

Christ is Risen!
Χριστός Βοσκρεσε!
Χριστός ἀνέστη!

St. Mary ~ Holy Protection
Byzantine Catholic Church
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Indeed He is Risen!
Воистину Воскресе!
Ἀληθῶς ἀνέστη!

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28 APRIL ~ SUNDAY OF THE SAMARITAN WOMAN POST-FESTIVE DAY OF MID-PENTECOST



LITURGY SCHEDULE:

Sat. April 27 17:00 Vigil: **FIFTH PASCHAL SUNDAY** *Suffrages pro populo*

Sun. April 28 10:30 **FIFTH PASCHAL SUNDAY**
Suffrages for +John Regalla – Joseph & Joyce Regalla

Sat. May 04 17:00 VIGIL: **SIXTH PASCHAL SUNDAY** *Suffrages pro populo*

Sun. May 05 10:30 **SIXTH PASCHAL SUNDAY** *Suffrages for +John Regalla –
Eva, his sister and the Grzywinski Family: Patricia, Sean, William, Jody.*

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COLLECTION

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Adults: \$871
TOTAL: \$1029

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Candles: \$33

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Holy Day: \$ 125

THE WEEK OF THE SAMARITAN WOMAN: The Samaritan woman, Photine (*the luminous one*), (*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 from 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.



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 ~

- Please remember in your prayers the following parishioners who are recovering from various illnesses: Patricia Krisner, Barb Snitzer, Marge Hulyk. *May our risen Lord, raise these His servants to bodily health, and endow their souls with all heavenly graces and perseverance in good works.*
- **AXIOS!** The **Fr. Deacon Kyprian Wojciechowski**, by the grace of the Holy Spirit at the hands of our Metropolitan William, will be ordained to the holy priesthood this **Sunday afternoon, April 28th**, at St. Mary Byzantine Catholic Church, Bradenville. Fr. Deacon Kyprian is related to the late Michael Skipora, Sr. and Stephen Skipora, both deceased members of our parish. Keep Fr. Deacon Kyprian in your prayers on this most solemn day.
- **MOTHER'S DAY is Sunday, 12 May.** Spiritual Bouquet Cards are available on the tables in the Narthex.
- The **ANNUAL SAINTS CYRIL AND METHODIUS BYZANTINE CATHOLIC SEMINARY COLLECTION** will be taken up the weekend of **May 18 – 19**. There is a special envelope for this in your box. Please give generously for the formation of the future deacons and priests of our church and remember to **PRAY FOR VOCATIONS!**



- **BYZANTINE CATHOLIC SEMINARY ANNUAL LECTURE to be presented on May 7:** Fr. John McGuckin, PhD., DD., DLitt., FR Hist. Soc., is on deck to present *Theological Radicalism in a Time of Political Revolution: The Case of St. Symeon the New Theologian (949-1022) in Constantinople* for the 24th Annual Lecture of the Byzantine Catholic Seminary. All are welcome to attend this lecture virtually on **Tuesday, May 7 at 7:00 PM E.D.T.** via the Seminary website (**www.bcs.edu**). The lecture can also be accessed live or later from archives on the B.C.S. YouTube channel. In the political and military turmoil of 11th century Byzantium, the aristocratic monk Symeon the New Theologian wrote that faith ultimately cannot be taught, it has to be handed on dynamically from person to person: «Just as one candle can only be lit from another live flame.» With members of his family assassinated, and himself vindictively pursued by the emperor, the saint composed passionate songs which he titled: *Hymns of Divine Eros*. This live-streamed lecture looks at the saint's life and teachings with specific reference to this poetic and mystical masterpiece which celebrates his visions of Christ and his generous theology of God's mercy. The Very Rev. Professor John Anthony McGuckin is an Archpriest of the Orthodox Church in the Patriarchate of Romania's Archdiocese in Western Europe, Rector of St Gregory's chapel in St. Anne's on Sea, in North West England; Professor in the Theological Faculty of Oxford University; Senior Professorial Research Fellow at Emory University's School of Law, and at the St. Irenaeus Orthodox Institute at Radboud University Nijmegen.