Christ is Risen! Χριστος Βοςκρες! Χριστός ἀνέστη! St. Mary ~ Holy Protection
Byzantine Catholic Church
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Indeed He is Risen! Βουςτυμy Βοςκρες ! Άληθῶς ἀνέστη!

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15 MAY 2022 / 7530 ~ SUNDAY OF THE SAMARITAN WOMAN

Postfestive Day of Mid-Pentecost. Our Venerable Father Pachomius the Great. Our Venerable Father Isaiah the Wonderworker, Bishop of Rostov.



LITURGY SCHEDUE:

- Sat. May 14 17:00 SUNDAY OF THE SAMARITAN WOMAN
 Suffrages for +Richard Reagan The Davis Family
- Sun. May 15 10:30 SUNDAY OF THE SAMARITAN WOMAN Suffrages pro populo.
- Sat. May 21 17:00 SUNDAY OF THE MAN BORN BLIND

 Suffrages for +Helen Krynicky The Nindle Family; for +Gregory

 Harhai The Harhai Family One Year Anniversary Panachida
- Sun. May 22 10:30 SUNDAY OF THE MAN BORN BLIND
 Suffrages pro populo

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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 saves those who celebrate His Resurrection, embraces with love those who honor His glorious Ascension, and bestows upon our souls peace and great mercy.

The Week Of The Samaritan Woman: The Samaritan woman, Photine (Svetlana in Slavonic, Claire in the West), is an image of our baptism (Note that in the icon on the bulletin cover the well is shaped like a cross: a baptismal font). Since Jacob's well could not quench her thirst, the Lord revealed to her true worship of the Father in spirit and in truth. In this week we draw of the water of the well of enlightenment and imitate the holy and repentant Photine, Great Martyr and Equal to the Apostles, the woman enlightened by our Lord. Martyred during the reign of the Emperor Nero, her feast day is February 26th. The Orthodox Church of Jacob's Well is located in the city of Nablus on the West Bank (Israel). The current church is the 5th structure to stand over the site, which has been venerated by Christians as the Well of Jacob since the 4th century.

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The setting of a meeting at a well often implies a nuptial scene. On his mission to Haran, Abraham's servant prayed that if a maiden offered to water his camels at the well, «let her be the one whom you have appointed for your servant Isaac.» Rebecca left Haran with a gold ring and a wedding proposal, and returned with Abraham's servant to marry Isaac. «And he loved her.»

The Song of Songs describes the beloved as a well within Paradise: «A garden locked is my sister, my bride, a spring shut up, a fountain sealed.» «A fountain of gardens, a well of living waters, and streams from Lebanon.» (In Medieval times the enclosed garden (hortus conclusus)



was associated with the Virgin Mary, and in art the Annunciation is sometimes depicted as taking place at a well evoking all the nuptial images described above.)



~ Announcements ~

- ❖ The annual Saints Cyril and Methodius Byzantine Catholic Seminary Collection is this weekend May 14th − 15th. Donations will be accepted throughout the rest of the month of May if you have forgotten. Please be generous in your support for our men in priestly and diaconal formation!
- MEMORIAL DAY PANACHIDA will take place at 10:00 at the parish cemetery (weather permitting) followed by the blessing of veterans' graves. In the event of inclement weather, the Memorial Service will be held at the church.
- ❖ POTLUCK LUNCH! Our next fellowship luncheon will be after the Divine Liturgy on Sunday, June 5th − Pentecost Sunday. A sign-up sheet is in the Narthex to indicate what food item you will be bringing.