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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

SUNDAY OF THE SAMARITAN WOMAN



Icon of Christ with the Samaritan Woman

Sunday of the Samaritan Woman
Festal Tone

Welcome to the parish communities of SS. Peter and Paul and St. Mary Byzantine Catholic Churches of Minersville and Saint Clair, Pennsylvania. We greet and welcome you to our Church. Our Church is a holy place. Our Church is where we get together in Jesus' Name. It is holy because we come here to worship, to be nourished in faith through Sacred Scripture and preaching, to open our hearts and minds to celebrate the mystery of salvation in Jesus Christ and to dedicate ourselves to a life of holiness and service to the Lord and others. The church building itself reflects this faith and calls us to enter into communion with God. We invite you to share our faith in Jesus Christ, to experience our worship and to live a life dedicated to the service of God and one another in Jesus' Name.

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May 2 May 8, 2021

All Divine Services are livestreamed where noted

- Saturday Vigil Divine Liturgy (at SS Peter & Paul)
4:00 p.m. + **Fr. Vladimir E. Kapisinsky** req. by (+Metro) & Elizabeth Cremo
- Sunday
8:00 a.m. +**Joseph Pastick** req. by MM Joseph Kotch (at St. Mary)
10:00 am **Health and Blessing of the Parishioners** (at SS. Peter & Paul)
Livestreamed
- Monday
8:00 a.m. +**Irene Pavelko** req by MM Andrew Ryan
- Tuesday
8:00 a.m. +**George Andrachick** req. by MM Andrew Dinich
- Wednesday
8:00 a.m. +**Charles Todak** req. by MM Andrew Hashin
- Thursday
8:00 a.m. +**Helen Mitchell** req. by MM George Sorokack & Family
- Friday
8:00 a.m. +**Mary Ihnatola** req. by The Goetz Family
- Saturday **Vigil Divine Liturgy** (at SS. Peter & Paul)
4:00 p.m. +**Naomi Pinchorski** req. by Anna Delenka & Mary
Ann McQuellan

Epistle Readers: 5/1 – Angela Frank; 5/2 – Beverly Kostishak; 5/8 – Gail Burgess; 5/9 – Ellen Sinkovich; 5/13 – Marie Wanchick; 5/15 – Angela Frank; 5/16 – Jennifer Keer; 5/22 – Dolores Kramer; 5/23 – Anna Keer; 5/29 – Gail Burgess; 5/30 – Beverly Kostishak.

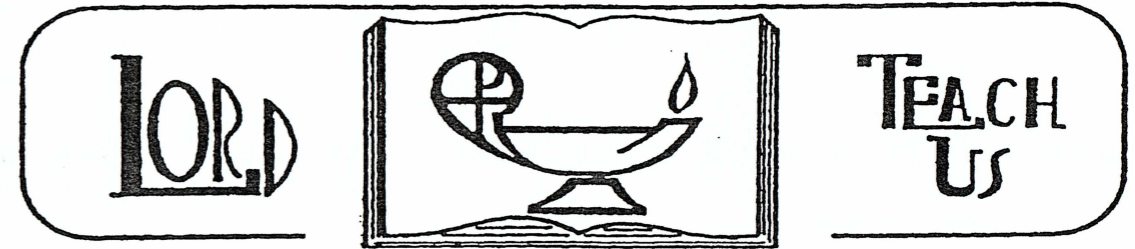
Pastoral Note: A meeting of the **Event Committee** will be held on Saturday, May 15 following the Vigil Liturgy. We will discuss preparing a calendar of events for the rest of the year so everyone can prepare their individual calendars. It is equally important to have social events as well as liturgical/religious gatherings for the good of parish life. Light refreshments will be served.

All for Love

Nothing creates closer bonds than love. Hence, everlasting life is a life in which loving and being loved will never end. + The man who gives love its place will receive from God the abundance of every blessing in exchange. + A loving soul fears God of majesty, admires the God of infinity, and is set afire by the God of love. + Love means longing for God. + It is love's duty to eradicate everything of which Jesus disapproves. + Love means hope in God. + Love is old enough to go counter to worldly corruption, that is to remain pure despite the surrounding smudge. + Love means loyalty to God. + Love means to insert gentleness where cruelty is the rule and faithfulness where cowardice abounds. + Love means gratitude to God. + Every God-loving person is a source of power, however inconspicuous, unknown, and plain the life he leads may be. + The man who walks love's road need not worry about anything. + God-loving souls desire ardently to become saints. + The saints live in the fretful excitement of love. + If one did not love, he would not be tormented by his doubts of love. + The man who loves does all things without painful effort, or if he cannot do so, he loves the very effort and the pain. + God cannot possibly forsake a soul who sees no one but Him. + Every authentic act of love we show produces three unfailing effects: it glorifies the Holy Trinity; it works towards the salvation of the immortal soul; it sanctifies the soul of the lover himself. + Love of God lends strength to us for overcoming our petty sensitivity. + Love delivers us from our own selves. + Love is the foundation of constructive works of charity. + Love delivers heaven to earth. + The object of our love always appears to us in glorious splendor. + The torrents of everlasting love fill the soul of man who with a loving response gives himself to God.

Did You Know That ...

- ...we should protect ourselves with friends, not fences?
- ...when words gets around that you can listen when others tend to talk, you will be treated as a sage?
- ...no one who has been in our lives is ever truly lost or gone, as we have loved them?
- ...nobody will believe in you unless you believe in yourself?
- ...preparation yesterday will make today productive, and productivity today will help make tomorrow's dream a reality?
- ...if you see no reason for giving thanks to God, the fault lies within you?
- ...when someone dies, you don't get over it by forgetting; you get over it by remembering them in your daily prayers?
- ...when we visualize and pray about the seemingly impossible, we begin to see it as possible?
- ...a perfect day consists in doing something for someone who will never be able to repay you?
- ...you go through this world only once; whatever good you can do, let it be done now?
- ...if you help others, you will be helped?
- ...the greatest high in life is assisting someone in need?
- ...commitment to Christ is never an act of moderation?
- ...jealousy leads us to wicked sin?
- ...we cannot love God whom we cannot see unless we first love neighbor whom we do see?
- ...we should learn from God's wisdom in Scripture?
- ...we are influenced by every second of our lives?



Bishops and Priests

They laid their hands upon them and they received the Holy Spirit Acts of the Apostles 8: 17.

You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you and you are to be my witnesses in Jerusalem and throughout Judea, in Samaria, yes, to the ends of the earth Acts of the Apostles 1: 8.

And I will pray the Father and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you forever John 14: 16.

For this the Holy Spirit and we have decided... Acts of the Apostles 15: 28.

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations...teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you Matthew 28: 19, 20.

He who listens to you, listens to me, he who despises you, despises him who sent me Luke 10: 16.

For it is not you that speaks, but the Spirit of your Father, who speaks in you Matthew 10: 20.

It is no longer I that live, but Christ who lives in me Galatians 2: 20.

...for me to live is Christ...Philippians 1: 21.

TWO SEAS

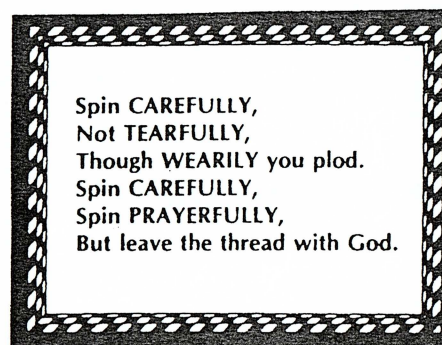
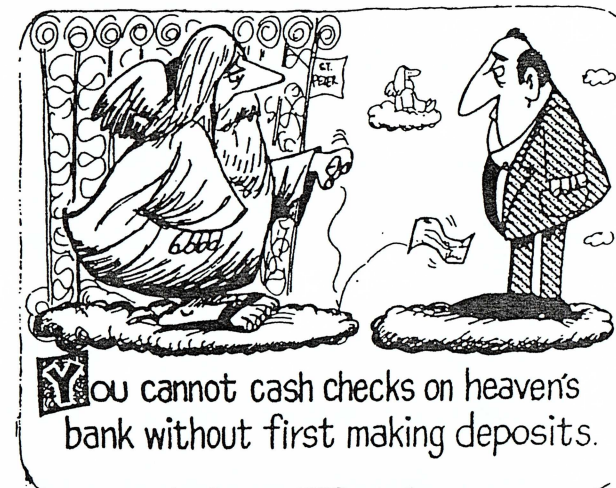
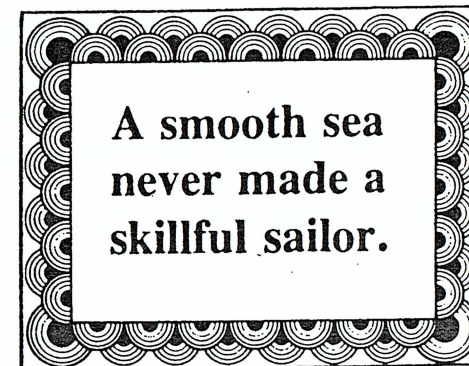
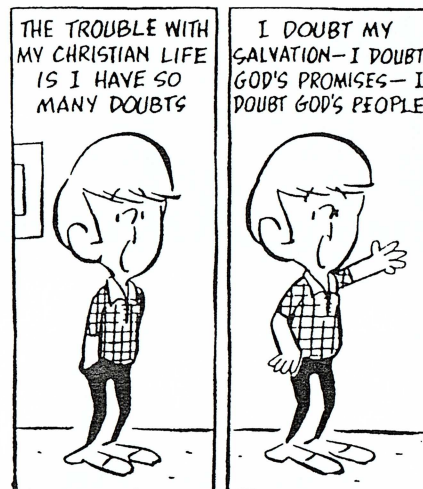
There are two seas in the Holy Land. One is the Sea of Galilee, into which flows the Jordan River at the north and out of which flows the Jordan River at the south. For every drop of water that this sea receives on the north, another commensurate drop is given away at the south. This Sea of Galilee is fresh and clear, abounding in all forms of life. There are family settlements of villages and towns about it. Fishermen haul in their teeming nets from her depths, children play happily on her beaches and upbeat people swim and play in her waves. Birds build their nests in the trees that line its shore and joyfully entertain all who come to be comforted by the views. Those who swim there find its waters refreshing. Animals come to be refreshed in its cool waters. Our Lord sailed on the Sea of Galilee and worked many signs and miracles around it.

The other sea is the Dead Sea. Here, too, the Jordan River flows into this sea from the north, but there it stops. There is no outlet at the south or at any other point along the shore. Every drop of water that flows into the Dead Sea stays there. The Dead Sea gives nothing away. It takes and keeps all it receives. It is a hoarder. There are no fish or any other kind of life in the Dead Sea. No children play on its beaches. Indeed, travelers have been known to take lengthy detours to avoid coming close to its barren shores. No happy voices float over its heavy waters. No animals come here to drink. This sea is just what its name says: dead and desolate. People only unwillingly enter its waters because it is so briny man floats. It has no warmth so it does not envelop the diver. Scripture makes no mention of our Lord ever visiting the environs of this ghastly sea and certainly no miracles or signs were performed about it.

What a parable this is of our own lives! Of the one, who knowing how freely he has received, freely gives; and of the other, who, fearing only for himself, receives and takes all, but gives nothing or very little. The first is the way of life, the second is the way of death, spiritual if not physical. We speak of the "need of the giver to give." This is no ingenious gimmick, but an elemental fact of life, a principle running through God's well-ordered creation.

The true Christian knows this fact of life. He knows that the more he gives of himself the more he has; not necessarily of physical possessions, but of life; and it is to this end that he lives and loves.

Our God asks us to be stewards of His bounty, not just because He knows the way in which we were made. He knows where our true fulfillment and satisfaction lies. He knows what the human heart is meant to be.



- Come, let us adore the King, our God.
- Come, let us adore Christ, the King, our God.
- Come, let us adore and bow down to the only Lord, Jesus Christ, the King and our God.