



Weekly Bulletin

Orthodox Church of the Annunciation

The Paschal Troparion

Troparion of PASCHA

Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life!

Kontakion of Pascha, Tone 4

Thou didst descend into the tomb, O Immortal. Thou didst destroy the power of death. In victory Thou didst arise, O Christ God, proclaiming "rejoice" to the myrrhbearing women. Granting peace to thine apostles and bestowing resurrection on the fallen

Sentenced to Immortality by St. Justin Popovich

Man sentenced God to death; by His Resurrection, He sentenced Man to immortality. In return for a beating, He gives an embrace; for abuse, a blessing; for death, immortality. Man never showed so much hate for God as when he crucified Him; and God never showed more love for man than when he arose. Man even wanted to reduce God to a mortal, but God by His Resurrection made man immortal. The crucified God is Risen and has killed death. Death is no more. Immortality has surrounded man and all the worlds.

— Blessed Justin (Popovich)



PASCHA
CHRIST IS RISEN

Deus rescucitore
 El Cristo está recusitado
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 Christos lat auferstanden
 Jezus Chrystus Zmatwychwstal
 Christos priskikete
 Hristos a Inviat
 Cristo Resorto
 ХРИСТОС ВЪСТЪХСЯ
 CHRISTUS RESURREXIT
 KRISTUS FÖLTÁMANDÓ
 Christ est resuscitatus
 Christti Ungia
 Kristur er upstiginn
 Χριστός Ἀνέστη
 CHRYSTI RAIGAS
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Christ is risen

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Announcements and Activities

Great Vespers— Saturday, at 5:30PM.

Divine Liturgy— Sunday, at 10AM.

Coffee Hour— This week's Coffee Hour is coffee and cookies, as it's Mothers Day. Next week's Coffee Hour will be our Mini Potluck; bring your favorite dish.

Fundraiser on May 20th— We are less than a week away from our fundraiser to help the families of the Syrian people attending our parish. The money we donate will be distributed by the Orthodox Church in the town of Ramah. There is a list that fundraiser Chairperson Aaron Cantrell has asked us to fill out. It schedules our set up needs, those helping to serve the food and the cleanup crew. The food will be a Middle Eastern food: Shwarma— beef and chicken cooked on a rotisserie, dolma, rice, tabouli and baklava, a \$20 combo plate.

Pray for... Sarah, the daughter of Fr. Lawrence's godfather, health issues. **Youseff and Jimmy— who are ill.** **Matushka Ann Hopko,** reposed. **Jonathan— ill.** **Reposed Barbara Ranjo.** Fr. And **Matushka's Granddaughter Annabella is past her illness, but still needs prayer for the return all body parts to normal.** **Laure— battling Cancer.** **Paul— ill** **Ralph—ill Archpriest Lawrence,** from Canada, progressive eye disease. **Tsige Roman—** our beloved Tsige reposed on December 3rd. Please keep praying for her homeland of Ethiopia. **Brian— ill.** **Jonathan— ill.** **Katia—** sister of Shkbarra's **Grace,** Heather's goddaughter. **Reposed Priest, James.** **Reposed Hierarch Tikhon . Diane— surgery.** **Rufin—** soldier in Ukraine. **Elise, ill.** **Sally,** surgery, **Reposed Patrick, Reposed Jim, Reposed Alex; Christian,** prayers. **Chris,** reposed. **Galina,** reposed. **Patrick,** reposed. **Clint Arsenios—** reposed. **Heather Mary—** uncommon fatigue

Bulgakov's handbook: Sunday of the Samaritan Woman

On the fifth Sunday we commemorate the conversation of Jesus Christ with the Samaritan Woman (see March 26 for more about her). This event, occurring during Jewish Pentecost, commemorates the revelation of an obvious witness of the Divine glory of the resurrected Savior on the present Sunday, for after the conversation with the Lord the Samaritan woman and her community of Samaritans were convinced that the one who converses is truly the Savior of the world, the Messiah (John 4: 41-42).

Parts of the specified conversation, serving as the subject of the Gospel reading, are commemorated in the Troparia of the Canon and the Stichera of Matins of the present Sunday. That is why this Sunday is also called the Sunday of the Samaritan Woman.

The Holy Church presents the Samaritan woman as an example of the raising up of sinful sinners from the depths, those who are looking for salvation and are ready to respond to the voice of God, who everywhere unceasingly calls out to them about raising up spiritually.

The Samaritan woman, despite "burning with the heat of many passions," did not extinguish the feeling of goodness in her heart, the susceptibility to truth and the desire to please God, and for this she was made worthy to find the Savior, "sitting on the well". "Although He truly desires to free the woman from the snares of the enemy and for her to drink living water", the Savior made the Samaritan woman worthy of a conversation with Him. And during this conversation He, having stirred up sincere repentance of sins in her, reminded this woman about her sinful life.

He caused her to understand by herself His elevated teaching about the "water of salvation" and caused a flaming desire in her heart "to accept the living water pouring out from Him". "Having drank it", the Samaritan woman "preached to all" about Christ, "who came in the flesh, to save mankind".

With all of this we also are inspired that the Lord Himself always goes out to meet those searching for divine truth and grace and are capable of repentance, and mercifully grants them gifts even to establish their salvation, and through them the salvation of others also.

Besides this, announcing to us in the Sunday Gospel reading which posited the Savior's teaching about the worship of God in spirit and truth (John 4:23-24) in His conversation with the Samaritan woman, the Holy Church teaches that we should pray to God in order that our prayer will be pleasing to Him and will be redemptive for us.

(translated from *The Handbook*, by Archpriest Eugene Tarris)

"There do not exist many or few, nor small or great problems. The only problem is the absence of Christ from our lives" (From the life and teachings of Elder Epiphanius Theodoropoulos)