

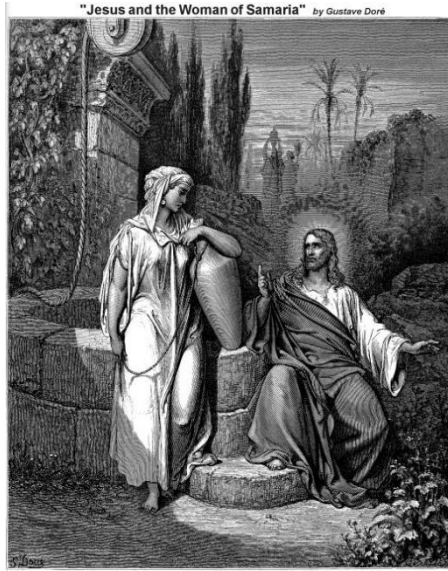
St. George Orthodox Church of Spring Valley

Sunday, May 29, 2016

Fifth Sunday of Pascha

The Sunday of the Samaritan Woman

Matins, 9:00 AM :: Divine Liturgy, 10:00 AM



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Today's Epistle Reader: Matthew McNatt

Today's Holy Bread and Coffee Hour: Kishler/Buss/Anderson

Next Sunday's Coffee Hour: Mitch Kaleel and family

Hymns of the Day, immediately after the Small Entrance:

Entrance Hymn for Pascha: In the gathering places, bless ye God the Lord, from the springs of Israel. Save us, O Son of God, who art risen from the dead, who sing to Thee: Alleluia.

Troparion of the Resurrection (Tone 4): Having learned the joyful message of the Resurrection from the angel, the women disciples of the Lord cast from them their parental condemnation. And proudly broke the news to the disciples, saying, 'Death hath been spoiled! Christ God is risen, granting the world great mercy!'

Troparion of Mid-Pentecost (Tone 8): In the midst of this feast, O Savior, give Thou my thirsty soul to drink of the waters of true worship; for Thou didst call out to all, saying: 'Whosoever is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink!' Wherefore, O Christ our God, Fountain of life, glory to Thee!

Troparion of St. George the Great Martyr (Tone 4): Since thou art a liberator and deliverer of captives, a help and succour of the poor and needy, a healing physician of the sick, a contender and fighter for kings, O great among martyrs, the victory-clad George: Intercede with Christ God for the salvation of our souls.

Kontakion of Pascha (Tone 8): O Immortal One, when Thou didst descend into the tomb, Thou didst destroy the power of Hades; and Thou didst rise victorious, O Christ God. Thou hast said to the ointment-bearing women: 'Rejoice!' And Thou gavest peace to Thy Disciples, O Bestower of Resurrection to those who had fallen!

The Hymn to the Theotokos for the Paschal season:

The angel spake to her that is full of grace, saying, 'O pure Virgin, rejoice; and I say also, Rejoice; for thy Son is risen from the tomb on the third day!' Shine, shine, O new Jerusalem; for the glory of the Lord hath risen upon thee. Rejoice and exult now, O Zion, and thou, O pure one, Theotokos, rejoice at the Resurrection of thy Son!

THE EPISTLE READING

How great are Thy works, O Lord! In wisdom hast Thou made them all. Bless the Lord, O my soul!

The Reading from the Acts of the Apostles (11:19-30)

In those days, the Disciples, 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, upon 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 Agabus 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

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. 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 Thou, 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, Thou hast nothing to draw with, and the well is deep; where do you get that living water? Art Thou 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 forever; 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 Thou art a prophet. Our fathers worshiped on this mountain; and Thou sayest that in

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 Messiah is coming [He who is called Christ]; when He comes, He will tell 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 dost Thou wish?” or, “Why art Thou 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 said to 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 words. They said to the woman, “It is no longer because of your words that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is indeed the Savior of the world.”

:: Synaxarion Reading for the Sunday of the Samaritan Woman ::

On this day, the fifth Sunday of Pascha, we celebrate the feast of the Samaritan Woman.

The Samaritan woman—the holy and glorious Great-martyr Photeini—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 single person 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 to drink of the “Living Water”—the grace of the Holy Spirit that leads to eternal life and flows to all humanity. Photeini immediately ran throughout the city to proclaim Christ. Through her, many other Samaritans believed in Jesus.

By the intercessions of Thy Martyr, Photeini, O Christ God, have mercy on us. Amen.

Announcements and Upcoming Events

For a full calendar of events and services at St. George, see our website, www.stgeorgeorthodox.org.

- **Today:** Sunday school, downstairs immediately after Holy Communion.
- **Wednesday, June 1:** Evening Prayers, 6pm. *Father Andrew will also be available for confession, anointing, or any other priestly service.*
- **Saturday, June 4:** NO VESPERS
- **Next Sunday, June 5: Sunday of the Man Born Blind.** Matins, 9am; Divine Liturgy, 10am.

Building project update. Downstairs on the tables, you will find architectural designs for three different options on our proposed church building project. All three of them involve adding onto our current building (as originally proposed at our January all-church meeting). Our goal over the coming weeks as a parish community is to gravitate towards one of the three designs, and gather together for another all-church meeting later in the summer. Thank you to Mark Kerasotes and our building committee for having these drawings prepared!

Memorial Day is tomorrow, May 30. At 10am, we will gather at St. George Cemetery for our annual memorial prayers. I have the list of the departed family and church members we normally remember on that day. However, if your family is new to our church, or if you have names of any other departed you'd like us to mention in prayer, please provide a list of names for me and I will be happy to include them in the service.

This year's **Parish Life Conference** will be June 22-26 in Livonia, Michigan. Registration forms are available on the bulletin shelf in the entry way, or you may register online: www.antiochianevents.com/toledo.html. Please consider attending this excellent event on behalf of our church!

Please also note we will have NO SERVICES on Sunday, June 26, the week of the Parish Life Conference.

We are also pleased to announce that **His Grace Bishop Anthony** plans to visit us in Spring Valley, the weekend of October 15 and 16. More information will follow as we draw closer to that date.

Do you have an announcement for the bulletin?

Please contact Fr. Andrew no later than Friday each week for inclusion in the Sunday bulletin.

Sunday Volunteer Schedule

	Holy Bread/Coffee Hour	Epistle Reader
TODAY	Kishler, Buss, and Anderson	Matthew McNatt
Sunday, June 5	Mitch Kaleel and family	Matthew Rowan
Sunday, June 12	John/Melanie Thompson	Mike Kasap
Sunday June 19	Ron/Dottie Malooley	Mark Kerasotes
Sunday, June 26	Parish Life Conference – No services	
Sunday, July 3	OPEN	Kenneth Wiltse
Sunday, July 10	George/Lynette Forsa	George Forsa
Sunday, July 17	Matt/Olly Rowan	David Anderson

Church Finances

April 2016:

Operating Income:	\$7151.36
Operating Expenses:	\$6448.57
Cash Flow:	\$ 702.79

January – April 2016:

Income:	\$23,963.99
Expenses:	\$20,886.68
Cash Flow:	\$ 3,077.31

Thank you for your faithful giving so far this year! March and April are always our best months for giving, but please continue to support St. George Church with your tithes and offerings, especially through the summer months, when attendance and giving tend to be far lower.



Birthdays and Anniversaries ~ May God grant you many years!

(Please let Father know if we are missing anyone!)

Ryker Thompson, May 22

Ron and Dottie Malooley (anniversary), June 1

Nick Malooley, June 2

Mary Miller, June 3



Happy Memorial Day!

Let us remember to give thanks to God this weekend for our men and women in uniform, our soldiers and police officers, who have lost their lives defending our lives, our families, our land, and our freedom.

*"For Thou art the resurrection and the life, and the repose of Thy departed servants,
O Christ our God, and unto Thee we ascribe glory, together with Thy Father who
is from everlasting, and Thine all-holy, good, and life-giving Spirit, now and ever and
unto ages of ages. Amen."*

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

MAY 29 – JUNE 4



Sunday, May 29: St. Photini, the Samaritan Woman

Acts 11:19-30 / John 4:5-42

Monday, May 30: St. Isaac of the Dalmatian Monastery

Acts 12:12-17 / John 8:42-51

Tuesday, May 31: Apostle Hermas of the 70

Acts 12:25, 13:1-12 / John 8:51-59

Wednesday, June 1: St. Justin the Philosopher

Acts 13:13-24 / John 6:5-14

Thursday, June 2: St. Nicephorus of Constantinople

Acts 14:20-15:4 / John 9:39-10:9

Friday, June 3: Holy Martyr Paula of Byzantium

Acts 15:5-12 / John 10:17-28

Saturday, June 4: St. Metrophanes of Constantinople

Hebrews 7:26-8:2 / John 10:1-9

**“AS THE SPOKES OF A WHEEL ARE UNITED BECAUSE THEY ALL ARE UNITED IN THE HUB,
SO WE CAN BE UNITED ONLY IN OUR CENTER WHO IS GOD.”**

~ ARCHBISHOP FULTON SHEEN