

### *The Gentiles Cry Out for Jesus*

To grasp the inner motive of the Canaanite woman for obtaining what came to pass, we must reflect on the impact of her words. There is a firm belief that there was and still is in Israel a community of converts who passed over from the Gentiles into the works of the law. They had left behind their previous life and were bonded by the religion of a foreign land and dominating law as though from home. The Canaanites were inhabiting the lands of present-day Judea. Whether absorbed by war or dispersed to neighboring places or brought into servitude as a vanquished people, they carried about their name but lacked a native land. Intermingled with the Jews, therefore, these people came from the Gentiles. And since a portion of those among the crowds

who believed were converts, the Canaanite woman most likely had left her territory, preferring the status of a proselyte – that is, coming out from the Gentiles to the community of a neighboring people. She was appealing on behalf of her daughter, who was a type for all the Gentile people. And since she knew the Lord from the law, she addressed him as Son of David. For in the law, the king of the eternal and heavenly kingdom is referred to as the “rod out of the stem of Jesse and the son of David.” This woman, who professed Christ as both Lord and Son of David, did not need healing. Rather, she was begging for help for her daughter – that is, the Gentile people in the grips of unclean spirits.

*St. Hilary of Poitiers*

## SUNDAY OF THE CANAANITE



*Icon of the Canaanite Woman (Matthew 15:21-29)*

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**Sunday – January 23, 2022**

**Христос Рождается! Славимо Його! ✱ Christ is born! Glorify Him!**

**Our Church is open for Divine Liturgies. 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**

**Platform: <https://www.facebook.com/holyfamilyshrine/>**

**OUR CHURCH IS OPEN FOR LITURGIES**

<b>Sunday January 23</b> <b>9:00 a.m.</b> <b>11:30 a.m.</b>	(For the Parish) (+Stefan Jurach from Marijka)
<b>Monday January 24</b> <b>9:00 a.m.</b>	(+Mark Hitchens from Family)
<b>Tuesday January 25</b> <b>9:00 a.m.</b>	(+Marion Bartoszyk from Friend)
<b>Wednesday January 26</b> <b>9:00 a.m.</b>	(+Alya Fedoseyev from the Chalupa Family)
<b>Thursday January 26</b> <b>9:00 a.m.</b>	(+Walter Kwas from the Bazarko Family)
<b>Friday January 27</b> <b>9:00 a.m.</b>	(+Jack Davis from Family)
<b>Sunday January 30</b> <b>9:00 a.m.</b> <b>11:30 a.m.</b>	(For the Parish) (+Stefania and +Volodymyr from the Choma Family)

**DISTRICT of Columbia Mayor Bowser announced that the District is re-instituting a universal, indoor masking mandate for everyone, even those fully vaccinated. Persons attending Church in the District, even if they are fully vaccinated, must wear a mask. Fellowship with Cake and Coffee after the Sunday Divine Liturgies will also continue to be suspended. This will be in effect until January 31, 2022.**

**Everyone is kindly asked to return to wearing a mask during the Divine Liturgies.**

**We will also continue to livestream Sunday and Holy Day Liturgies.**

**NEWLY ILLUMINED BY THE HOLY MYSTERIES – ROXELANA DODDS**

Roxelana Dodds, newly illumined by the Holy Mysteries, was baptized, chrismated, and received the Holy Eucharist last Sunday. God bless Roxelana, her father Daniel and her mother, Olga. *Mnohaya Lita!*

**2022 CHURCH CALENDARS**

Please take a 2022 Church Calendar available in the vestibule. They are free.

**Prayer List**

Our prayer list of the sick or elderly and friends of our parish: **Theresa Aranda, Liana Arnold, Chuck Basile, Charles Belanger, Barbara Blendy, Bluey Family, Yevhenia Borys, Taisia Bullard, Michele Burns, Robert Matthew C., Mary Connors, Darlene Dossick, Solomia Dutkewych and Theresa, Ruth Fedack, Bernard F, Lindsey Fedyk, Lilian Garland, Alice Gogniat, 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, Mr. Marko, Michael Joseph Little, Mark Pidlusky, Michele Pretka Litvar, Yaroslava L., Mufada and Family, Sallie Miller, John Moeller, Deborah Pickering, Alexandra Pohorecka, Ron#119, Jane O'Shea, Michael Joseph Radigan, Roman Rusynko, James Salandro, Maria Sawkiw, Lisa Schaible, Christopher Sell, Shliakhta Bogdana, Shliakhta Mark, Shliakhta, Andrew, Larry Sosnowich, Timothy Stock, Lindsey Sydnor, Thomas Sydnor, Stefania Szahaj, Helen Lefcheck Torre, Cindy Turcek, 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.

**God With Us Catechism**

The blind man in today's Gospel offers us a powerful example of "holy boldness." He did not hesitate to cry out loudly to the Lord for mercy, despite being told by others to be quiet. His faith in Christ, and his awareness of his need for mercy would not allow him to be quiet. He knew that Christ had the authority to heal him, and believed that He would want him to be healed of his blindness, He did not let how he was perceived in the eyes of men to prevent Him from turning to the Lord and asking for his mercy. The world wants us to think that our faith is best kept quiet, that is what is "respectable." We can believe what we want, as long as we "keep it to ourselves." We must not keep our faith to ourselves, however! Our faith in Christ is the greatest gift we have and we must not be afraid to share it with others. Let us not be ashamed to proclaim ourselves Christians, and to proclaim the gift of mercy that God has given us. Notice in the Gospel that the very people that had told the blind man to be quiet, however, were moved after the Lord healed him, and they also praised God. When are willing to praise God publicly, we often remind others of the importance of thanking God, and embolden them to do so with us.