suggestions for related events and activities.

The material is available on COLF:

<https://www.colf.ca/en/events/item/301-national-week-for-life-and-the-family-2020>

A “**Moleben for Life**” will be celebrated at 7:00 pm, Monday, **May 11**, at **Saint Josaphat’s Cathedral, Edmonton**, to coincide with the annual National Week of Life and Family.

A Pro-Life Divine Liturgy will be celebrated at 10:00 am, Thursday, **May 14**, also at Saint Josaphat's Cathedral. Both services will be livestreamed at www.stjosaphat.ab.ca.

5th Anniversary of "Laudato si" - Pope Francis invites the Church to celebrate **Laudato si' Week** from **May 16-24**.

In a [recorded video message](#), Pope Francis marks the **5th Anniversary** of the publication of his Encyclical *Laudato si'*, **On the Care of Our Common Home**. In the video, he addresses Catholic communities around the world, asking us, "What kind of world do we want to leave to those who will come after us, to children who are growing up?" "Motivated by this question," he says, "I would like to invite you to participate in *Laudato si'* Week from May 16-24. It is a global campaign on the occasion of the fifth anniversary of the encyclical letter *Laudato si'*: On the care of our common home."

The Pope also renews his urgent call to respond to the ecological crisis: "The cry of the earth and the cry of the poor cannot continue," he says. "Let's take care of creation, a gift of our good Creator God. Let's celebrate *Laudato si'* Week together."

Laudato Si' Week is sponsored by the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development and is meant to encourage Catholic communities to take bolder actions for creation during the week-long initiative.

For ways to celebrate *Laudato si'* Week, visit www.laudatosiweek.org.

Pope Francis invites us to bring solidarity to our world in a shared **moment of prayer** on **Sunday, May 24**, at **12:00 pm noon local time**, to pray this [Common Prayer for the 5th Anniversary of *Laudato si'*](#):

Loving God, Creator of heaven and earth and all that is in them,
You created us in your image and made us stewards of all your creation,
of our common home.
You blessed us with the sun, water and bountiful lands so that all might
be nourished.
Open our minds and touch our hearts, so that we may attend to your gift
of creation.
Help us to be conscious that our common home belongs not only to us,
but to all future generations, and that it is our responsibility to
preserve it.
May we help each person secure the food and resources that they need.

Be present to those in need in these trying times, especially the poorest and those most at risk of being left behind.

Transform our fear, anxiety and feelings of isolation into hope so that we may experience a true conversion of the heart.

Help us to show creative solidarity in addressing the consequences of this global pandemic.

Make us courageous to embrace the changes that are needed in search of the common good.

Now more than ever may we feel that we are all interconnected, in our efforts to lift up the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor.

We make our prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

<i>The Gospel of Luke</i>	<i>From</i>	<i>To</i>	<i>Psalm(s)</i>
20:41-21:4	May 10, 2020	May 16	Ps 119:169- Ps 120
21:5-24	May 17, 2020	May 23	Pss 121- Ps 122



Prayer During the Coronavirus Outbreak

Lord, Our God,
We thank you for the life that is your gift,
For the providence that sustains us,
And for your wisdom that directs the course
of our days.
The threat of an infection of coronavirus is
upon us today.

This disease causes fear among us and has claimed lives.

We humbly beg you, loving Lord,

Dispel our fear and deliver us from this and other diseases.

Heal those who are afflicted and stop the spread of the virus.

Strengthen us in charity to care for one another.

For You are a God of mercy, kindness, and love, and we glorify
You Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever.

Amen.