

SUNDAY OF THE SAMARITAN WOMAN



Icon of Christ with the Samaritan Woman



St. Nicholas Byzantine Catholic Parish

Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!

Liturgical Schedule:

Sat.	Apr	27	Simeon Bishop - Martyr 5:00 pm Great Vespers
Sun.	Apr	28	SUNDAY OF THE SAMARITAN WOMAN 9:00 am Matins 10:00 am Divine Liturgy for the parishioners
Mon.	Apr	29	The 9 holy Martyrs of Cyzice 9:00 am Divine Liturgy for +Elizabeth Baranko by Richard Baranko
Tues.	Apr	30	Great Apostle James 8:30 am Divine Liturgy
Wed.	May	1	Jeremiah Prophet 8:30 am Divine Liturgy
Thurs.	May	2	Athanasius the Great Patriarch 10:00 am Divine Liturgy for Richard and Elaine Baranko In the day of 59th Anniversary of Marriage
Fri.	May	3	Venerable Theodosius of the Caves 8:30 am Divine Liturgy
Sat.	May	4	Pelagia Martyr 5:00 pm Great Vespers
Sun.	May	5	SUNDAY OF THE MAN BORN BLIND 9:00 am Matins 10:00 am Divine Liturgy for the parishioners

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(Jn 4:5-42)

At that time Jesus 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?" 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."

Weekly Collections	
4/21/2024	
<i>"My return to the Lord for all His goodness to me"</i>	
Offertory	\$ 891.00
Holy Days	\$ 0.00
Candles	\$ 10.00
Others	\$ 150.00
E-donations	\$ 155.75
Total:	\$ 1206.75
We thank You for Your big generosity!	

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Confessions: Before each Divine Liturgy in the sacristy or by appointment

Baptisms: Arrange six weeks in advance

Weddings: Arrange six months in advance. Bride or groom must be a member of the parish

Communion: Monthly for sick and shut-ins. Call the church for scheduling

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."

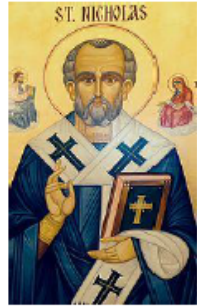
In the early days of His ministry, Jesus travels back and forth between Galilee and Jerusalem, and must pass through Samaria. The Samaritans were outcast Jews because they were not subject

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

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Announcements for Sunday, April 28, 2024: Sunday of the Samaritan Woman

Parish Clean-up Day- Next Saturday, May 4th: This coming Saturday, May 4th, we will do some "spring cleaning" both inside and outside our church and hall. Please consider coming and lending a hand this year, if you can, as your help goes a long way towards keeping our church looking beautiful and welcoming. We will start at approximately 9am, but later arrivals are welcome, too! Lunch will be provided.

Mother's Day will be here in two weeks (May 12th): Please remember to submit your Mother's Day envelopes either this week or next, so that we can compile the list of living and deceased mothers that we will pray for on Mother's Day.

A call to our parish men: Volunteers needed for our Mother's Day Brunch (Sunday, May 12th): We could use some additional men volunteers to help prepare, cook for, and clean up after our annual Mother's Day Brunch next Sunday, May 12th. If you are able to help in any way, please sign up on the sheet posted by the parish office, or contact Gary Mozuras or Fred Marszalec. All are invited to attend.

Eparchy of Parma Stewardship Appeal 2023-24 (Parish Goal: \$7,400; Status as of 4/3/24: \$5,715): Christ is Risen! We are nearing the end of this year's Stewardship Drive and are still shy of our parish goal. If you have not yet made your pledge or full payment for this Stewardship year, please send it in today! You may use the forms mailed to you in October or pay directly online at parma.org. **Please remember, when you pay, make sure you list our church name and location so that your donation gets logged properly.** Thank you for your generosity!

Non-perishable Food Collection: To assist those in need, we are accepting donations of canned and other non-perishable foods. Please place any donations in, on, or next to the black plastic bin that is located in the vestibule. Thank you!

Happy Birthday this week to Ann Pawluszka (5/3)! May God grant you many more years of peace, health, and happiness!

From elsewhere within the Eparchy of Parma:

The 7th Annual Gala of the Shrine of Our Lady of Mariapoch—Saturday, May 25th. This fundraiser gala will take place at St. Joseph Byzantine Catholic Church’s social hall in Brecksville, OH. The Shrine of Our Lady of Mariapoch in Burton, OH, operates solely on the charity and generosity of the faithful with this being their one big fundraiser that allows it to stay open. To purchase tickets, please call 216-272-6790, or please visit: <https://www.parma.org/shrine-of-mariapoch>.

2024 ByzanTEEN Rally - Registration is Live! This year's National ByzanTEEN Rally will be at the University of San Diego, June 27-30. It will be a time for fun, fellowship and faith for the future of our Church, featuring keynote speakers Fr. Chris Zuger from the Eparchy of Phoenix, Mother Iliana of Christ the Bridegroom Monastery, and Trent Horn of Catholic Answers. The cost of the weekend is \$380. FINANCIAL HELP for Parma Byzanteens is available. To register as a teen participant or chaperone, please visit: <https://archpitt.org/byzan-teen-youth-rally-2024>. To inquire about financial help, see Fr. Mykhailo.

Fourth Annual Young Adult Retreat—July 25-28, 2024. “Can You Walk the Walk?” Join us as we come together again on the last weekend of July in beautiful Lakeside Marblehead, Ohio. We will learn from Father Tom Loya and from our peers how exactly we can “walk the walk” in our faith lives and not merely profess Christ with empty words. Join us in exploring the various roles that young adults can play in everyday life while being followers of Christ. All young adults between 18-35 years of age are invited. For more information including registration instructions, please visit byzantineyoungadults.com or call/text 216-505-8195.