

Christ is Risen!
Χριστός Ανέστη!

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Indeed He is Risen!
Βοιστίνου Βοσκρεσε!
Αληθώς Ανέστη!

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18 May, 2014: Sunday of the Samaritan Woman
The Holy Martyr Theodotus of Ancyra. The Holy Martyrs Peter, Dionysius and their Companions. The Holy Seven Virgins.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Sat. May 17 **5:00 PM: Sunday Vigil**
+ *Suffrages for Helen Krynicky requested by Helen DeFlorio*

Sun. May 18 **10:30 AM: Sunday of the Samaritan Woman: pro populo**

Sat. May 24 **5:00 PM: Sunday Vigil**
+ *Suffrages for William Lipko requested by Joan & Ed Boytim*

Sun. May 25 **10:30 AM: Sunday of the Man Born Blind: pro populo**

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	<u>Acolytes</u>	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	
Sat. May 17	-----	L. Knouse	R. Garber, J. Snitzer	
Sun. May 18	E. & R. Hess	F. Chappell	R. Garber, R. Knouse	
Sat. May 24	-----	M. Harhai	J. Kontir, J. Snitzer	
Sun. May 25	E. & R. Hess	B. Chirdon	R. Garber, J. Knouse	
5/11/14 Collection:	Adult \$805.00; Candles \$65.00;	Special Donations \$600.00	Students \$9.00;	Total: \$1479.00

The midpoint of the Feast has arrived; the days which begin with the Resurrection of the Savior and are fulfilled in the divine Feast of Pentecost. Truly it unites both Feasts and draws light from their double brightness, giving honor to the Ascension of the Lord, which prefigures our glory.

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.

Meeting a woman in a village of Samaria, O almighty Savior, You asked her for water to drink, even though in ancient times in the desert You brought forth from the most hard rock the stream from which Israel drank in abundance. O Giver of Life, You awakened faith in the heart of the Samaritan woman, and she now tastes both joy and living water in heaven forever.

Jesus, our Savior, the Fountain of life, came to the well of Jacob the Patriarch. He asked a Samaritan woman for water to drink. She told Him that Jews have no dealings with Samaritans; but the wise Creator incited her curiosity with the sweetness of His words, and she asked Him for the water of everlasting life. She received His gift and announced to all: Come and see Him Who knows all secrets as God. He has come in the flesh for the salvation of the human race.

Today, we have come to the midweek of the festal season. As a river of divine glory, the Lord gives streams of goodness to all and calls out: «All who thirst, come to Me and drink deeply, because I am the Fountain of compassion and the Ocean of mercy. From Him flows forgiveness to the peoples; He washes away sin and cleanses infirmities. He saves those who celebrate His Resurrection, embraces with love those who honor His glorious Ascension, and bestows upon our souls peace and great mercy.

Taken from the Pentecostarion: Vespers and Matins for the Sunday of the Samaritan Woman



The **Otdanije** (Greek: *Apodosis*) or **Leave-taking** of the Feast of Mid-Pentecost is always the Wednesday after the Sunday of the Samaritan Woman. **Otdanije** is somewhat analogous to the **Octave** in the Latin Church. The last day of an Afterfeast is called the «Leave-taking», (lit. 'giving-back', the relinquishing or surrendering of the feast.) On the **Apodosis**, most of the hymns that were chanted on the first day of the Feast are repeated.

At Psalm 140 of the Otdanije of Mid-Pentecost: *Christ met the Samaritan woman by the well. Though He asked for water, He thirsted for her salvation. He knew everything she had done. She gave Him a drink and drew living water, the fullness of joy. She proclaimed to all in her town: «Behold, the Messiah foretold in the Law of old has appeared clothed in humanity. He has unveiled all my hidden thoughts».*



Suffrages: short intercessory prayer or petitions offered for the living and the dead. [Latin: **suffragium**, -i (n.) < **suffragari**: to be favorable, to favor, recommend, support]



Next Sunday's Readings:

Acts of the Holy Apostles 16: 16 - 34

The Imprisonment of Paul and Silas at Philippi

John 9: 1 – 38

The Healing of a Man Born Blind



~ Announcements ~

- **CONGRATULATIONS!** to **Caitlyn Fullman, Adam Hess,** and **Joshua Vacha** who today are completing **the Mysteries of Christian Initiation by receiving the Divine Eucharist.**

This will be the last year that the parish observes this custom of the Latin Church. Regardless of age, those receiving the Mysteries of Christian Initiation receive **ALL** the sacraments together: Baptism, Chrismation, **AND** Divine Eucharist. This was the ancient custom of the undivided Church. Adam is also celebrating **the Mystery of Penance** for the first time.



- *Sincere appreciation for two generous donations that came to the parish this past Sunday: (1) in thanksgiving for blessings received and (2) in memory of Michael Brehun.*

