

May 3, 2026

Sunday of the Samaritan Woman, Fifth Sunday of Pascha



Veil of Protection

SAINT MARY BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen! ~ Christos Voskrese! Voistinu Voskrese!

Propers for this Sunday: pp. 186 – 188

St. Mary: Divine Services for the Week:

SUN., MAY 3 SUNDAY of the SAMARITAN WOMAN

10:45 A.M. THIRD HOUR

11:00 A.M. DIVINE LITURGY

Intention: + John and Mary Plumb, requested by Greg Plumb

WED., MAY 6 Job, Venerable

6:00 P.M. DIVINE LITURGY

Intention: Spiritual and Temporal Welfare of Carol Raffaele, requested by Chuck McCullough

FRI., MAY 8 John, Apostle and Evangelist

9:00 A.M. DIVINE LITURGY

Intention: + Gerard B. McCauley, requested by Mike and Patty Costantino

SUN., MAY 10 SUNDAY of the MAN BORN BLIND

10:45 A.M. THIRD HOUR

11:00 A.M. DIVINE LITURGY

Intention: For the People of St. George, St. Mary, and St. Nicholas Chapel

Voskrese! Христóсь воскрéсе! Воистину воскресе!

Happy Birthday Greetings:

May 4: George Kowalsky, May 8: Judy Jones, Michael Shuster

Wedding Anniversaries:

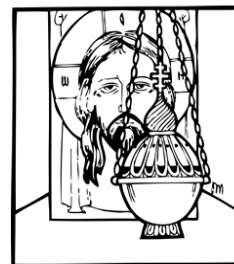
None for the week

Please Pray For Our Sick and Shut-ins

HOME: Penny Furis, William Killian, Joyce Rose, Eleanor Soltis

Franciscan Manor: (71 Darlington Rd., Beaver Falls, PA 15010) - George Cirka

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Christos Voskrese! Voistinu Voskrese!*



THIS WEEK'S SANCTUARY LAMP

May 3 - 9, 2026

Burns before the real presence of our Lord for:

The Parishioners

Parish Offerings for April 26, 2026

God bless your generosity! "Everyone must give according to whatever he has inwardly decided; not sadly, not grudgingly, for God loves a cheerful giver." (2 Cor 9:7)

Offertory \$835.00

Loose Currency \$51.00

Candles \$25.00

Total: \$911.00

Do not neglect good deeds and generosity, God is pleased by sacrifices of that kind." (Hebrews 13:16)

Regular Confessions Offered

St. George 4:45-5:45 P.M. on Thursdays and before every Sunday Divine Liturgy

St. Mary 4:45-5:45 P.M. on Wednesdays and following every Sunday Divine Liturgy

St. Nicholas 4:00-4:45 P.M. before Vigil Liturgy on Saturdays

The Week of the Samaritan Woman

The Samaritan woman, Photina (Svetlana in Slavonic), is an image of our baptism. 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 Photina, 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. 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.



E	L	T	H	U	S	B	A	D	N	SAMARITAN	SYCHAR	JACOB
S	E	L	L	E	W	O	M	A	N	JOSEPH	WELL	WOMAN
W	Y	L	E	B	L	E	T	H	E	WATER	DRINK	JEW
A	E	C	W	O	I	I	J	P	T	BUCKET	CATTLE	HUSBAND
T	E	A	H	C	R	N	Y	E	E			
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Do you partake of “living water” offered by Christ? Do you kindle the desire of others for this “living water”?

St. George: Divine Services for the Week:

TUE., MAY 5 Irene, Great Martyr
6:00 P.M.DIVINE LITURGY

Intention: Spiritual & Temporal Welfare of Jane Janssen requested by Grant Gaylord

WED., MAY 6 Job, Venerable

7:00 A.M.FIRST HOUR & THIRD

SAT., MAY 9 Wedding of Dante Lista and Grace Givens

1:00 P.M. WEDDING DIVINE LITURGY

SUN., MAY 10 SUNDAY of the MAN BORN BLIND

8:15 A.M.FIRST HOUR

8:30 A.M.DIVINE LITURGY

Intention: + Jane Klacik on the 2nd anniversary of her passing, requested by JoAnn and Francis Hersh

In the middle of the feast, quench the thirst of my soul with streams of devotion. For you, O Savior, have exclaimed to all: Let anyone who thirsts come to me and drink. O Christ our God, Fountain of Life, Glory to You!

St. Nicholas: Divine Services for the Week:

THUR., MAY 7 Appearance of the Sign of the Cross

5:30 P.M.DIVINE LITURGY

Intention: Spiritual and Temporal Welfare of Sr Benedicta Hawkins MS, requested by Grant Gaylord

SAT., MAY 9 SUNDAY of the MAN BORN BLIND

5:00 P.M. DIVINE LITURGY

Intention: Spiritual and Temporal Welfare of Aundrea Garcia, requested by Grant Gaylord

A Note from Fr. Anthony

Dear Parishioners,

We finally have a somewhat "normal week." The only out of the ordinary event is a wedding at St. George on Saturday afternoon.

Next week we will celebrate the Leave-taking of Pascha at St. Mary's on Tuesday evening. We will have 5:00pm Resurrection Matins and 6:00pm Divine Liturgy. This day, which brings Pascha to a close, is celebrated as a day of Bright Week and is one final celebration of Easter Joy. After this day, the burial shroud, which has been on the altar since Pascha, disappears.

Thursday, May 14th is the Feast of the Ascension, a Holy Day of Obligation. Due to scheduling conflicts with cantors, I will have liturgy at St. Mary and St. George only. The schedule is as follows:

Wednesday May 13th 5:00pm Great Vespers with Litija, 6:00pm Divine Liturgy at St. Mary's followed by a social.

Thursday, May 14th

9:00am Festal Matins at St. Mary

6:00pm Divine Liturgy at St. George

In Christ,

Fr. Anthony

Living Water

Jesus calls the life-giving gift of the Spirit "living water" because mere man is parched to his very roots, rendered dry and barren of all virtue by the crimes of the devil. But now man runs back to his pristine beauty, and drinking in that which is life-giving, he is made beautiful with a variety of good things and, budding into a virtuous life, he sends out healthy shoots of love towards God. (St. Cyril of Alexandria)

Христось воскресє! Воистину воскресє!

Sunday of the Samaritan Woman

In today's Gospel (John 4:5–42), Sunday of the Samaritan Woman, Christ reveals Himself as the living water who alone can satisfy the deepest thirst of the human heart. He meets the woman in her brokenness, not to condemn, but to call her to repentance and true worship in spirit and truth. For Byzantine Catholics, this encounter reflects our own call to transformation and theosis—to leave behind the old life and be filled with divine grace. Having encountered Christ, the Samaritan woman becomes a joyful witness, drawing others to Him: "Come and see."



Living the Gospel as Missionary Disciples

1. Draw from the living water – Nourish your soul through prayer and the Holy Mysteries.
2. Turn to Christ with repentance – Trust in His mercy to heal and transform your life.
3. Invite others to encounter Him – Share your faith simply and joyfully in daily life.

In today's Epistle we hear of the early Evangelical work of the Church as the Gospel message spread beyond Jerusalem to the city of Antioch, the birthplace of the Melkite Church, and began to take root in the hearts of those who were not of the "chosen race." This initial sharing of the Gospel with non-Jews would cause great concern among some in the Jerusalem Christian Community and eventually the Council of the Apostle would be called to consider how to deal with this situation. By placing this epistle within the context of the Gospel message, the church holds up Christ's Ministry as the example to be followed. Just as Jesus brought salvation to the Samaritan woman, and through her to the whole Samaritan Village, so we cannot keep the Good News of Christ to ourselves and to our community alone. Today Christ calls each of us who have experienced the joy of the Gospel to share this gift with those whom we encounter. We have received our new life in Christ as a gift and therefore it is to be lived as a gift.

Further Reflection...

We are told in our society today to keep religion out of the public sphere. We are told that we should not talk about religion in social settings, in school, or at work. We are told that we should not proselytize and make convert to Christianity. We are told to leave others alone to follow their own path. But, if we are truly convinced that Christ is "the way, the truth, and the life," and this is true for all people, how can we possibly stay silent about something which impacts a person's salvation? In what ways can we bring the message of Christ to others in a way that respects their freedom?

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Holy Mystery of Reconciliation..... Wednesdays 4:45-5:45 P.M. & after Sunday Liturgy.

Holy Mysteries of Initiation.....Contact the church office.

Holy Mystery of AnointingAsk prior to surgery or serious illness.

Holy Mystery of MarriageContact the church office eight months prior to wedding.

Religious Education Classes.....September through May.

Pirohi Sales Every Friday

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