

# Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Christian Church

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Sunday, May 30, 2021

Fifth Sunday of Pascha: Sunday of the Samaritan Woman  
And After-Feast of Mid-Pentecost

Tone 4

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*Commemorations: Isaac, founder of the Dalmaton monastery in Constantinople; Martyrs Natalios and Barlaam of Caesarea in Cappadocia; Martyrs Eusebios and Christina*

### THE DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

#### RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE FOUR

Having learned the joyful message of the Resurrection from the angel, the women disciples of the Lord cast from them their parental condemnation. And proudly broke the news to the Disciples, saying, Death hath been spoiled; Christ God is risen, granting the world Great Mercy.

#### APOLYTIKION FOR MID-PENTECOST IN TONE EIGHT

In the midst of this Feast, O Savior, give Thou my thirsty soul to drink of the waters of true worship; for Thou didst call out to all, saying: Whosoever is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink. Wherefore, O Christ our God, Fountain of life, glory to Thee.

*Now sing the Apolytikion of Saint George.*

#### KONTAKION OF PASCHA IN TONE EIGHT

Though Thou didst descend into the grave, O Immortal One, yet didst Thou destroy the power of Hades, and didst arise as victor, O Christ God, calling to the myrrh-bearing women, Rejoice, and giving peace unto Thine Apostles, O Thou Who dost grant resurrection to the fallen.

#### EPISTLE:

O Lord, how magnificent are Your works.

You made all things in Wisdom. Bless the Lord, O my soul.

#### The Reading from the Acts of the Apostles. (11:19-30)

In those days, when the apostles were scattered because of the persecution that arose over Stephen, traveled as far as Phoenicia and Cyprus and Antioch, speaking the word to no one, except to Jews. But there were some of them, men of Cyprus and Cyrene, who upon 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 reach 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 they 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 the whole world; and this took place in the days of Claudius Caesar. And the disciples determined, ever one according to his ability, to send relief to the brethren who lived in Judaea; and they did so, sending it to the elders by the hand of Barnabas and Saul.

#### GOSPEL:

#### The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John. (4:5-42)

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, 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, Thou hast nothing to draw with, and the well is deep; where do you 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, "Everyone who drinks of this water will thirst again, but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst forever; 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 Thou art a prophet. Our fathers worshiped on this mountain; and Thou sayest 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 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 Messiah is coming [He Who is called Christ]; when He comes, He will tell 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 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 said to 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 words. 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."

### HOLY BREAD

**Holy Bread** is offered for the health and welfare of Starling Foster, Bishop ANTHONY, all the clergy of St. George, all Covid victims, their families and all St. George parishioners.

**In loving memory** all the departed members of St. George Parish.

### MEMORIAL

There will be a memorial service for the repose of the soul of Joe Etoll (6 mos) and David Etoll (29 yrs). May their memory be Eternal!

**W**ELCOME to all our guests and visitors. We are delighted to have you visiting and worshipping with us this morning and hope that you return soon. We invite you to participate in the Divine Liturgy, but, sadly, due to the divisions in Christianity, **only baptized/christened members of the Orthodox Church who have made their Confession before an Orthodox priest and prepared themselves by fasting may receive Holy Communion.** Please come forward after Liturgy to venerate the Cross and partake of the *Antidoron*-Holy Bread. Please **turn off your cell phones and all electronic devices.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRAY FOR THE SICK

Please pray for Deb Korluka, Lorraine Hartwig, Shawn Moore, Tatiana Cronk, Mikhail & Nikolai Lehnen, Mark Bchara, Judy Mock, Niko Newell, Jeffrey Brown, Ibrahim, George Droubie, Helen Katsampes, James Awada Sr., Lowell Colliander, Elizabeth Swanson, Ethen Leff, Elizabeth Henry, James and Emily, Carrie Fox, Lauretta Villareal, Genevieve Lehnen, Jim Etoll, Michael Etoll, Dwight Johnson, George & Ellie Saba, Anna Windsor, Peter Hafiz, Fr. Duane, John and John Etoll, Wally, Maria, Allen, Nick, Jackson & Hunter Golden, Yasmin Kakish, Carol Haddad, Camille Goll, Kh. Vergin Khoury, Margaret Boalbey, Norm Holmes, Phyllis Hodge, Lamese McDowell, Edgard Siouffy, Berhane Haliemichael, Fr. Dan & Eileen Simon, Joseph Kammeyer, Marilyn Perry, Nancy Maker, Dawn Tillbury, Joshua & Richard Lang, Eva Etoll, Alan & Mary Poulsen, Natalie Mozey, Mervat & Abigail Lotfalla, Samira Shehata.

If you are ill or having surgery and wish to be remembered in the Liturgy and daily prayers of the priest, please contact Fr. Mangels.

### BULLETIN & NEWSLETTER ANNOUNCEMENT PROCEDURE

ANY announcement in the weekly bulletin and Newsletter is subject to approval by Fr. Mangels and the Council. **It is important to notify Brigitte by e-mail ([bgkstgeorge@gmail.com](mailto:bgkstgeorge@gmail.com)) or phone with all your bulletin information by NOON Wednesday** of the week before you offer the

Holy Bread in order to print the bulletin in a timely manner. If you would like to host a **Coffee Hour**, please let Sanaa Jubran know ([sanajubran@gmail.com](mailto:sanajubran@gmail.com), 651-731-2988).

HOLY BREAD LIST	
June 6, Sandy Brown	Memorial for Mike Brown
June 9, (OPEN)	Ascension
June 13, (OPEN)	
June 20, Ladies	Pentecost (Father's Day)
June 27, (OPEN)	
June 28, (OPEN)	Apostles Peter & Paul

It is completely proper to offer more than one memorial or Holy Bread on the same Sunday. **Coffee hour can now be resumed either in the Parish Hall or in the Pavilion.**

### CONGRATULATIONS & MANY YEARS

We want to congratulate Hala and Mazen Assi on the birth of their first child, Bella-Maria Assi on Wednesday night. Baby and mother both are doing well! Many Years!

### THIS WEEK AT ST. GEORGE

Saturday, June 05,

Vespers at 5:00pm

Sunday, June 06,

Matins & Divine Liturgy at 9:00am

**Blessed Memorial Day!** May the memories of those who lost their lives defending faith and freedom, be eternal!

*"For civil authorities and our armed forces, grant that they may govern in peace, Lord, so that in their tranquility we, too, may live calm and serene lives, in all piety and virtue."* From the Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

### THE LIFTING OF COVID RESTRICTIONS

Metropolitan Joseph, following the directives from the CDC and in consort with the Governor of Minnesota has lifted all COVID-19 restrictions. **Masks are no longer required** in Church and the social distancing protocols have ended. We will continue, for a time, to stream the Services into the Parish Hall for those who are not comfortable with crowds in Church and who want to wear masks and social distance. Anyone who wants to wear a mask is perfectly free to do so at any time. But according to the letter from our Metropolitan which I sent out on Friday, May 14, we are returned to full and normal Parish Life! There is no longer any need to sign up for Services.

### ST. GEORGE MIDDLE EASTERN FESTIVAL 2021

After careful consideration and with a heavy heart, we have decided to, once again, cancel the Annual Saint George Middle Eastern Festival which was scheduled to take place July 16-18, 2021. We have taken this decision in light of the ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic. Your safety remains our top priority at this time and we hope and pray that you and your families remain in good health. For now, we hope you visit us at the **DRIVE THROUGH BAKE SALE JULY 17, 2021** and take home some of our wonderful food! You may shop and pay online now at [www.mid-eastfest.com/shop](http://www.mid-eastfest.com/shop) We hope to resume the Festival in 2022. Please refer to [www.Mid-EastFest.com](http://www.Mid-EastFest.com) for updates.

**ST GEORGE BOOKSTORE is online!** Our bookstore offers an array of quality Orthodox Christian books, icons, jewelry, music, and gifts. Visit our **store online** and discover the richness and beauty of our Orthodox faith. Go to <https://bit.ly/2UHRUno> and start shopping! Contact Deb Korluka at 612-889-5868 for pricing and to place your order. Arrangements will be made for

payment and pickup at St. George Church. Quantities are limited. Your support of our bookstore is greatly appreciated.

**THE CHURCH FATHERS SPEAK**—All things are achieved through prayer, silence and love. Have you understood the effects of prayer? Love in prayer, love in Christ—that is what is truly beneficial. As long as you love your children with human love—which is often pathological—the more they will be mixed-up, the more their behavior will be negative. But when the love between you and your children is holy and Christian, then you will have few problems. The sanctity of the parents saves the children. For this to come about, divine grace must act on the souls of the parents. No one can be sanctified on his/her own. The same divine grace will then illuminate, animate and warm the souls of the children. *Elder Porphyrios of Kapsokalivite*

### FESTIVAL BAKE SALE

Preparations are underway for our “Festival Bake Sale” to be held in July. The success of these events is only achieved through your help and hard work. Thanks for the help this week. Chicken pot pie prep on Thursday (June 3) & Friday (June 4) at 9:00am and assembly on Saturday (June 5) at 9am.

**THE SECOND OFFERING** is for **Patriarch John, X of Antioch**. We read the letter from Metropolitan Joseph requesting our yearly support of the Patriarchate. We will be receiving this second offering throughout the month of May. **Today is the last day of this appeal.** Thank you for your kind offerings for His Beatitude the Patriarch, and his works of mercy. Next Sunday will be the close off for the patriarchal Collection.

**PATRISTIC WISDOM:** Beloved Christians, you and your children shall appear at the Judgment of Christ, and you shall give account for them to the just Judge. He will not ask you whether you have taught your children the arts (*gotten them to games and entertainments*) or whether you have taught them to speak French, or German, or Italian, but whether you have taught them to live as Christians. *St. Tikhon of Zadonsk*

### ANTIOCHIAN WOMEN

- **June Graduates** We will be **honoring the graduates** on Sunday, June 13. *Timothy O'Brien, Sam Sicora, Sierra Rudquist, Matthias Lehnen, Jacob Joseph, Tristan Merino, Elijah Pentecost, Sarah Pentecost, Kelly Price, Maia Price.* *Congratulations and God's blessings!*
- **Father's Day is around the corner.** Where would we be without our men from St. George Church? The Ladies Circle's assigned for Father's Day on June 20th, are as follows. (**Cooking** - Coco and Patty B.) (**Serving/Set Up** - Patty Percy, which is Katrina's former circle, and (**Clean up** - Vicky.) Please let your Circle Leader know if you are able to help out to serve on this very Special Father's Day! The St. George Ladies Circle list is posted in the kitchen on the wall. Thank you! arthex located on the bulletin board. Hope to see you in person! Your sister in Christ, Katy Price.

### ST GEORGE SENIORS

Calling all DRAG-ONS...All retired St. George members are invited to “Coffee and Conversation” at our Pavilion (bad weather Inside), Wednesday, June 9 at 10:00! Hope you will join us! If you need a ride call me, Beverly Zaine at 651-457-6885.

### FOCUS

- **WEBSITE HELP** Starting immediately, FOCUS Minnesota is requesting **2-3 hours per month** from someone able to update, refresh, and maintain our Squarespace website. If you have the technical expertise to add photos, change copy, and the like, please contact Vera.

- **SUMMER INTERN** This summer, we would like to launch a laundry program similar to one we offered at our Lake Street location. We are looking for a volunteer summer intern to design and develop this worthwhile ministry by reaching out to six local laundromats, designing the program, writing copy, and so on. This person will be provided guidance and materials from the previous program as a starting point. Please let Vera know if you're interested! **Start date is June 14, 2021.**

Thank you for all you do to help us serve those in need in our neighborhood. Please contact Vera or Judy with any questions. In Christ, Judy Purman, Administrative Coordinator 651-222-0712.

### SOYO BIBLE STUDY

Every Sunday night at 6:15, SOYO meets for bible study on Zoom. It is a time for fellowship, spiritual nourishment, and connection among the youth at St. George. Right now, we are making our way through the Gospels, starting with Matthew. **Anyone 8<sup>th</sup> Grade and up is welcome and encouraged to join... We would love to have you with us!** We start each meeting with a prayer, then read/discuss together, and close with prayer. Contact Joseph Karos at josephkaros33@gmail.com or 612-500-327 if you are interested!

### UPCOMING FEAST DAYS

The Feast of **the Ascension** is June 10. We will celebrate the Feast on Wednesday, June 9 with Evening Divine Liturgy at 6:30pm.

The Great **Feast of Pentecost** is Sunday, June 20. We will celebrate the Feast with Great Vespers on Saturday, June 19 at 5pm and with Matins & Divine Liturgy followed by the Kneeling Prayers at 9:00am

The Feast of **Ss Peter & Paul** will be celebrated with Evening Divine Liturgy on Monday, June 28 at 6:30pm.

*Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!*

*Al Maseeh Qam! Haqan Qam!*

*Kristos Anesti! Alithos Anesti!*

*Kristi Unjhal! Vertet Unjhal!*

*Kristos a Inviat! Adeverat a Inviat!*

*Kristos Voskresey! Voyistino Voskresey*



## The Sunday of the Samaritan Woman

**T**HE FIFTH SUNDAY of Holy Pascha is observed by the Orthodox 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.

The icon of the Sunday of the Samaritan Woman depicts the biblical story of the Christ conversing with the woman at the well. Our Lord is shown sitting beside the well, speaking with and blessing the Samaritan woman. She is shown with her right hand outstretched toward Christ, indicating both her interest in what He is saying, and also as a sign of her faith and her efforts to bring others to hear what Christ has to say. In the background of the icon, the city is visible together with the Mount Gerazim.



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