

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."

Archbishop Vsevolod of Scopelos

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SUNDAY OF THE SAMARITAN WOMAN



Icon of Christ with the Samaritan Woman

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Sunday – April 28, 2024

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

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Sunday April 21 9:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	Sunday of the Samaritan Woman (+Ivan Kroytor from Family) (For the Parish)
Wednesday May 1 9:00 a.m.	(+Damian and +Irene Fedoryka from Teresa)
Thursday May 2 9:00 a.m.	(Blessings for Eileen Pulverenti from A.M.)
Friday May 3 9:00 a.m.	(Deceased of the Nagurney-Medwid Family from Irene)
Sunday May 5 9:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	Sunday of the Man Born Blind (For the Parish) (Blessings for Dymitri and Anna Woch from Family)

BIBLE STUDY WITH FATHER ANDRII WEDNESDAYS AT 6:30 P.M. (MAY 1)

Our Fr. Andrii will have the next Bible Study Wednesday May 1 at 6:30 p.m. Please bring your bible, colored pencils or markers. Please meet in the Fr. Shawel Room, the small church hall.

SPRING CATECHISM FOR CHILDREN AGES 3-6 – NEXT CLASS MAY 5

All children ages 3-6 are welcome to join Holy Family’s Catechism classes this spring with Co-Catechists Lindsey Fedyk and Julia Dezelski. Classes will be held between the two liturgies from 10:15-11:15. Please email Lindsey (lindseyfedyk@gmail.com) with any questions and to register your family. Classes will be held on: 5/5, Last class 5/12 End of year celebration!

Prayer List

Our prayer list of the sick or elderly and friends of our parish: **Theresa Aranda, Liana Arnold, Valarie Balthis, Charles Belanger, Barbara Blendy, Bluey Family, Yevhenia Borys, Terry Boyle, Taisia Bullard, Mary Connors, Veronica Cosio, Darlene Dossick, Solomia Dutkewych and Theresa, Ruth Fedack, Bernard F, Lindsey Fedyk, Myroslava Futey, Lilian Garland, Thomas Gutmann, H.H., Josie Hacker, Catherine Hetmansky, Vanessa Hetmansky, Bernadell Rita Higgins, Ellen Hitchens, Daniel Horeczko, Boris Hlynsky, Nila Iwaskiw, Sarah Kelt, Dorothy Kozmoski, Suzanne Krumpelman, Mr. Marko, Michael Joseph Little, Paul Marynowych, Michele Pretka Litvar, Yaroslava L., Mufada and Family, Sallie Miller, John Moeller, Thomas Nagurney, Deborah Pickering, Alexandra Pohorecka, Patricia Pylypec, Ron#119, Michael Joseph Radigan, Roman Rusynko, Lisa Schaible, Christopher Sell, Michael Sharr, Shliakhta Bogdana, Shliakhta Mark, Shliakhta, Andrew, Larry Sosnowich, Lindsey Sydnor, Thomas Sydnor, Stefania Szahaj, Lisa Pretka Turner, Gloria and Luis Vega, Anne Woroniak, Rose Wilson, Jennifer Wilson, Paul Yarrish.** 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.