

# **Divine Liturgy**

Sunday, May 30, 2021

**Samaritan Woman**



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**Note to our Guests and Friends Visiting St. Nicholas:**

We offer a most sincere and heart-felt welcome to St. Nicholas Church! Please be advised that according to the ancient traditions of the Orthodox Church, the Sacrament of Holy Communion is to be administered only to Orthodox Christians who have prepared themselves to receive the Holy Sacrament.

*(Please note - Information to be included in next Sunday's bulletin must be submitted by noon on Thursday. Thank you! ~ Jennifer N. Bzik)*

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# Schedule for the Week of May 30, 2021

**5th SUNDAY OF PASCHA – Tone 4. Samaritan Woman.** Ven. Isaac, Founder of the Dalmatian Monastery at Constantinople (383).

## Father Matthew's Office Hours This Week

**Wednesday** 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm

**Friday** 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

## Weekly & Upcoming Calendar

*\*\*\*Live Stream will also be available for all services.\*\*\**

**Wednesday, June 2, 2021**

7:00 pm - Church History 101 with Fr. Matthew (in person & via zoom)

**Saturday, June 5, 2021**

5:15 pm - Monthly Panikhida  
6:00 pm - Great Vespers

**Sunday, June 6, 2021**

9:10 am - Reading of the Hours  
9:30 am - Divine Liturgy

## A Reminder from the Parish Council

It has been brought to our attention there has been a notable amount of talking in the narthex prior to and following the Divine Liturgy and other services. Please be mindful that services have not ended until all people have exited the church and the prayers and choir have concluded. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

# Divine Liturgy

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## Samaritan Woman

*Priest: "Blessed is the Kingdom..."*

*Choir: "Amen."*

*Priest: "Christ is risen..." (2 ½ times)*

*Choir: "and upon those in the tombs bestowing life!"*

*(The Divine Liturgy is begun in this manner until the Leavetaking of Pascha.)*

**Tone 4      Troparion      (Resurrection)**

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!"

**Tone 8      Troparion      (Midfeast)**

In the middle of the feast, O Savior, fill my thirsting soul with the waters of piety, as Thou didst cry to all: "If anyone thirst, let him come to Me and drink!" O Christ God, Fountain of our life, glory to Thee!

**Tone 8      Kontakion      (Pentecostarion)**

The Samaritan Woman came to the well in faith; she saw Thee, the Water of wisdom and drank abundantly. She inherited the Kingdom on high, and is ever glorified!

**Tone 4      Kontakion      (Midfeast)**

Christ God, the Creator and Master of all, cried to all in the midst of the feast of the Law: "Come and draw the water of immortality!" We fall before Thee and faithfully cry: "Grant us Thy mercies, for Thou art the Fountain of our life!"

**Tone 3      Prokeimenon      (*Pentecostarion*)**

Sing praises to our God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises!  
(Ps. 46:6)

*Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy! (Ps. 46:1)*

**Epistle**

**(Acts 11:19-26, 29-30)** Now those who were scattered after the persecution that arose over Stephen traveled as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus, and Antioch, preaching the word to no one but the Jews only. But some of them were men from Cyprus and Cyrene, who, when they had come to Antioch, spoke to the Hellenists, preaching the Lord Jesus. And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number believed and turned to the Lord. Then news of these things came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent out Barnabas to go as far as Antioch. When he came and had seen the grace of God, he was glad, and encouraged them all that with purpose of heart they should continue with the Lord. For he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a great many people were added to the Lord. Then Barnabas departed for Tarsus to seek Saul. And when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. So it was that for a whole year they assembled with the church and taught a great many people. And the disciples were first called Christians in Antioch. Then the disciples, each according to his ability, determined to send relief to the brethren dwelling in Judea. This they also did, and sent it to the elders by the hands of Barnabas and Saul.

## **Tone 4**

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

*Go forth, prosper and reign, for the sake of meekness, righteousness and truth!  
(Ps. 44:3b)*

*For Thou lovest righteousness, and hatest iniquity. (Ps. 44:6)*

## **Gospel**

**(John 4:5-42)** So He came to a city of Samaria which is called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Now Jacob's well was there. Jesus therefore, being wearied from His journey, sat thus by the well. It was about the sixth hour. A woman of Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give Me a drink." For His disciples had gone away into the city to buy food. Then the woman of Samaria said to Him, "How is it that You, being a Jew, ask a drink from me, a Samaritan woman?" For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans. Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is who says 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 then do You get that living water? Are You greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well, and drank from it himself, as well as his sons and his livestock?" Jesus answered and said to her, "Whoever drinks of this water will thirst again, but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting 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 and said, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You have well said, 'I have no husband,' for you have had five husbands, and the one whom you now have is not your

husband; in that you spoke truly." The woman said to Him, "Sir, I perceive that You are a prophet. Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, and you Jews say that in Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe Me, the hour is coming when you will neither on this mountain, nor in Jerusalem, worship the Father. You worship what you do not know; we know what we worship, for salvation is of the Jews. But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such 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 Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When He comes, He will tell us all things." Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am He." And at this point His disciples came, and they marveled that He talked with a woman; yet no one said, "What do You seek?" or, "Why are You talking with her?" The woman then left her waterpot, went her way into the city, and said to the men, Come, see a Man who told me all things that I ever did. Could this be the Christ? Then they went out of the city and came to Him. In the meantime His disciples urged Him, saying, "Rabbi, eat." But He said to them, "I have food to eat of which you do not know." Therefore the disciples said to one another, "Has anyone brought Him anything to eat?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to finish His work. Do you not say, 'There are still four months and then comes the harvest'? Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look at the fields, for they are already white for harvest! And he who reaps receives wages, and gathers fruit for eternal life, that both he who sows and he who reaps may rejoice together. For in this the saying is true: 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap that for which you have not labored; others have labored, and you have entered into their labors." And many of the Samaritans of that city believed in Him because of the word of the woman who testified, "He told me all that I ever

did." So when the Samaritans had come to Him, they urged Him to stay with them; and He stayed there two days. And many more believed because of His own word. Then they said to the woman, "Now we believe, not because of what you said, for we ourselves have heard Him and we know that this is indeed the Christ, the Savior of the world."

*(Instead of "It is truly meet...", we sing:)*

The Angel cried to the Lady, full of grace: "Rejoice, O pure Virgin! Again, I say: Rejoice, thy Son is risen from His three days in the tomb! With Himself He has raised all the dead." Rejoice, O ye people!

Shine, shine, O new Jerusalem! The glory of the Lord has shone on thee. Exult now, and be glad, O Zion! Be radiant, O pure Theotokos, in the Resurrection of thy Son!

## **Communion Hymn**

Receive the Body of Christ; taste the fountain of immortality!  
Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! (Ps. 148:1)  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

*Priest: "In the fear of God..."*

*Choir: "Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord..."*

*Priest: "O God, save Thy people..."*

*Choir: "Christ is risen from the dead..." (sung once, instead of "We have seen the True Light...")*

*Priest: "Always, now and ever..."*

*Choir: "Let our mouths be filled..."*

*At the Dismissal, the Priest says: "Glory to Thee, O Christ..." and the choir sings "Christ is risen from the dead..." (thrice).*

And unto us He has given eternal life.  
Let us worship His Resurrection on the third day!



# Candle Offerings for Sunday, May 30, 2021

## **Vigils in Altar**

In Memory Of Mary Stetz

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## **Crosses**

Happy Birthday Jones Tomsic, Offered by Baba & Poppy

## **Vigils on the Tetrapod**

In Memory Of Mary Stetz, Offered by Pat & Joan

# Church History 101

with Fr. Matthew



Wednesday evening  
classes resume on  
June 2nd, 2021 @ 7pm,  
in person and via Zoom

Sign up by email at  
[Assistant4StNicholas@outlook.com](mailto:Assistant4StNicholas@outlook.com)  
by Tuesday evening.



The Orthodox Church in America  
DIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA AND EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA  
The Most Rev. Mark, Archbishop of Philadelphia

May 15, 2021

*Christ is Risen! Indeed, He is Risen!*

Dear Rev. Frs. And faithful,

Hopefully, we are rejoicing with the announcement from the Center for Disease Control (CDC) of May 13<sup>th</sup>, that those *fully vaccinated no longer need to wear masks or socially distance inside or outside!* The state of Pennsylvania has adopted the CDC's new guidelines as well. Additionally, every adult wishing to be vaccinated has had more than adequate time to do so. (The HIPAA law, safeguards a person's right to privacy and consequently restricts who may ask about a person's vaccination status.) Therefore, effective immediately, we are eliminating the mandatory mask and social distancing requirements for our Pennsylvania parishes and encourage our faithful to return to full participation in the life of the church. Wilmington, DE may implement the new guidelines on May 21<sup>st</sup>. Let our churches be filled once again to the Glory of God! One may personally choose to wear a mask if desired, but it is no longer required. Parishes that have adequate room may set aside a small part of the sanctuary for those who may be immunocompromised, and medically need additional personal space.

I pray that our faithful will welcome these changes and begin to experience some measure of peace. Our full choirs may return to the choir lofts, parish councils may gather and other activities may resume as before. Let us give thanks to the Lord that He has heard the voice of His people and stretched forth His healing hand! I would encourage every parish and parishioner to offer prayers of thanksgiving for answered prayers.

Your unworthy father in Christ,

+ Mark

+ MARK, Archbishop of Philadelphia and the Diocese of Eastern Pennsylvania



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"Thou hast made us for Thyself, O Lord, and our heart is restless until it finds its rest in Thee." Augustine

## **Let's Have A Card Shower!**

Mrs. Pauline Kasick is turning **95** on June 7<sup>th</sup>! Let's all send her cards to celebrate this milestone birthday! Mail cards to:

Mrs. Pauline Kasick  
Devon House  
1930 Bevin Drive  
Allentown, PA 18103

## **You're Invited!!!**

Please join us for a farewell coffee social in honor of Bryan and Denise Distefano. Their administrative and committee leadership contributions toward the health and welfare of our parish community is so appreciated, but more importantly their friendship has meant a lot to so many people and we will miss them. If you plan to attend, please let one of us know so that we may plan accordingly.

**Sunday, June 6**

RSVP - Aliana/Radu Longu, Guiliana Holebeny,  
Karen Gowarty or Victoria Dimonie

## **Gardening Volunteers**

If you like to garden and want to help beautify the grounds of St. Nicholas Parish, please consider volunteering. We are looking to expand the number of volunteers for this service. Please contact Jennifer Bzik.

## **Raisin and Plain Paska Breads Available**

We still have some raisin and plain paska breads available. These breads were baked last year and have been frozen since that time. Please contact Maxine Marsh at 610-837-8063 if you are interested in the breads. Donations accepted.

Heavenly Father...

Physician of our souls and bodies, Who has sent Your only-begotten Son to heal every sickness and infirmity, visit and heal us, Your Servants, from all physical and spiritual ailments, through the grace of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Grant to us patience in this sickness, strength of body, and recovery of health. Lord, You have taught us through Your Word to pray for each other that we may be healed. For You are the source of healing, and to You we give glory; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

## **Prayers for the Health of the Servants of God:**

**Metropolitan Herman**

**Igumen David Lewis**

**Archpriests:** Thomas Edwards, John Perich, Rodion Pfeifer, James Mason, Claude Vinyard, Dimitri Oselinsky, David Shewczyk, Dennis Swenki, James Weremedic

**Priests:** Matthew Joyner, Ian Shipley, John Nightingale

**Deacons:** Geoffrey LoBalbo

**Subdeacons:** Michael (Frank) Guydan

**Matushki:** Ashley Joyner, Marie Mason, Johanna Bohush, Evelyn Edwards, Paraskeva Vansuch, Myra Kovalak, Gloria Martin, Maryann Oselinsky, Priscilla Shipley, Katia Vansuch, Lisa Weremedic

**Servants:** Bethany Bruder, Mary Brzuchalski, Helen Cotirgasanu, David G. Cudlic, Roberta Cusick, Val Danchenko, Judi Diaz, Betty Fedora, Christopher Felix, Olga Frimenko, Patricia G. Fu, Walter Grigoruk, Rachel Hardesty, Nicholas Hazzard, Jonathan Hontz, Sherry Hromiak, Michael H. Isbansky, Sarah Jubinski, Pauline Kasick, Mary K. Koretski, Stephanie Koretski, David Lezinsky, Judy Lezinsky, Victoria Lustig, Olga Maksimova, Lanelle Mikolaitis, Catherine Miller, Nicolae & Doina Marian, Kylie Pinho, Ryan Pinkowicz, Kiera Pheiffer, Gordon Roberts, Clara Roman, Victoria Ross, Mary Ruzila, Nancy A. Sabol, Robert Schainfeld, Cate Shea, Francine Slivka, Michael Slivka, Julia Smith, Julia G. Smolenski, Dorothy Stafiniak, Natalie Stepanoff, Mary Strohecker, Ola Tatusko, Irene Witaneck

**Child of God:** Emily Estrin

**Handmaidens of God:** Corinne Gahles Stuckey, Amanda Riley, and their unborn children

**Please remember them and all our homebound and nursing home parishioners in your daily intercessory prayers.**