

## Know Your Church . . . Laity Formation

### Who are the Samaritans

The fifth Sunday of Holy Pascha is observed by the Eastern Church as the Sunday of the Samaritan Woman. The day commemorates the encounter of Christ with the Samaritan woman at Jacob's well. Concerning the Samaritans we know the following: In the year 721 BC, Salmanasar, King of the Assyrians, took the ten tribes of the kingdom of Israel into captivity, and relocated them to Babylon and the land of the Medes. From there he gathered various nations and sent them to Samaria. These nations had been idolaters from before. Although they were later instructed in the Jewish faith and believed in the one God, they worshiped the idols also. Furthermore, they accepted only the 5 books of Moses, and rejected the other books of Holy Scripture. Nonetheless, they thought themselves to be descendants of Abraham and Jacob. Therefore, the pious Jews named these peoples Samaritans, since they lived in Samaria, the former leading city of the Israelites. The Jews rejected them as heathen and foreigners, and had no communion with them at all, as the Samaritan woman observed, "the Jews have no dealings with the Samaritans". Therefore, the name Samaritan is used derisively many times in the Gospel narrations. After the Ascension of the Lord, and the descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, the woman of Samaria was baptized by the holy Apostles and became a great preacher and Martyr of Christ; she was called Photini, and her feast is kept on March 20th.



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# Our Weekly Bulletin

## Welcome to our Parish

Christ is Risen! Indeed, He is Risen!  
Христос Воскрес! Воистину Воскрес!

### Divine Liturgies and Services for the Week

Week of May 7 to May 14, 2023

<b>Sunday, May 7</b>	Fifth Sunday of Pascha Sunday of the Woman at the Well	+ Michael and Catherine Lutak
<b>May 8</b>	No Liturgy	
<b>May 9</b>	No Liturgy	
<b>May 10</b>	No Liturgy	
<b>May 11</b>	No Liturgy	
<b>May 12</b>	No Liturgy	
<b>May 13</b>	No Liturgy	
<b>Sunday, May 14</b>	Sixth Sunday of Pascha Sunday of the Man Born Blind	Millie Deskevich 90th Birthday

*If you are looking for a closer relationship with Jesus Christ and are looking for a home, you are welcome to be part of our kid friendly family in Christ. You have found your way home.*

## 5th Sunday of Pascha - The Samaritan Woman

Acts 11:19-26

John 4:5-42

### *Troparion (Tone 4)*

When the disciples of the Lord learned from the angel the glorious news of the resurrection and cast off the ancestral condemnation, they proudly told the apostles: "Death has been plundered! Christ our God is risen, granting to the world great mercy."

### *Troparion (Tone 8)*

At the mid-point of the Feast, O Savior, water my thirsty soul with streams of true godliness; for You cried out to all: Let any who thirst, come to Me and drink. O Savior of life, Christ our God, Glory to You!

### *Kondakion (Tone 8)*

Glory be ... Drawn to the well by faith, the Samaritan woman beheld You, the Water of wisdom, and drinking abundantly of You, she inherited the heavenly Kingdom forever, becoming everlastingly glorious.

### *Kondakion (Tone 4)*

Now and forever... At the mid-point of the feast according to the Law, Maker of all things and Master, You said to those present, O Christ God: Come, and draw the water of immortality. And so we fall before You crying out with faith: Grant us Your mercies, for You are the source of our life.

### *Prokeimen (Tone 6)*

Sing to our God, sing; sing to our King, sing.

*verse:* Clap your hands, all you nations; shout unto God with the voice of joy.

Sing to our God, sing; sing to our King, sing.

### *Alleluia*

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

*Verse* Poise yourself and advance in triumph and reign in the cause of truth, meekness, and justice.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

*Verse* You have loved justice and hated iniquity.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

### *Hymn to the Mother of God*

Virginity is alien to mothers and childbearing is foreign to virgins; yet in you, O Mother of God, both of them came together. Therefore we and all the nations of the earth without ceasing magnify you.

## PARISH NEWS

**Weekly Collection** - April 30, 2023 - \$505.00. Thank you for your generosity.

**Relief for Ukraine** - Amount collected to date \$6,483.00.

**Saturdays with Jesus** - May 20: 10AM Adults 2PM Children

**Relief for Ukraine** - Financial help to Ukraine can be done by writing a check to:

Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of St. Josaphat and on the memo line: Aid for Ukraine.

**Vacation Bible School** - VBS will be July 31 to Aug 4. Mark your calendars.

**Potato Fest** - The annual Ebensburg Potato Fest will be September 30th.

**Parish Picnic** - Our annual Summer Picnic will be on July 16.

**Potato Fest Cooking** - Anyone interested in helping to make the food for the Potato Fest please see Edna so that a schedule can be formulated.

### Prayer List

**Parishioners:** Millie & Steve Deskevich, Connie Butkus, Kathy Ott, Sarah Kelt,

Gary Maurer, the Lutak family, Jeremiah Hunt, Margaret Reighard.

**Friends of the Parish:** Jennifer Maurer, Breanna Borlie, Tom and Kris, Richard Shonk, Ryder McDermitt, Steve Helsel, Patricia Dragani, Eugene, Kevin Rogers, Darla Tishok, the Williams family, Patty Hunt, Kevin Blem, Linda Kusmierski.

### Joke of the Day

Two weeks after I had photos taken of my baby, I returned to the studio to view the pictures on a color monitor. The photographer started describing the merits of each photo, but as he went through the set, he rattled off his sales pitch so quickly that I couldn't get a word in. Finally, after we'd seen all 20 poses, he asked me which ones I was most interested in. "None," I replied. "This isn't my child."