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**FIFTH SUNDAY OF PASCHA: SUNDAY OF THE SAMARITAN WOMAN  
& AFTER-FEAST OF MID-PENTECOST**

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**WORSHIP SERVICE**

Sunday: Matins (Orthros) Service 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m. and we should not arrive late

Sunday School: Every other Sunday, 9:30 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.

**Prayer Requests and Bulletin News:** All prayer requests and articles for the weekly bulletin must be submitted each week by **Noon, Monday:** emailed to Fr. Leonard at [fatherfaris@comcast.net](mailto:fatherfaris@comcast.net) call 978-452-4816, otherwise, the requests and articles will be published the following week.

**Entrance Hymn**

In the gathering places bless ye God the Lord from the springs of Israel.  
O Son of God, Who art risen from the dead, save us who sing unto Thee, Alleluia.

**Troparion of the Resurrection, Tone 4**

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.

**Troparion for Mid-Pentacost, Tone 8**

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.

**Troparion of St. George, Tone 4**

As deliver of captives and defender of the poor, healer of the infirmed, champion of kings, victorious great martyr George, intercede with Christ our God, for our souls' salvation.

**Kontakion of Easter in Tone 8**

Though thou, O deathless One, didst descend into the grave, thou didst destroy the power of hell and, as Victor, thou didst rise again, O Christ our God. Thou didst greet the ointment-bearing women, saying, Rejoice! Thou didst bestow peace upon thy Disciples, and resurrection upon those that are fallen.

**THE EPISTLE**

*How magnified are Thy works, O Lord. In wisdom hast Thou made them all.  
Bless the Lord, O my soul.*

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

In those days, when the apostles were scattered because of the tribulation that arose over Stephen, they traveled as far as Phoenicia and Cyprus and Antioch, speaking the word to no one, except to Jews only. But there were some of them, men of Cyprus and Cyrene, who upon coming to Antioch spoke to the Hellenists also, preaching the Lord Jesus. And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number that believed turned to the Lord. The report concerning them reached the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent out Barnabas, to go as far out as Antioch. When he came and saw the grace of God, he was glad; and he exhorted them all, that with purpose of heart they should cleave to the Lord; for he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a great multitude was added unto the Lord. Then Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul; and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. For a whole year, they were gathered together in the church, and they taught a great multitude of people, and the disciples were called Christians first in Antioch. Now in these days prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. And one of them named Agabos stood up and signified 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, every one according to his ability, determined to send relief to the brethren who dwelt in Judaea; and they did so, sending it to the elders by the hand of Barnabas and Saul.

## THE 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."

Prayers are being offered for the  
Health and Safety of:

Nora Abdelahad  
Robin Abodeely  
Elias AbouFarah  
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Ray Beaudry  
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Genia

Prayers are being offered in Memory of:

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Hilda, Nahil

## ALTAR BREAD

Today's Altar Bread is being offered in memory of the Handmaid of God Joanne Husson, requested by the Husson, Andre and Saad families. May Joanne's memory be eternal and may God bless the Husson, Andre and Saad families with peace, good health and happiness.

## MEMORIAL SERVICE - Today, May 18th

A 5 Year Memorial Service is being offered for the repose of the soul of the Handmaid of God Joanne Husson, requested by the Husson, Andre and Saad families. May Joanne's memory be eternal.

## NEXT SUNDAY - May 25th

A 40 Day Memorial Service will be offered for the repose of the soul of the Servant of God Raymond Mansour, requested by his family. May Raymond's memory be eternal!

A 7 Year Memorial Service will be offered for the repose of the souls of the Handmaids of God Nahil and Hilda Zananiri by the Zananiri, Hassey, Murray & Lichtenstein Families. May Nahil and Hilda's memories be eternal!

## THIS WEEK

Sun 5/25 9:30 AM Final Sunday School class & Perfect Attendance Recognition

## COFFEE HOUR

Today's Coffee Hour is being sponsored in memory of the Handmaid of God Joanne Husson, by the Husson, Andre and Saad Families. May Joanne's memory be eternal and may God bless the Husson, Andre and Saad families with peace, good health and happiness.

## REQUESTS FOR MEMORIAL SERVICES AND ALTAR BREAD

Anyone wishing to offer a Memorial Service and offer the Altar Bread for their loved ones please contact Fr. Leonard to schedule a date.

## COFFEE HOURS

We would like to see a coffee hour each week. For those interested in signing up to host a coffee hour please inform Fr. Leonard and put your name and the reason you are hosting it on the calendar in the back of the hall. If no one sponsors a coffee hour there will NOT be any for that day. Please see Fr. Leonard if you have any questions.

## REMEMBER TO GREET ONE ANOTHER DURING THIS SEASON OF RESURRECTION WITH:

Christ is Risen!  
Al-Masih Qam!  
Kristos Anesti!  
Kristos A Inviat!  
Kristos Voskresy!  
Krisdos Haryav ee Merelotz!

Truly, He is Risen!  
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