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April 27 & 28, 2024



Sunday of the Samaritan Woman - April 28th

Today the Holy Gospel tells us of the conversation between Christ the Savior and the Samaritan woman at an ancient well that had been dug in the desert back in the time of the Forefather Jacob. There is no need to repeat once again the subject of this Gospel account. But, mentally looking into the depths of what happened at Jacob's Well, we see with awe that this source of life has continued to function up to this very day, as well as in our own time.

How many travelers passed through the desert and, with parched lips, approached this well in order to continue on to the next well? How many times a day did the Samaritans return to this well in order to satisfy their needs and those of their neighbors with this water? The Forefather Jacob himself drank from it, his children and cattle drank from it, ladling up from the well to support his life, as did his descendants, and the descendants of his descendants. But he (both then and now) could not satisfy the constant thirst that came to him, for *Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again*, according to the Savior's words (Jn 4:13).

This single meeting between Christ and the Samaritan woman turns into a meeting with the living God for both the sinful woman and for the entire world, inasmuch as here, at the well of temporal water, the hitherto unknown source of Eternal Life was first secured.

Here Christ for the first time reveals Himself to be the new, inexhaustible well of living water, flowing into Life Eternal. This source cannot run dry nor grow scarce, for it was not dug through human efforts, and nothing human can cloud its crystal clarity or poison its life-giving properties.

This source on earth is God's Holy Church, and its living water is the power of God's grace, which forgives, enlightens, and sanctifies every person who comes to it.

Schedule of Liturgical Services

Date	Feast, Liturgical Schedule, & Celebrant	Readings	Page #'s
Sat. 4/27	Simeon, Bishop – Martyr Spencer-Hill Wedding 10:30 AM Fr. Mendoza Confessions 3:00 PM Fr. Mendoza Vigil Divine Liturgy 4:00 PM Fr. Mendoza <i>Int. + Robert Crossley, by the Danovich Family</i>	Acts 12:1-11 John 8:31-42	181-185
Sun. 4/28	Sunday of the Samaritan Woman (Festal Tone) Confessions 9:00 AM Fr. Galvez 3rd Hour 9:45 AM Fr. Galvez Divine Liturgy – 10:00 AM Fr. Petras <i>Int. Parishioners of St. Stephen Cathedral</i>	Acts 11:19-26 & 29-30 John 4:5-42	181-185
Mon. 4/29	5 th PASCHAL WEEK The Nine Holy Martyrs of Cyzice <i>No services scheduled.</i>	Acts 12:12-17 John 8:42-51	381-383
Tue. 4/30	James the Greater, Apostle Divine Liturgy 9:00 AM Fr. Galvez <i>Int. +Joyce Rimmer, by Anthony & Irma Kinyon</i>	Acts 12:1-11 Luke 5:1-11	368-370
Wed. 5/1	Jeremiah the Prophet Divine Liturgy 9:00 AM Fr. Mendoza <i>Int. Kristee Kinyon, by Anthony & Irma Kinyon</i>	Acts 13:13-24 John 6:5-14	368-370
Thu. 5/2	Athanasius the Great, Patriarch Divine Liturgy 9:00 AM Fr. Galvez <i>Int Joseph Kinyon, by Anthony & Irma Kinyon</i>	Acts 14:21-27 John 9:39-10:9	372-374
Fri. 5/3	Passing of Theodosius of the Caves, Venerable Divine Liturgy 9:00 AM Fr. Mendoza <i>Int. Nathan, Ashley, & Michael Gudino, by A. & I. Kinyon</i>	Hebrews 13:7-16 Luke 6:17-23	376-377
Sat. 5/4	Pelagia, Martyr Confessions 3:00 PM Fr. Galvez Great Vespers 4:00 PM Fr. Galvez	Acts 15:35-41 John 10:27-38	186-188
Sun. 5/5	Sunday of the Man Born Blind (Festal Tone) Confessions 9:00 AM Fr. Galvez 3rd Hour 9:45 AM Fr. Galvez Divine Liturgy – 10:00 AM Fr. Mendoza <i>Int. Parishioners of St. Stephen Cathedral</i>	Acts 16:10-34 John 9:1-38	186-188

TETRAPOD CANDLES ARE LIT THIS WEEK FOR:

Theotokos Candle: Kay Wiskirchen

Christ Candle: Iliana Villegas

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Eparchial Appeal Update: Your contribution to the annual Eparchial Appeal assists the Eparchy in its ministries from the Pastoral Center. It provides for salaries of the Chancery staff in accounting, Tribunal work, and Safe Environment. Additionally, the Appeal helps fund the annual clergy conferences and clergy spiritual retreat, as well as seminarian education and the annual Alive in Christ youth camp. Each registered household is asked to contribute towards these much-needed area of pastoral care and administration operations. *Thank you!*

Please remember to pick up your paid-for dark chocolate Pascha crosses in the parish hall after the Sunday morning liturgy. (Some of you have purchased these items, but have yet to pick them up.)

Feast of the Ascension, a Holy Day of Precept: Vigil Divine Liturgy for this feast will be celebrated on Wednesday, 8 May 2024 at 7:00 PM by Fr. Galvez. Festal Matins and Divine Liturgy on the day of the feast itself, Thursday, 9 May 2024, will be celebrated by Fr. Mendoza beginning at 9:00 AM.

The Ascension: There are two interesting aspects of the Ascension that help us to see its importance in our lives. First, when Jesus goes up into Heaven, he doesn't simply disappear or vanish. Rather, he ascends in a bodily way. This should be for us a powerful reminder that the Ascension is not so much about Christ leaving us, as it is about Christ taking us with him. Jesus does not leave behind his human nature; he takes it with him. So, each and every one of us are still united to Christ in our common humanity.

Jesus Christ is indeed the Eternal Son of the Father seated on his throne arrayed in Glory, but so are we, if you think about it. Christ takes us with him. Jesus doesn't leave us at the ascension, instead he gives us a chance to leave behind sin, weakness, and the fallenness of our world because we are united to him and he is already enthroned in glory. We can share in that glory even now. We might not experience this glory in a full and complete way in this life, but we catch glimpses of it. Christian life is not simply a matter of trying to get to Heaven someday; Christian life is about living Heaven right now. This can only happen because of the Ascension of our Lord into glory. The Ascension is not so much Christ leaving us as it is him taking us to be with God, even now.

Upcoming Parish Pastoral Advisory Council Meeting: The next Parish Pastoral Advisory Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, 14 May 2024 at 7:00 PM in the parish hall.

Upcoming Parish Finance Advisory Council Meeting: The next Parish Finance Advisory Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, 21 May 2024 at 7:00 PM in the parish hall.

EPARCHIAL CLERGY ORDINATION ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS - May:

Birthdays: Fr. James Barrand (5/21), Fr. James Bankston (5/22), Dcn. Benjamin Crow (5/15), Dcn. Timothy Belke (5/20).

Ordinations: Fr. David Petras (1975), Fr. Ashley Perry (1975), Fr. Christopher Zugger (1978), Fr. William O'Brien (1988), Fr. Leandro Galvez (2013), Fr. Daniel Dozier (2020), Dcn. John Montalvo

Free Online Webinars, *offered by* GOD WITH US

Beginning in **April** and continuing through **June** of this year, GOD WITH US is offering free online webinars. This second quarter includes topics such as GREAT WOMEN OF THE BIBLE (*Inspiring women of*

Cathedral Served by:

Most Rev. John S. Pazak, C.Ss.R., Bp. Emeritus, Very Rev. Diodoro Mendoza, Rector - frendoza@ephx.org
Fr. Leandro Galvez, Parochial Vicar, Dcn. John Montalvo III, Dcn. James Danovich, Dcn. Michael Hanafin
Sbdcn. Paul Kilroy - sbdcnkilroy@ephx.org, Sbdcn. Kenneth Roberts, Mr. Mark Chapa, Maintenance

Parish Pastoral Advisory Council:

Connor Anderson, Peyton Becktold, Jason Cadreau, Marybeth Foster, Anne Marie Hill,
Anthony Kinyon, Liz Zackowski, Ann Zlamal

Parish Finance Advisory Council:

John Surmay (Chair), Dcn. John Montalvo, Dcn. Jim Danovich, Dcn. Michael Hanafin, Anthony Hill, Miles Hill

Safe Environment:

The Eparchy, within all its parishes, institutions, and programs, is committed to assuring a Safe Environment in ministry for its children and vulnerable adults that conforms to the USCCB Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People. For additional information regarding the eparchial Safe Environment Program or to report any concerns, please contact:

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Let us Pray:

For the souls who have fallen asleep in the Lord, may we pray for their blessed repose, eternal rest, and that their name be written in the Book of Life: +Mary Rabayda, +Rose King,
+Mary Mikitish, +Msgr. Josep Arenas, +Adrian Galvan, and +Beverly Barstad.

For the infirmed or bereaved, that they may be healed by the hand of Christ who is the physician of souls and bodies: Ilina Villegas, Kay Wiskirchen, Brian Kerzetski, and Elijah Rodenhiser.

Collections Totals from April 20 & 21, 2024:

Sat/Sun In-house Collections: \$822., Online: \$495., Mail: \$0., **Total Coll: \$1,317.00.**

Pentecost Sunday: \$40., Candles: \$24.54, Sunday Social: \$8.

Eparchial Appeal: Goal: \$34,789.00 - Donations thus far: \$6,520.00 - Balance to reach goal: \$28,260.00

Attendance: Saturday, 35 - Sunday, 60

Liturgy of the Word

28 April 2024

Epistle: Acts 11:19-25 & 29-30

“Meanwhile, those who had scattered after the persecution that arose because of Stephen traveled as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus, and Antioch, preaching the word only to Jews. However, among them there were some natives of Cyprus and Cyrene who went to Antioch where they started preaching also to the Greeks, proclaiming to them the good news of the Lord Jesus. The hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number of them became believers and turned to the Lord. News of this reached the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. When he arrived and perceived the grace of God, he rejoiced, and he encouraged them all to remain faithful to the Lord with resolute devotion, for he was a good man, filled with the Holy Spirit and with faith. And a large number of people were added to the Lord. Barnabas then went to Tarsus^[a] to look for Saul . . .”

“The disciples decided to send relief to the brethren living in Judea, each according to his means. ³⁰This they did, delivering it to the elders^[a] through Barnabas and Saul.”

Gospel: John 4:5-42

“So he came to a Samaritan town called Sychar, near the plot of land that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob’s well was there, and Jesus, tired from his journey, sat down at the well. It was about noon. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, “Give me some water to drink.” His disciples had gone into the town to purchase food. The Samaritan woman said to him, “You are a Jew. How can you ask me, a Samaritan woman, for some water to drink?” (Jews do not share anything in common with Samaritans.) Jesus replied, “If you recognized the gift of God and who it is that is asking you for something to drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water.” “Sir,” the woman said, “you do not have a bucket, and the well is deep. Where can you get this living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob who gave us this well and drank from it himself along with his sons and his cattle?” Jesus said to her, “Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again. But whoever drinks the water that I will give him will never be thirsty. The water that I will give him will become a spring of water within him welling up to eternal life.”

The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water so that I may not be thirsty and have to come here to draw water.” Jesus told her, “Go, call your husband and come back 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 the man you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true.”

The woman said to him, “Sir, I can see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.” Jesus told her “Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews. “But the hour is coming,

indeed it is already here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in Spirit and truth. Indeed, it is worshipers like these that the Father seeks. 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, the one who is called Christ. When he comes, he will reveal everything to us.” Jesus said to her, “I am he, the one who is speaking to you.” At this point, his disciples returned, and they were astonished to find him speaking with a woman, but no one asked, “What do you want from her?” or “Why are you conversing with her?” The woman left behind her water jar and went off to the town, where she said to the people, “Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done. Could this be the Christ?” And so they departed from the town and made their way to see him.

Meanwhile, the disciples urged him, “Rabbi, eat something.” But he told them, “I have food to eat about which you do not know.” Then his disciples said to one another, “Could someone have brought him something to eat?”³⁴ Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of the one who sent me, and to accomplish his work. Do you not have a saying, ‘Four months more, and then comes the harvest’? ‘I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields; already they are white for the harvest. The reaper is even now receiving his pay; already he is gathering the crops for eternal life so that the sower and the reaper can rejoice together. ‘Thus, the saying holds true, ‘One sows and another reaps.’ I sent you to reap what you had not worked for. Others have performed the work, and you have reaped the benefits of their labor.’”

Many Samaritans from that town came to believe in him because of the woman’s testimony, “He told me everything I have ever done.” So, when the Samaritans came to him, they pleaded with him to stay with them, and he remained there for two days. And many more began to believe in him because of the words he spoke to them. They said to the woman, “We no longer believe simply because of what you said, for we have heard him for ourselves, and we are convinced that this man is truly the Savior of the world.”