



**Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
Ukrainian Catholic Church  
(St. Mary's)**

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**Sunday Divine Liturgies: 8:30 a.m.**

**Holy Days as scheduled in the Bulletin**

**DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE**

**MAY 01, 2021**

**Saturday, May 01, 2021 Sunday of the Samaritan Woman**

03:00PM – For God's Blessings on Our Parishioners & in particular in memory of Leon Byrd  
from Martha & John Stine

**Sunday, May 09, 2021 Sunday of the Man Born Blind (Mother's Day)**

08:30AM – For God's Blessings on Our Parishioners & in particular  
For God's Blessings & the health of the living Mothers  
& in memory of deceased +Mothers (Spiritual Bouquet)

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## **Sunday of the Samaritan Woman**

Today's Gospel reading from St. John the Evangelist (Jn 4:5-42) does not give us the name of the Samaritan woman. But the Tradition of the Church remembers, and calls her in Greek - Photini, in Ukrainian - Svitlana, in Western languages - Claire. And all these names speak to us of one thing - of light. Having met the Lord Jesus Christ she has become a light shining in the world, a light that enlightens those who meet her. Every Saint is offered to us as an example; but we cannot always emulate the concrete ways in which a Saint lived, we cannot always repeat their way from earth to heaven. But we can learn from each of them two things. The one is that by the grace of God we can achieve what seems humanly impossible; that is, to become a person in the image and likeness of God, to be - in this world of darkness and tragedy which is in the power of lies - a word of truth, a sign of hope, the certainty that God can conquer if we only allow Him access to our souls. Because if the Kingdom of God is not established within us, if God is not enthroned in our minds and hearts, a fire that destroys everything unworthy of ourselves and of Him, we cannot spread God's light around. And the second thing which the Saints can teach us is to understand the message which their names convey to us. Today's Samaritan woman learns and speaks of light. Christ has said that He is the Light of the world, the light that enlightens all people; and we are called to give shelter within our souls, minds and hearts - indeed, within our whole self - to this light; so that the word spoken by Christ, "Let your light so shine before all men, that seeing your good deeds they may give glory to your Father who is in heaven", may be fulfilled and accomplished in and through us. It is only through seeing our deeds, through seeing how we live that people can believe that the light is God's light; it is not in our words, unless they are words of truth and of power like those of the Apostles, or of Christ Himself indeed. On this Sunday of the Samaritan Woman let us reflect, each of us, on the meaning of our name and on the way in which we can become what we are called. *Source: <http://www.saintgeorgepittsburgh.org>*

## SUNDAY OF THE SAMARITAN WOMEN

(Fifth Paschal Sunday)

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### **Troparion and Kontakion:**

**Troparion (4):** When the disciples of the Lord learned from the angel the glorious news of the resurrection and cast off the ancestral condemnation, they proudly told the apostles: Death has been plundered! Christ our God is risen, granting to the world great mercy. **Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Kontakion (2): Now and for ever and ever: Amen.**

**Kontakion (8):** When the Samaritan woman came to the well with faith, she beheld You, O Water of Wisdom. You allowed her to drink in abundance and glorified her eternally, for she inherited the heavenly kingdom.

**Prokimenon (3):** Sing praise to God, sing praise; sing praise to our King, sing praise. **Verse:** All peoples, clap your hands; cry to God with shouts of joy. **Prokimenon (8):** Their utterance has gone forth into all the earth, and their words unto the ends of the world.

**Epistle: Reading of the Acts of the Holy Apostles.** (Acts 11,19-26;29-30) In those days, those who had been scattered by the persecution that arose because of Stephen went as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus, and Antioch, preaching the word to no one but Jews. There were some Cypriots and Cyrenians among them, however, who came to Antioch and began to speak to the Greeks as well, proclaiming the Lord Jesus. The hand of the Lord was with them and a great number who believed turned to the Lord. The news about them reached the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas [to go] to Antioch. When he arrived and saw the grace of God, he rejoiced and encouraged them all to remain faithful to the Lord in firmness of heart, for he was a good man, filled with the holy Spirit and faith. And a large number of people was added to the Lord. Then he 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 number of people, and it was in Antioch that the disciples were first called Christians. So the disciples determined that, according to ability, each should

send relief to the brothers who lived in Judea. This they did, sending it to the presbyters in care of Barnabas and Saul.

**Alleluia Verses:** Verse: In splendor and state, ride on in triumph for the cause of truth and goodness and right. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia. Verse: Your love is for justice; Your hatred for evil. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia. Verse: The heavens shall confess Your wonders, O Lord, and Your truth in the church of the saints. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia. Verse: God is glorified in the assembly of the saints. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

**Gospel:** (Jn 4,5-42) At that time, Jesus came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of land that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there. Jesus, tired from his journey, sat down there at the well. It was about noon. A woman of Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, "How can you, a Jew, ask me, a Samaritan woman, for a drink?" (For Jews use nothing in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God and who 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, you do not even have a bucket and the cistern is deep; where then can you get this living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us this cistern and drank from it himself with his children and his flocks?" Jesus answered and said to her, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again; but whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst; the water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may not be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water." Jesus said to her, "Go call your husband and come back." The woman answered and said to him, "I do not have a husband." Jesus answered her, "You are right in saying, 'I do not have a husband.' For you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true." The woman said to him, "Sir, I can see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain; but you people say that the place to worship is in Jerusalem." Jesus said to her, "Believe me, women,

the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You people worship what you do not understand; we worship what we understand, because salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when true worshipers will worship the Father in Spirit and truth; and indeed the Father seeks such people 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 the Messiah is coming, the one called the Anointed; when he comes, he will tell us everything.” Jesus said to her, “I am he, the one who is speaking with you.” At that moment his disciples returned, and were amazed that he was talking with a woman, but still no one said, “What are you looking for?” or “Why are you talking with her?” The woman left her water jar and went into the town and said to the people, “Come see a man who told me everything I have done. Could he possibly be the Messiah?” They went out of the town and came to him. Meanwhile, the disciples urged him, “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, “Could someone have brought him something to eat?” Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of the one who sent me and to finish his work. Do you not say, ‘In four months the harvest will be here?’ I tell you, look up and see the fields ripe for the harvest. The reaper is already receiving his payment and gathering crops for eternal life, so that the sower and reaper can rejoice together. For here the saying is verified that ‘One sows and another reaps.’ I sent you to reap what you have not worked for; others have done the work, and you are sharing the fruits of their work.” Many of the Samaritans of that town began to believe in him because of the word of the woman who testified, “He told me everything I have done.” When the Samaritans came to him, they invited him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. Many more began to believe in him because of his word, and they said to the woman, “We no longer believe because of your word; for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the savior of the world.”

**Instead of It is truly right...** (Or the Hirmos of the Feast): The angel exclaimed to her, full of grace: Rejoice, O pure Virgin, again I

say: Rejoice! Your Son is risen from the grave on the third day and has raised the dead. Let all nations rejoice. Shine in splendor, O new Jerusalem! For the glory of the Lord is risen upon you. Sing with joy and rejoice, O Zion, sing. And you, pure Mother of God, rejoice in the resurrection of your Son.

**Communion Verse:** Receive the Body of Christ! Drink the Source of immortality. Their utterance has gone forth into all the earth, and their words unto the ends of the world. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

**Instead of Blessed is He Who Comes:** Christ is risen from the dead! By death He conquered Death, and to those in the graves He granted life.

**Instead of We have seen the true light:** Christ is risen from the dead! By death He conquered Death, and to those in the graves He granted life.

**Instead of May our mouths be filled:** Christ is risen from the dead! By death He conquered Death, and to those in the graves He granted life. (3)

**Instead of Blessed be the name of the Lord:** Christ is risen from the dead! By death He conquered Death, and to those in the graves He granted life. (3)

**Glory and Now:** Christ is risen from the dead! By death He conquered Death, and to those in the graves He granted life. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Give the blessing

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Dear Parishioners and Friends!** We welcome you to our Sunday Liturgy with the indoor service. Please keep in mind that social distancing applies and wearing a mask during the celebration of the Liturgy is mandatory to help stop the spread of coronavirus.

**IMPORTANT!** Please note that because of the Event of the First Penance & Solemn Holy Communion that will take place at the Holy Trinity Parish on Sunday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, the Divine Liturgy will be celebrated in our church on Saturday, May 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM instead of 8:30 AM on Sunday. Thank you for your understanding, and cooperation!

**Mother's Day** Next Sunday, May 9, 2021, we celebrate Mother's Day and will remember all of our Mothers at the Divine Liturgy. There will be petitions for their health and continued blessings and a requiem service,

Panachyda, for all our Mothers who have passed away, that the Lord God remembers them. Please send the names of mothers along with your offering for prayer by filling out the Mother's Day envelope in your envelope box and putting the envelope with your donation in the collection or submit it to Fr. Alexander. All Mothers and donors names will be listed in the church bulletin on Sunday, May 09, 2021. Thank You!

**Support your Church** In addition to caring for your neighbor and taking care of yourself, one of the most practical ways to help the Church is to continue to do what you have always done: support our parish with your financial resources. Please, continue to contribute to your parish, even during the period you are unable to attend the Liturgy, with your gifts of alms during this Great Fast. Parishioners' weekly contributions are the main source of financial support for our parish, and while some expenses may be a little lower during this time, parishes have many fixed costs that need to be attended to. You may send your donations to PO Box 2735, Manassas VA 20108

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**YOUR OFFERINGS Collection:**

**Sunday, April 25, 2021 -**

**Sincere thanks to all for your kindness and generosity to our Holy Church!**