

Today's Bulletin Sponsors are:**For the health of:****John Dantine on his birthday, offered by his family.****Readings:**

- **Acts 11:19-26,29-30**
- **John 4:5-42**

IN THOSE DAYS, those apostles who were scattered because of the persecution that arose over Stephen traveled as far as Phoenicia and Cyprus and Antioch, speaking the word to none except Jews. But there were some of them, men of Cyprus and Cyrene, who on coming to Antioch spoke to the Greeks also, preaching the Lord Jesus. And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number that believed turned to the Lord. News of this came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. When he came and saw the grace of God, he was glad; and he exhorted them all to remain faithful to the Lord with steadfast purpose; for he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a large company was added to the Lord. So Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul; and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. For a whole year they met with the church, and taught a large company of people; and in Antioch the disciples were for the first time called Christians. Now in these days prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. And one of them named Agabos stood up and foretold by the Spirit that there would be a great famine over all the world; and this took place in the days of Claudius. And the disciples determined, every one according to his ability, to send relief to the brethren who lived in Judea, and they did so, sending it to the elders by the hand of Barnabas and Saul.

At that time, Jesus came to a city of Samaria, called Sychar, near the field that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and so Jesus, wearied as he was with his journey, sat down beside the well. It was about the sixth hour.

There came a woman of Samaria to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans. Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have nothing to draw with, and the well is deep; where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well, and drank from it himself, and his sons, and his cattle?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will thirst again, but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst; the water that I shall give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, that I may not thirst, nor come here to draw."

Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and he whom you now have is not your husband; this you said truly." The woman said to him, "Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. Our fathers worshiped on this mountain; and you say that Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for such the Father seeks to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that the Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ); when he comes, he will show us all things." Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am he."

Just then his disciples came. They marveled that he was talking with a woman, but none said, "What do you wish?" or, "Why are you talking with her?" So the woman left her water jar, and went away into the city and said to the people, "Come, see a man who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?" They went out of the city and were coming to him.

Meanwhile the disciples besought him, saying "Rabbi, eat." But he said to them, "I have food to eat of which you do not know." So the disciples said to one another, "Has anyone brought him food?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me, and to accomplish his work. Do you not say, 'There are yet four months, then comes the harvest'? I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see how the fields are already white for harvest. He who reaps receives wages, and gathers fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor; others have labored, and you have entered into their labor."

Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony. "He told me all that I ever did." So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of your words that we believe, for we have heard ourselves, and we know that this is indeed Christ the Savior of the world."

Sunday service:**Hours - 9:40 AM****Divine Liturgy – 10:00 AM****(General Confession – 9 50 AM on the first Sunday of each month. Except Lent)****(Private Confession – Half hour before any service. Please don't delay the service.)****(Pannikhidas – after Divine Liturgy 3rd Sunday of each month)****Church School - 9:30 AM****Coffee hour - after Liturgy**

We would like to welcome all parish visitors and invite you to join us after the Liturgy, downstairs, for Coffee hour.

Announcements:

- **There will be no Church School on May 27th but there will be Church School on June 3rd. This will be the last class of the school year.**
- **The 2012 Distinguished Diocesan Benefactors program is underway.** This is a way to: Support our diocesan seminarians, establish more mission parishes in our Diocese, and support existing parishes that need help. Our parish will be having a special collection for the next few weeks to donate to this fund. We ask that you help out by contributing to the collection and/or donating directly by mail with a "**Vision for Our Future ~ DDB**" flyer, or online at the website: http://nynjoca.org/vision_for_future_2012.html
- **The next meeting of the Sisterhood of the Protection of the Theotokos will be on Sunday, June 3rd, after coffee hour.**

The Feast of Mid-Pentecost:

Last Wednesday, in the middle of this fourth week of Pascha, the middle day between Easter and Pentecost is solemnly celebrated. It is called the feast of **Mid-Pentecost**, at which Christ, *“in the middle of the feast”* teaches men of his saving mission and offers to all *“the waters of immortality”* (Jn 7:14). Again we are reminded of the Master’s presence and his saving promise: *“If anyone is thirsty let him come to me and drink”* (Jn 7:37). We think also once again of our death and resurrection with Christ in our baptism, and our reception of the Holy Spirit from him in our chrismation. We *“look back to one, and anticipate the other”* as one of the hymns of the feast puts it. We know that we belong to that kingdom of the Risen Christ where *“the Spirit and the Bride say, ‘Come!’ And let him who is thirsty come, let him who desires take the water of life without price”* (Rev 22:17. Is 55:1).

*In the middle of the feast, O Saviour,
fill my thirsting soul with the waters of godliness,
as Thou didst cry unto all:*

*If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink! O Christ God,
Fountain of life, glory to Thee!*

(Troparion - Mid-Pentecost)

*Christ God, the Creator and Master of all,
cried to all in the midst of the feast of the law:
Come and drink the water of immortality!*

*We fall before Thee and faithfully cry:
Grant us Thy bounties, for Thou art the Fountain of our life!*

(Kontakion - Mid-Pentecost)

Samaritan Woman:

Today, the fifth Sunday after Easter, the Church remembers the **woman of Samaria** with whom Christ spoke at Jacob’s Well (Jn 4). Again the theme is the *“living water”* and the recognition of Jesus as God’s Messiah (Jn 4:10-11; 25-26). We are reminded of our new life in him, of our own drinking of the *“living water,”* of our own true worship of God in the Christian messianic age *“in Spirit and in Truth”* (Jn 4:23-24). We see as well that salvation is offered to all: Jews and Gentiles, men and women, saints and sinners.

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Samaritan Woman

**Christ is
risen!**

Христос
Воскресе!

**Indeed he
is risen!**

Воистину
Воскресе!

*The Samaritan Woman came to the well in faith;
She saw You, the Water of Wisdom, and drank abundantly
She inherited the Kingdom on High and is ever glorified!*

Kontakion – Samaritan Woman

On this day the Church remembers:

5th Sunday of Pascha • Samaritan Woman

- Virgin Martyr Glyceria at Heraclea, and with her, Martyr Laodicius, Keeper of the Prison (ca. 177) • Righteous Virgin Glykéria of Novgorod (1522) • Translation of the Relics of Ven. Makáry, Archimandrite of Obruch (or Kanev—1678) • Martyr Alexander of Rome (284-305) • St Pausicacus, Bishop of Synnada (606) • St George the Confessor, with his wife, Irene, and their children, of Constantinople (9th c.) • St. Euthymius the New (1028), founder of Iveron Monastery, and his fellow Georgian Saints of Mt. Athos: his father, John, his cousin, George, and Gabriel. Monk Martyrs of Iveron (Mt. Athos).

May 13, 2012

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(Tone 4)

Pentecostarion
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