



*\* 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pascha \**  
*Sunday of the Samaritan Woman*

**Our Venerable Father** Father Pachomius the Great – Pachomius was born in Egypt in 292 and was one of the great leaders of monasticism. He was surrounded by seven thousand monks in the Nile Valley. He was the first to write the rules of monastic life in the Coptic language. He died in the year 346.

**\*\* Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022 \*\***

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*Easter Season Greeting until May 25<sup>th</sup>*  
*Christ Is Risen! - Indeed He Is Risen!*  
*Chrystos Voskres! - Voistynu Voskres!*  
*Xpucmoc Bockpec! - Boicmyny Bockpec!*

***No Liturgical Services this coming week***

**Sunday, May 15 \*\* Service Cancelled. \*\***

**Sunday, May 22 \*\* 9:30 a.m. \*\* Rosary (Eng.) \*\* 10:00 a.m.**

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

*After the priest has exclaimed, "Blessed be the Kingdom..." and the people have responded, "Amen," the clergy sing the Paschal Troparion once and the people repeat it. Then, the clergy sing the first half, and the people conclude it.*

***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.

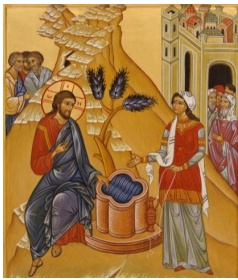
**Then the Troparion** “Christ is risen” is sung as in the beginning of the Liturgy, but with an additional ending.

**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.**

***Commentary on the Sunday Gospel Reading:***

<https://godwithusonline.org/reflections/the-sunday-of-the-samaritan-woman-ukrainian/>



On the fifth Sunday of Pascha, we celebrate the feast of the Samaritan Woman. Tradition says that her name was Photeini (Світлана). She met Jesus at midday at Jacob’s Well, which was located in the city of Sychar. And being tired from travel and the heat, Jesus sat at Jacob’s Well. A little after, the Samaritan woman came to draw water, and had a long conversation with Him (it is the longest recorded discourse between Christ and a human in the entire Bible).

Photeini did not want to talk to Jesus, because the Samaritans did not have any dealings with Jews; Jews considered her people heretics because Samaritans kept only the first five books of the Old Testament. However, the Lord talked with her anyway, read her heart, revealed her secrets and gave her the “Living Water”—the grace of the Holy Spirit that leads to eternal life and flows to all humanity—to drink. Photeini immediately ran throughout the city to proclaim Christ. Through her, many other Samaritans believed in Jesus.

Tradition further establishes that she finally received the crown of martyrdom in Rome with her two sons and five sisters during the persecutions under the Emperor Nero in the second part of the 1<sup>st</sup> century.

\*\*\*\*\* *Prayers* \*\*\*\*\*

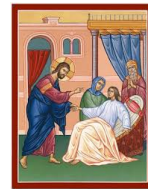
*Prayer for the Afflicted People of Ukraine in Time of War*



God of peace and justice, we pray for the people of Ukraine today. We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons. We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow, that Your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them. We pray for those with power over war or peace, for wisdom, discernment, and compassion to guide their decisions. Above all, we pray for all Your precious children, at risk and in fear, that You would hold and protect them. We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. Amen.

**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.

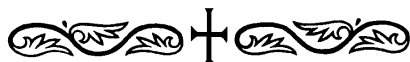


For You are a God of mercy, kindness, and love, and we glorify You Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever. Amen.

***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.



## \*\* ANNOUNCEMENTS \*\*



**A warm welcome** - to all parishioners who join us today in our church for the Divine Liturgy and those who continue to pray at home. We wish you a healthy & blessed week!

**Please Pray for health of ...** All those affected by the coronavirus, those wounded in the war in Ukraine and: Nadia F., Paulette K., Bev. N, Msgr. Jerry D., Irene M., Sharon & Al L., Wilma C., Rob E., Elsie K., Billie M., Peter O., Rob R., F.T., Zbigniew K., Pat B., Anne D., Margaret M., Dave & Betty C., Matt D., Bill P., Thomas H., Lawrence & Ping B., Gladys O., Zonia K., Brian K., Mary & Dave E., Jeanne R., Lisa M., Michael L., Melynda S., Suzanne C., Clay B., Stefanica K., Sarah N., 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.



**Thank you to all our Supporters & Volunteers –**

**Дякуємо** – Many thanks to everyone for

your continued support of our parish community and for supporting our brothers & sisters in Ukraine. Our gratitude to Mr. Orest Hrycewich for weedwacking the parish parking lot. God bless you all!



**Our Gratitude** - our parish sheds have a new look. Many thanks to Mr. Mykola Hendricks & his sister Lesia and other members of “Brush+Roll Contracting” for their excellent & generous job of painting our parish sheds. God bless you!



**Cancelation of today's Divine Liturgy** - due to Fr. Andrzej's and other parishioners' covid illness, today's Divine Liturgy and weekday services are cancelled.

**Monthly Parish Council Meeting** – will take place this coming **Wednesday, May 18<sup>th</sup>** at 6:30 p.m. in the parish hall.

**Church & Residence Carpet Cleaning** - will take place this coming Wednesday, May 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Father Le Jeune 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Knights of Columbus Assembly** – will hold their monthly meeting via zoom this coming **Thursday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022** at 7:00 p.m.

**Monthly Meeting for SSVF**- will take place on Tuesday, May 24<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. at our parish hall.

**2022 Parish Feast-day (Praznyk)** – will be celebrated on Sunday, June 12<sup>th</sup>. This year we will be honoured with the presence of our Apostolic Administrator, Bishop David Motiuk.

**10<sup>th</sup> World Meeting of Families** – theme: “Family Love: Vocation and Path to Holiness” – will be celebrated on Sunday, June 26, 2022. Although the main gathering will take place in Rome, we will also celebrate this event on the Eparchial and parish levels.

**Pope Francis' Visit to Canada** - July 24-29, 2022 - The historic visit, focused on Indigenous healing and reconciliation. Given the vast landscape of Canada, the limited time period for the visit and considering the health of the 85 year old Pontiff, the Vatican has announced that Pope Francis will adopt only three communities as a base for his Canadian visit: Edmonton, Quebec City, and Iqaluit.

**Parish Fundraiser to Support Those Fleeing the War in Ukraine** – we have the opportunity to purchase Ukrainian pins at the church entrance as a way of supporting our brothers and sisters who will come from Ukraine. Suggested donation is \$10.

**Upcoming Major Feast Days** – The Ascension of Our Lord Jesus Christ will be celebrated on **Thursday, May 26<sup>th</sup>** & The Descent of the Holy Spirit – **Pentacost Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup>**.

**Sunday Obligation** - At the outset of the pandemic, a **dispensation from the obligation of attending the Sunday**

**and Feast Day Divine Liturgy** was granted, with the intent of safeguarding the health and well-being of the faithful in the midst of the global pandemic.

With the significant lessening in recent months of pandemic danger both provincially and globally, we are now at a stage where the dispensation can no longer be justified. Accordingly, the **dispensation will be lifted as of Pentecost Sunday, June 5.**

Participation in Divine Liturgy on Sundays and on Holy Days of Obligation, is a duty that is at once sacred and joyful. It springs from the commandment to keep holy the Sabbath Day. In the Christian tradition, the Sabbath is Sunday, when we celebrate with joy the victory of the Risen Christ over death. Regular celebration of Sunday Divine Liturgy gives to our lives right order, since it places the worship of God before all else and orients us toward our ultimate destiny in Christ.

With you, we rejoice in the return to gathering in person to worship God at Sunday Divine Liturgy, and to living the Sabbath fully with our parish community, family, and friends. It is our hope that the fulfillment of our sacred duty to worship God on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation, will spur us along the path of spiritual renewal.

May the celebration of Pentecost Sunday inspire us to rejoice in worshipping the Lord always. “Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.”



### **Pastoral Ministry and Sacraments:**

**Reconciliation:** on Sundays and Holy Days: before Divine Liturgies and other days, by appointment.

**Holy Communion:** for the sick, by appointment, any time.

**Baptisms:** by appointment.

**Marriages:** six months’ notice should be given to the parish priest, and he should be contacted before any other arrangements are made.

**Funerals and Memorials:** by appointment.

**Anointing of the Sick (Holy Unction):** Those anticipating surgery, hospitalization or treatments and who would like to receive anointing or to meet with the parish priest, please call or email Fr.

Andrzej in advance to arrange a time and a day.

**Basic Guidelines for Reception of Holy Communion:**

1. You are a member of the Catholic Church (Orthodox faithful are welcome to receive Holy Communion); 2) You have participated in the Sacrament of Confession at least during the Easter or Christmas seasons this past year if not more frequently; 3) You attend Divine Services regularly; 4) Your lifestyle is consistent with the teaching of the Catholic Church; 5) You have kept the Liturgical fast – no food at least one hour prior to the Divine Liturgy (water and medicine does not break the fast). 6) You have been in church from the beginning of the service, or at least heard the Gospel. 7) To the best of your ability, you are in the state of Grace.

*If for any of these or other reasons you cannot receive Holy*

*Communion, you are very welcome to come for a blessing. Please indicate to the priest that you would like to receive his blessing.*

**Sunday live-streamed coverage of liturgical services:**

**Holy Eucharist Cathedral (New Westminster)** – Divine Liturgy at **9:00 a.m.** (Eng.) & **10:30 a.m.** (Ukr.)

<https://www.facebook.com/holyeucharistcathedral/>

**Youtube** [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCPp1JaDotIj\\_4h3aAJq0Srg](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCPp1JaDotIj_4h3aAJq0Srg)