

**Sunday of the Samaritan Woman**

One of the most ancient cities of the Promised Land was Shechem, also called Sikima, located at the foot of Mount Gerazim. There the Israelites had heard the blessings in the days of Moses and Jesus of Navi. Near to this town, Jacob, who had come from Mesopotamia in the nineteenth century before Christ, bought a piece of land where there was a well. This well, preserved even until the time of Christ, was known as Jacob's Well. Later, before he died in Egypt, he left that piece of land as a special inheritance to his son Joseph (Gen. 49:22). This town, before it was taken into possession by Samaria, was also the leading city of the kingdom of the ten tribes. In the time of the Romans it was called Neapolis, and at present Nablus. It was the first city in Canaan visited by the Patriarch Abraham. Here also, Jesus of Navi (Joshua) addressed the tribes of Israel for the last time. Almost three hundred years later, all Israel assembled there to make Roboam (Rehoboam) king.

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, and 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.

Concerning the Samaritans we know the following: In the year 721 before Christ, Salmanasar (Shalmaneser), King of the Assyrians, took the ten tribes of the kingdom of Israel into captivity, and relocated all these people to Babylon and the land of the Medes. From there he gathered various nations and sent them to Samaria. These nations had been idolaters from before. Although they were later instructed in the Jewish faith and believed in the one God, they worshipped the idols also. Furthermore, they accepted only the Pentateuch of Moses, and rejected the other books of Holy Scripture. Nonetheless, they thought themselves to be descendants of Abraham and Jacob. Therefore, the pious Jews named these Judaizing and idolatrous peoples Samaritans, since they lived in Samaria, the former leading city of the Israelites, as well as in the other towns thereabout. The Jews rejected them as heathen and foreigners, and had no communion with them at all, as the Samaritan woman observed, "the Jews have no dealings with the Samaritans" (John 4:9). Therefore, the name Samaritan is used derisively many times in the Gospel narrations. 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 Photine, and her feast is kept on February 26.

**Parish Council Pangari Duty**

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June 5 - Elena Ducra & Drew Theodore  
June 12 - Drew Theodore & Lee Tsiantis  
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**SUNDAY SCHEDULE**  
Orthros at 8:45 AM    Liturgy at 10:00 AM  
Fellowship Coffee Hour will follow Divine Liturgy

**HOLY TRINITY GREEK ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL**  
**SUNDAY LITURGICAL GUIDE**

**May 22, 2022**  
**Fourth Mode**

**Sunday of the Samaritan Woman**  
**Eothinon Gospel 7**

**The Second Antiphon. Mode 2. Psalm 66.**

Save us, O Son of God, risen from the dead. We sing to You, Alleluia. (3X)

Glory to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Both now and ever and to the ages of ages. Amen.

Only begotten Son and Logos of God, being immortal, You condescended for our salvation to take flesh from the holy Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary and, without change, became man. Christ, our God, You were crucified and conquered death by death. Being one of the Holy Trinity, glorified with the Father and the Holy Spirit: Save us.

**The Third Antiphon. Mode pl. 1. Psalm 67.**

Christ is risen from the dead, by death trampling down upon death, and to those in the tombs He has granted life. (4X)

**The Small Entrance. Mode 2.**

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.

**Resurrectional Apolytikion. Mode 4.**

When the women Disciples of the Lord had learned from the Angel the joyful message of the Resurrection and rejected the ancestral decision, they cried aloud to the Apostles triumphantly: Death has been despoiled, Christ God has risen, granting His great mercy to the world.

**Apolytikion of the Feast. Mode pl. 4.**

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!

**Holy Trinity Dismissal Hymn**

Ev-lo-gi-tos i Chri-ste o The-os i-mon, o pan-so-fus tus a-li-is a-na-thi-xas, ka-ta-pem-psas af-tis to pnev-ma to a-gi-on, ke thi af-ton tin i-ku-me-nin sa-gi-nef-sas, fi-lan-thro-pe tho-xa Si!

Blessed are You, O Christ our God, You made the fishermen all-wise by sending down upon them the Holy Spirit, and through them You drew the world into Your net. O Lover of mankind, glory to You.

**Kontakion of Pascha. Mode pl. 4.**

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.

**The Trisagion Hymn**

Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us. (3X) Glory to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Both now and ever and to the ages of ages. Amen. Holy Immortal, have mercy on us.

**The Readings—The Epistle Reading is from Acts of the Apostles 11:19-30**

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 Gospel Reading is from John 4:5-42**

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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Receive the Body of Christ; taste from the immortal fount.

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**After Communion. Mode pl. 1.**

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

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<u><b>THIS WEEK’S SCHEDULE OF SERVICES &amp; EVENTS</b></u>		
<b>Sunday, May 22</b>	8:45 AM	Orthros
	10:00 AM	Divine Liturgy
		Awards Sunday & Senior Recognition
	5:00 PM	Musicale for Ukranian Relief
<b>Tuesday, May 24</b>	7:30 AM	Breakfast Fellowship - Revelation Vol. 5
	11:00 AM	Adult Fellowship - Revelation Vol. 5
<b>Wednesday, May 25</b>	5:30 PM	Paraclesis
<b>Thursday, May 26</b>	6:00 PM	Adult Choir Practice
<b>Saturday, May 28</b>	6:00 PM	Great Vespers

**Χριστός Ανέστη! Αληθώς Ανέστη! Hristos a Inviat! Adevarat a Inviat**  
**Christos Voskresi! Voistino Voskrese! Al Maseer Qam! Haqqan Qam!**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- **Forty Day Memorial for Judy Damon.** May her memory be eternal!
- **Six Month Memorial for Nikolaos Meidanis.** May his memory be eternal!
- **VCS registration continues today** through 6/5/22. Registration is located in the coffee hour room. VCS will be 6/13/22-6/17/22 from 5:45-7:00 PM. All students ages 3 years old-6th grade may participate. Our theme is “Stewards for God”.
- **Please join us as we pray for peace in Ukraine.** In response to the crisis in Ukraine, IOCC is working with partners in country and across the region to address immediate needs while also looking ahead and planning for longer-term response. You can serve people affected by the Ukraine crisis with a gift today to IOCC's Ukraine Crisis Response Fund. Give online at IOCC.org/ukraine22.