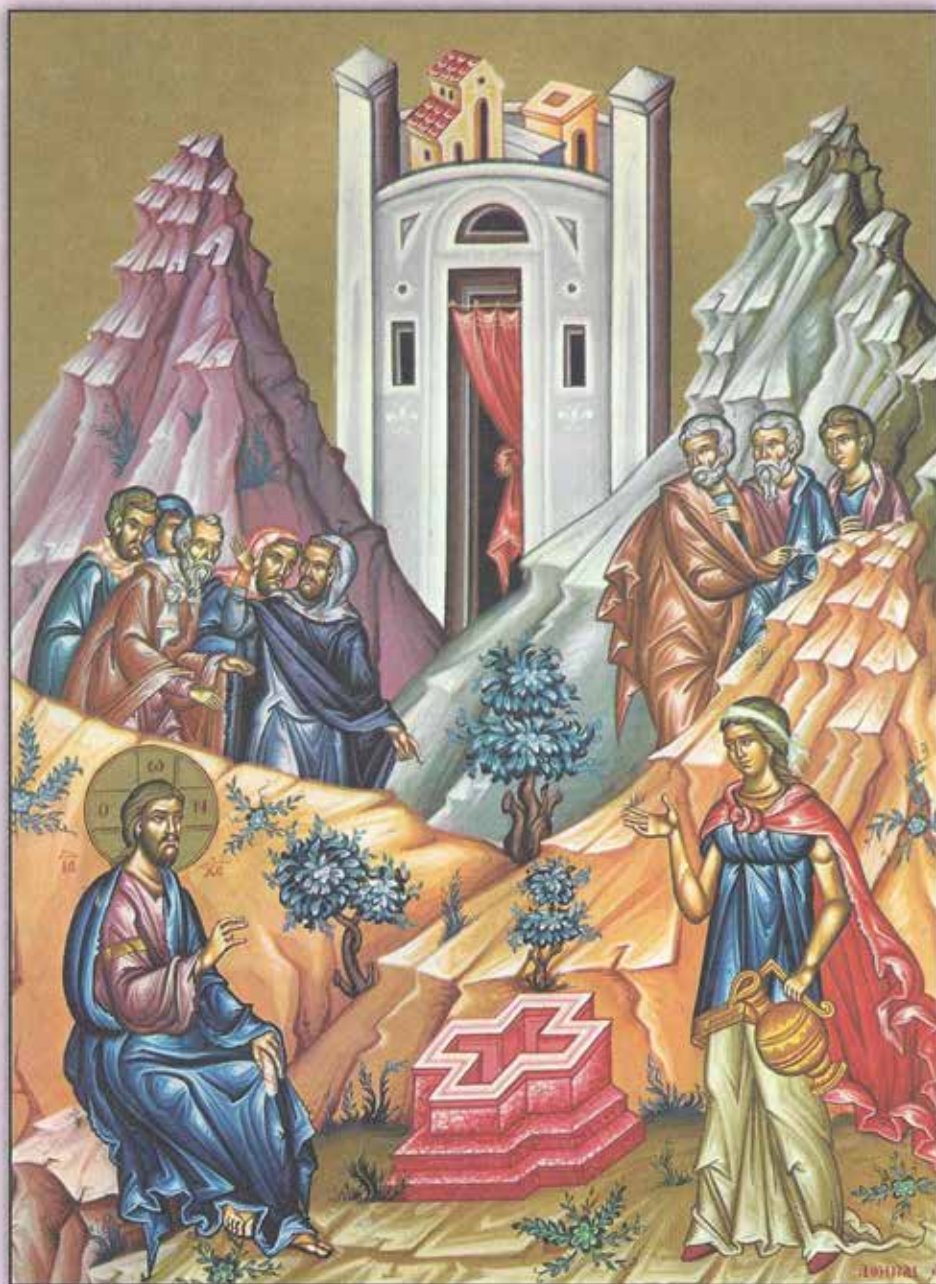


SUNDAY OF THE SAMARITAN WOMAN



*Icon of Christ with the Samaritan Woman*

## May 19, 2019: Sunday of the Samaritan Woman

Epistle: Acts 11: 19-26 & 29-30

Gospel: Jn. 4: 5-42

<b>Mon., May 20</b>	8:00	+ Andrew & Julia Evanina (Grandson, Howard)
<b>Tues., May 21</b>	8:00	+ Rose Marie Kordish (John & Carol Washinko)
<b>Wed., May 22</b>	8:00	+ Mary Vladika (Shirley Jacobs)
<b>Thurs., May 23</b>	8:00	God's Blessings on Kylie O'Halloran (Howard Smith)
<b>Fri., May 24</b>	8:00	+ Irene Kosakevitch (Deborah & James Schroeder)
	6:30 pm	Moleben to the Mother of God
<b>Sat., May 25</b>		No Morning Divine Liturgy
	10:30	Confessions
	2:00 pm	Confessions
	4:00 pm	+ Brian Westington (Helen Siconolfi)
<b>Sun., May 26</b>	10:00	For All Those Buried in Our Cemetery

### Special Schedule Next Sunday



Just a reminder that next Sunday, May 26<sup>th</sup> the Divine Liturgy will be at the Cemetery Chapel at 10:00 am for the intention of all those

buried there. This means that **THERE WILL NOT BE ANY DIVINE LITURGIES IN THE CHURCH NEXT SUNDAY MORNING.** After the Divine Liturgy at the Chapel, a Panchyda will be celebrated. After the Panachyda, individual graves will be blessed. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend these annual memorial services at our Cemetery.

## **Sunday of the Samaritan Woman**

The fifth Sunday after the Feast 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. The biblical story of this event and the dialog between Christ and the woman is found in the Gospel of Saint John 4:5-42.

One of the most ancient cities of the Promised Land was Shechem, also called Sikima, located at the foot of Mount Gerazim. There the Israelites had heard the blessings in the days of Moses and Jesus of Navi. Near to this town, Jacob, who had come from Mesopotamia in the nineteenth century before Christ, bought a piece of land where there was a well. This well, preserved even until the time of Christ, was known as Jacob's Well. Later, before he died in Egypt, he left that piece of land as a special inheritance to his son Joseph (Gen. 49:22). This town, before it was taken into possession by Samaria, was also the leading city of the kingdom of the ten tribes. In the time of the Romans it was called Neapolis, and at present Nablus. It was the first city in Canaan visited by the Patriarch Abraham. Here also, Jesus

of Navi (Joshua) addressed the tribes of Israel for the last time. Almost three hundred years later, all Israel assembled there to make Roboam (Rehoboam) king.

When our Lord Jesus Christ, then, came at midday to this city, which is also called Sychar (John 4:5), He was wearied from the journey and the heat. He sat down at this well. After a little while the Samaritan woman mentioned in today's Gospel passage came to draw water. As she conversed at some length with the Lord and heard from Him secret things concerning herself, she believed in Him; through her many other Samaritans also believed.

Concerning the Samaritans we know the following: In the year 721 before Christ, Salmanasar (Shalmaneser), King of the Assyrians, took the ten tribes of the kingdom of Israel into captivity, and relocated all these people 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 worshipped the idols also. Furthermore,

they accepted only the Pentateuch 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 Judaizing and idolatrous peoples Samaritans, since they lived in Samaria, the former leading city of the Israelites, as well as in the other towns thereabout. 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” (John 4:9). 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 Photine, and her feast is kept on February 26.

## **Why do we stand, and not kneel, from Easter to Pentecost?**

In the tradition of the Ukrainian Catholic Church, it is not correct to kneel at anytime from Easter to Pentecost. Despite the fact that other churches do it or “visitors...are surprised” does not change the fact that kneeling is not proper during this time. In the Ukrainian Catholic Tradition, the action of kneeling and prostrating is a penitential posture. It is the position of a sinner seeking forgiveness. It is NOT a position of adoration (as it is in the West). This is why it is practiced so often in the Lenten season.

Standing is the proper position for giving praise and thanks to God in the

spirit of joy and happiness. During the Paschal Season (Easter to Pentecost), the time for repentance, and fasting, is over. It is the time of our salvation for “Christ is Risen!” We express our joy, thanksgiving and adoration for this fact and the fact that we who have “...been baptized into Christ and put on Christ” have also risen with Him. It is for this reason that kneeling is improper during this holy season. To kneel during this season is to imply that you do not accept the Resurrection of Christ. By standing for all prayer, (even private before and after services) we are demonstrating, in a bodily way, that you

believe that “*Christ is risen from the death and to those in the graves He has granted life.*”

## From the Archbishops Chancery...

**USHERS NEEDED:** For the success of the enthronement of our new Metropolitan, Most Rev. Borys Gudziak, on Tuesday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, ushers are needed for traffic and crowd control. For those interested in offering their time and talent, please contact Msgr. Peter Waslo, Chancellor of the Archeparchy, at 215-627-0143 or by email at [chancellor@ukrcap.org](mailto:chancellor@ukrcap.org).

**YOUTH DAY:** On Saturday, June

8<sup>th</sup>, Metropolitan Borys is hosting a Youth Day for youth here in the United States of America. It is a day dedicated to the present and future of our Church here in America. All youth from the ages of six (6) and older are invited. The day will be bilingual and geared towards different age groups. For more information, please see the flyers in church and to register please go to [h2hyouthday@gmail.com](mailto:h2hyouthday@gmail.com).

## May Devotions

The month of May is devoted to our heavenly Mother, Mary. A Moleben service will be offered on Fridays in May, at 6:30 pm. Come to church, join

us in honoring her, who God first honored, by choosing her to be the Mother of His Son.

## Church Shirt Available For Order!

The 3-button placket, collar, short sleeve shirt, no pocket, (for adult males and female) EMBROIDERED with “SS. Cyril and Methodius Ukrainian Catholic Church” and our the 3- bar Cross is available to order. Order forms are available in the vestibule of the church. (along with a sample of the shirts). We need a minimum of 12

pieces for the entire order to be placed with “Talk Shirty to Me” Company on the Scranton-Carbondale Highway. We are offering you this shirt at “cost” and it only reflects a \$3.00 rise in price from our original order (\$15.00 each) 5-6 years ago.

The shirt will be available in Adult sizes: S-M-L-XL at \$18.00 each, Size

XXL at \$20.00 each, Size XXXL at \$22.00 each, Size XXXXL at \$24.00 each. An assortment of colors: white, black, navy, turquoise, fuschia, red, navy, light blue, light yellow, light pink, silver grey, etc... Available in "Performance" fabric (100% polyester, no shrink, repels stain) and also available in 50% Cotton/50% polyester.

The deadline for placing orders is Sunday June 2, 2019. Orders only ac-

cepted with payment. Make checks out to "St. Cyril's Church" and Memo "3-button shirt" (put in collection basket or give to Lauren). Prices listed above....no tax or delivery charges. Shirts will be available for pick up at the church, in about 2 weeks, after the placement of the order. A great gift for current and past parishioners of our church. A shirt to wear proudly!

## Queen City Days

Eureka Hose Co. No. 4 invites you to their annual Queen City Days which will take place from Wednesday, May 29<sup>th</sup> to Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup> at the Rep. Joe Wargo Park, 707 East Grant St. in Olyphant. There will be local vendors, Nonweiler Amusement Rides (big and

small). Thursday Family Night 6 pm to Closing, ride all the rides for \$25.00. Saturday Family Bracelets 2 - 5 pm \$10.00. Friday Firemen's Parade at 7:00 pm. Saturday Fireworks by Bulldog. Music every night.

## Bus Trip to Enthronement

The North Anthracite Council of LUC has chartered a 33 passenger bus to the Tuesday, June 4th Enthronement of Metropolitan Archbishop Borys Gudziak at our magnificent Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Philadelphia. Pick-ups will be at 5:15am at SS. Cyril and Methodius Church in Berwick, 5:45am at SS. Peter and Paul Church in Plymouth and 6:15am

at St. Vladimir Church in Scranton. Cost is \$35.00 per person - please make out check to North Anthracite Council - LUC. Reservations can be made by contacting Janina Everett at 570 441-9593, Paul Ewasko at 570 563-2275 or Sandra Berta at 570-383-9487. Reservations are on a first-come first- served basis. Payment in full reserves a bus seat.

## 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Fundraiser Rummage Sale 2019

The dates have been set for our 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Rummage Sale have been set.

This Annual Fundraiser will take place on September 20-21-22, 2019. We will

be accepting merchandise from estates, house sales, downsizing, throughout the next 4 months. Please contact Father Nestor or Lauren Telep if you have items for immediate donations.

Regarding “pickups” of furniture and merchandise, we prefer if items can be dropped off at the gym. We are flexible, but limited when we need trucks

and men to volunteer and pick up items. Trucks are always needed to help make this event successful. Let Father Nestor know, and you can be put on the list for when we need a truck.

More information regarding Raffle donations, dropping off donations in August and September will be printed at a later date.

## LUC Meeting

Father Paul Wolensky, pastor of Edwardsville’s St. Vladimir Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church, extends a warm invitation to the beautiful Prayer Service - Moleben to Jesus Christ Lover of Mankind - on Sunday, June 9, 2019 at 3:00pm to be followed by a meeting of the North Anthracite Council of the League of Ukrainian Catholics (LUC). Review of the mid-May bus trip to New York City,

the June 4 Enthronement of His Grace Borys Gudziak as seventh Metropolitan of the Ukrainian Catholic Church in the USA , upcoming religious events, schedule of autumn meetings and fund raising plans will be the primary agenda items. This is a public event of St. Vladimir parish to which all parishioners and friends are welcome.

## Collection Processing Team...

The Collection Processing Team for the month of May 2019 is Team #1:

Jerry Sereditch, Michaelene Davis, and Gloria Jablonski.

## Sunday Collection for May 11 & 12, 2019: \$

### Altar Boy and Lector Schedule for May 25 & 26, 2019

	Altar Boys	Lectors
4:00 pm	Brett Lowe -- Nicholas Muchisky	John Sakson
10:00 am	Patrick Marcinko	Pat Marcinko

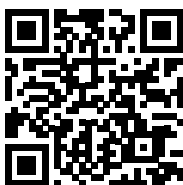
## Ss. Cyril & Methodius Ukrainian Catholic Church

135 River St., Olyphant, PA 18447-1435

Telephone: 570-291-4451 Fax: 570-489-6918

Web Site: [stcyrils.weconnect.com](http://stcyrils.weconnect.com)

E-Mail: [sscyrilandmethodius@comcast.net](mailto:sscyrilandmethodius@comcast.net)



Rev. Nestor Iwasiw, Pastor

### *The Samaritan Woman*

The Fourth Gospel, attributed to Saint John the Evangelist, is used exclusively from Easter until Pentecost for the Sunday readings. The first chapter of John's Gospel is the proclamation used for the Divine Liturgy on Easter itself. This week, we are reminded of the story of Christ's encounter with the Samaritan woman at the well of Jacob, and thereby Christ's fulfillment of the Old Testament. In one of the many unique stories of the Fourth Gospel not found in the Synoptics (Matthew, Mark or Luke), Jesus reveals himself as Messiah to this woman of Samaria and talks with her about the "water that I will give will become ... a spring of water gushing up to eternal life."

In the early days of His ministry, Jesus travels back and forth between Galilee and Jerusalem, and must pass through Samaria. The Samaritans

were outcast Jews because they were not subject to the Babylonian exile of the Israelites from other provinces. Therefore, when Jesus talks with this Samaritan woman, His disciples are surprised and in shock that He would carry on a conversation with a woman at the well, let alone a Samaritan. But as the story is explained, the woman's testimony about Jesus spreads through the nearby town, and because of her many come to hear His teachings. After hearing His word, they come to believe in Him, and proclaim Him "the Savior of the world." (Jn 4:42)

With water as the focal point of this encounter, we are once again reminded of our Baptism, and that Christ's Baptism is that of "eternal life" through "living water."

*Archbishop Vsevolod of Scopelos*