

SUNDAY OF THE SAMARITAN WOMAN



Icon of Christ with the Samaritan Woman

The Samaritan Woman

The Fourth Gospel, attributed to Saint John the Evangelist, is used exclusively from Easter until Pentecost for the Sunday readings. The first chapter of John's Gospel is the proclamation used for the Divine Liturgy on Easter itself. This week, we are reminded of the story of Christ's encounter with the Samaritan woman at the well of Jacob, and thereby Christ's fulfillment of the Old Testament. In one of the many unique stories of the Fourth Gospel not found in the Synoptics (Matthew, Mark or Luke), Jesus reveals himself as Messiah to this woman of Samaria and talks with her about the "water that I will give will become ... a spring of water gushing up to eternal life."

In the early days of His ministry, Jesus travels back and forth between Galilee and Jerusalem, and must pass through Samaria. The Samaritans

were outcast Jews because they were not subject to the Babylonian exile of the Israelites from other provinces. Therefore, when Jesus talks with this Samaritan woman, His disciples are surprised and in shock that He would carry on a conversation with a woman at the well, let alone a Samaritan. But as the story is explained, the woman's testimony about Jesus spreads through the nearby town, and because of her many come to hear His teachings. After hearing His word, they come to believe in Him, and proclaim Him "the Savior of the world." (Jn 4:42)

With water as the focal point of this encounter, we are once again reminded of our Baptism, and that Christ's Baptism is that of "eternal life" through "living water."

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Sunday – May 2, 2021

Христос Воскрес – Воістину Воскрес Christ is Risen – Indeed He is Risen

Our Church is open for Divine Liturgies. But, some may not feel ready to return, so we will continue to Livestream our 9:00 a.m. English Divine Liturgy and our 11:30 a.m. Ukrainian Divine Liturgy. The dispensation from attending Sunday Divine Liturgy and Holy Days of Obligation throughout the Archeparchy is still in effect until further notice.

All Services will be Live Streamed at 9:00 AM and 11:30 AM

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OUR CHURCH IS OPEN FOR LITURGIES

Sunday May 2 9:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	Sunday of the Samaritan Woman (+Dan Terebas from the St. Josaphat Council Knights of Columbus) (For the Parish)
Wednesday May 5 9:00 a.m.	(+Alexander Luznycky from the Kulchycky Family)
Thursday May 6 9:00 a.m.	(+Fr. John Wysochansky from Friend)
Friday May 7 9:00 a.m.	(+Vera Shevchuk from Friends)
Sunday May 9 9:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	Sunday of the Man Born Blind – Mother’s Day (Living and Deceased Mothers) (For the Parish)

CONGRATULATIONS TO ELSA MARRINA LEE IWACHIW

Elsa Marrina Lee Iwachiw newly illumined by the Holy Mysteries of Initiation, was baptized, chrismated, and received the Holy Eucharist on Saturday, May 1. God bless Elsa! *Mnohaya Lita – Xpucmoc Bockpec!*

IN YOUR CHARITY, PLEASE REMEMBER +EUGENIA WASYLKIWSKA OSGOOD IN YOUR PRAYERS

+Eugenia Wasylkiwska Osgood, 92, passed away on April 25. At her family’s request, a graveside service will be held at 12 Noon on Wednesday, May 12, at Cedar Hill Cemetery 4111 Pennsylvania Avenue Suitland, MD 20746. Please gather at the Cedar Hill Funeral Home Parking Lot no later than 11:45 a.m. to form a procession to her grave. Please remember +Eugenia in your prayers, and her husband, Charles, and family who mourn her passing. May her memory be Eternal – Xpucmoc Bockpec!

CONCERNING FUTURE PARISH EVENTS

The Mayor of the District of Columbia extended the Pandemic State of Emergency to May 20, 2021. As such, we will not be able to have our Easter Dinner. Fellowship with Cake and Coffee after the Sunday Divine Liturgies will also continue to be suspended.

FIRST CONFESSION 2021 PREPARATION CLASSES – SUNDAYS AT 10:30 A.M.

First Confession will be celebrated in our parish for children ages 7 and older on **Saturday June 5**. In order to prepare to receive this sacrament, the children must attend the preparation classes on **Sundays at 10:30 a.m. on: May: 16 and 23** Children must also attend the Divine Liturgy on these days. Please do not be late. Also, to clarify, we do not plan to hold class every Sunday. According to the planned schedule, which starts on January 31, there will be no class on major holidays or the second Sunday of the month: *i.e.*, May 2 (Old Calendar Easter), May 9 (Mother’s Day), or May 30 (Memorial Day weekend).

Prayer List

Our prayer list of the sick or elderly and friends of our parish: **Theresa Aranda, Liana Arnold, Fr. Frank Avant, Susan Avant, Charles Belanger, Barbara Blendy, Bluey Family, Yevhenia Borys, Taisia Bullard, Michele Burns, Mary Connors, Jack Davis, Darlene Dossick, Solomia Dutkewych, Ruth Fedack, Bernard F, Lilian Garland, Thomas Gutmann, H.H., Josie Hacker, Catherine Hetmansky, Bernadell Rita Higgins, Daniel Horeczko, Nila Iwaskiw, Kateryna Jurach, Oksana K, Sarah Kelt, Dorothy Kozmoski, Suzanne Krumpelman, Fr. Mykhailo Kuzma, Michael Joseph Little, Mark Pidlusky, Michele Pretka Litvar, Yaroslava L., Mufada and Family, Sallie Miller, Bishop Andriy Rabi, John Moeller, Matthew Parowski, Deborah Pickering, Alexandra Pohorecka, Ron#119, Michael Joseph Radigan, Roman Rusynko, James Salandro, Maria Sawkiw, Lisa Schaible, Christopher Sell, Shliakhta Bogdana, Shliakhta Mark, Shliakhta Andrew, Timothy Stock, Lindsey Sydnor, Thomas Sydnor, Helen Lefcheck Torre, Jarrelyn Trusen, Lisa Pretka Turner, Gloria and Luis Vega, Jennifer Wilson.** If you know of someone who should be on this list, please email or call with the name of the individual. Our intercessory prayer for the sick and the aged is truly helpful and comforting. In your Christian Charity, kindly remember our sick parishioners in your prayers and perhaps a card or note.