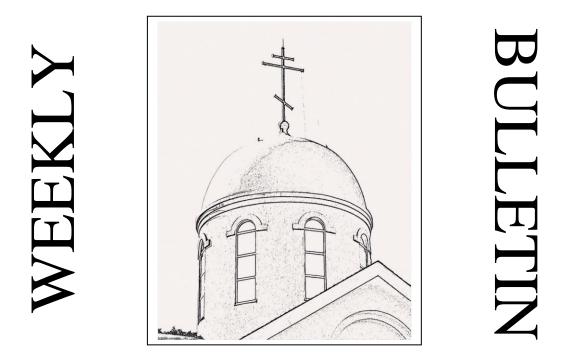
TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

John 4:5-42 (Gospel) 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 Thou, a Jew, askest 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, Thou hast nothing to draw with, and the well is deep; where dost Thou get that living water? Art Thou 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, "Every one who drinks of this water shall thirst again, but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; the water that I shall give him shall 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 Thou art a prophet. Our fathers worshiped on this mountain; and you say that in 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 shall 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 shall 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 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 dost Thou wish?" or, "Why art Thou 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 any one 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 for ourselves, and we know that this is indeed the Savior of the world."



Today is the beginning of our salvation, the revelation of the eternal mystery. The Son of God becomes the Son of the Virgin as Gabriel announces the coming of Grace. Together with him let us cry to the Theotokos: Rejoice O Full of Grace, the Lord is with you!

Troparion of the Annunciation to the Theotokos

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May 18, 2014 FIFTH SUNDAY OF PASCHA Samaritan Woman

Tone 4. Martyr Theodotus of Ancyra, and with him Martyrs Peter, Dionysius, Andrew, Paul, Christina, and the seven Virgin Martyrs: Alexandra, Tecusa, Claudia, Phaïna, Euphraisa, Matrona, and Julia, who suffered under Decius (303). Martyrs Simeon, Isaac and Bachtisius, of Persia (4th c.). Martyrs Heraclius, Paulinus, and Benedimus. Martyrs David and Tarechan of Georgia (693).

Today's Readings: Epistle: Acts 11:19-26, 29-30 Gospel: John 4:5-42

Upcoming Week Service Schedule:

Tuesday – 7:00pm Great Vespers (*Midfeast/Ss. Constantine & Helen*) Wednesday – 9:30am Divine Liturgy (*Midfeast/Ss. Constantine and Helen*) Saturday – 7:00pm Great Vespers Sunday – 10:00am Divine Liturgy

Next Sunday's Readings:

Epistle: Acts 16:16-34 and 2 Corinthians 4:6-15 *Gospel:* John 9:1-38 and Matthew 11:2-15

Christ is Risen ! Indeed He is Risen !

<u>Coffee Hour Teams:</u> Today – TEAM B Next Sunday – TEAM C

Welcome to our visitors who have joined us today for worship and prayer. We invite you to stay with us after today's services for an Agape Coffee Hour in our Parish Hall. Please sign our guest book before you leave, tell your friends and family members about us, and bring back one or two of them on your next visit!

Special Prayers

We pray for <u>all</u> our fellow parishioners, but we pray especially for those who are incapable of being with us in church. Among them are: Julia Katko, Dorothy Gornick, Tom Collins, Diane Monteverde, Carol Menzel, Daniel Riegler, Walter Romanofsky, Millie Podolak, Dennis Gahr, Ann Marie Gahr, Catherine Ratushnuk, and Tara Escalona.

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<u>TODAY</u> – A meeting of the **St. Catherine Society** will take place after Coffee Hour.

THIS MONDAY – The Parish Council meets in the parish rectory at 6:30pm.

<u>THIS WEDNESDAY</u> is a combined commemoration of the Leavetaking of the Midfeast of Pentecost and the Feast of Ss. Constantine and Helen. In observance, Great Vespers will be served Tuesday at 7:00pm. Divine Liturgy will be celebrated Wednesday at 9:30am.

<u>Next Sunday, May 25</u> is the last day of Church School and Adult Education for the season. Classes will resume in September. Many thanks to the teachers and parents for committing to the bringing up and teaching of the Faith to our parish children. Congratulations to those who have attended the Adult Ed classes in order to strengthen their faith and apply the Gospel in their lives.

<u>Monday, May 26</u> is **Memorial Day**. The annual pilgrimage to **St. Tikhon's Monastery and Seminary** takes place throughout the weekend, and finishes on this day. All are welcome to attend this joyous event. More information can be found at the <u>St. Tikhon's Seminary website</u>.

Sunday, June 1 – Our **summer liturgical schedule** begins with Sunday Divine Liturgy served at **9:00am**. The Third Hour begins at 8:45am. All other service times remain the same. The summer schedule is in place through Labor Day weekend.

Those from the parish who are participating in the **Project Mexico** home building trip in August should fill out as soon as possible the paperwork sent out last week via email by Matt Petrides. The completed forms should be returned to Matt. Please also read the information packet that was also sent out via email.

A **40-day Panikhida** will be served today after the Divine Liturgy in memory of **+Alexander Cap**. May his soul dwell with the blessed!

Please pray for **Catherine Ratushnuk** who is recovering from recent surgery at Tallwoods Care Center in Bayville.

Dates to Remember

Thursday, May 29 - Feast of the Ascension Sunday, June 8 – Feast of Pentecost

Many Years!

Birthdays this week: Tuesday – Mary Herelick Thursday – Andrea Chidyllo

OUTREACH

- Food Pantry donations are *always* accepted. Place non-perishable food items in blue bin in the narthex
- Clothing donations are accepted on the last Sunday of each month. Place donations next to the food pantry bin.