

Saints Peter & Paul Orthodox Catholic Church

(a parish of the Autocephalous Orthodox Church in America)

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May 10, 2015 – 5th Sunday of Pascha: The Samaritan Woman (Tone 4)

Today's Saints

Ss. Cyril and Methodius, Equals-to-the-Apostles and Teachers of the Slavs [*transferred from May 11th*]; Apostle Simon the Zealot; Martyrs Philadelphus, Alphaeus, Cyprian, Onesimus, Erasmus, and fourteen others, in Sicily; Martyr Hesychius of Antioch; St. Thais of Egypt; St. Isidora the Fool of Tabenna; St. Simeon, Bishop of Vladimir and Suzdal. ***Happy Mother's Day!***

Today's Divine Services

6:00 PM (Saturday) – Great Vespers

9:30 AM (Sunday) – Divine Liturgy

Today's Liturgy Readings

Epistle: Acts 11:19-26, 29-30 & Heb. 7:26-8:2 (see Bulletin Insert for Readings)

Gospel: John 4:5-42 & Matthew 5:14-19 (see Bulletin Insert for Readings)

Today's Special Offerings

St. John's Cross offered by Mary Macinsky in memory of Katharyn Yendrey (anniversary of repose). **St. Nicholas' Cross** offered by the DeMay Family in memory of Theodosia DeMay (anniversary of birth).

Announcements & Events

Parish Events: Our annual "Spaghetti & Meatball" dinner is scheduled for Sunday, May 31, 2015 at 11:30 AM. Tickets are \$20 per person—see Stephen Wasilewski or Marge Kovach.

Memorial Day Pilgrimage: The 111th annual Memorial Day Pilgrimage at St. Tikhon's Monastery in South Canaan, Pennsylvania is scheduled for May 22-25, 2015. For a detailed schedule of services, click the "News" tab at www.sttikhonsmonastery.org (the monastery's website).

Local Events: St. Mary's Orthodox Catholic Church, 89 W. 29th Street, Bayonne, N.J. is having a "Card Party" on Sunday, May 17, 2015. For information, see Olga DeMay.

Upcoming Services

May 16-17, 2015 (Next Weekend)

6:00 PM (Saturday) – Great Vespers & General Confession

9:30 AM (Sunday) – Divine Liturgy

Divine Liturgy Variables for Sunday, May 10, 2015

Tone 4 / Fifth Sunday of Pascha: Sunday of the Samaritan Woman Ss. Cyril & Methodius, Equals-to-the-Apostles [*transferred from May 11*]

- *The Priest begins Divine Liturgy with “Blessed is the Kingdom” and the choir responds “Amen.”*

Priest: Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down Death by death; and upon those in the tombs bestowing life! *TWICE*. Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down Death by death . . .

- *The Choir then sings: . . . and upon those in tombs bestowing life!*
- *Now sing these troparia in the following order.*

RESURRECTIONAL TROPARION 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.

TROPARION OF 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.

TROPARION OF SS. CYRIL AND METHODIUS IN TONE FOUR

Cyril and Methodius, inspired by God, you became Equals-to-the-Apostles by your life. As you were teachers of the Slavs, intercede with the Master of all, that He may strengthen all Orthodox peoples in the true faith; that He may grant peace to the world and great mercy to our souls!

- *Now sing the troparion of Ss. Peter and Paul*
- *Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;*

KONTAKION OF THE SAMARITAN WOMAN IN TONE EIGHT

The Samaritan Woman came to the well in faith; she saw Thee, the Water of wisdom and drank abundantly. She inherited the Kingdom on high, and is ever glorified!

- *Both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

KONTAKION OF PASCHA IN TONE EIGHT

O Immortal One, when Thou didst descend into the tomb, Thou didst destroy the power of Hades; and Thou didst rise victorious, O Christ God. Thou hast said to the ointment-bearing women: Rejoice! And Thou gavest peace to Thy Disciples, O Bestower of Resurrection to those Who had fallen.

PROKEIMENON IN TONE THREE

Sing praises to our God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises!

v. Clap thy hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy!

2nd Prokeimenon in Tone Seven: *Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints.*

THE EPISTLE

The Reading from the Acts of the Sainly and Pure Apostles. (11:19-30)

In those days, the Disciples, who were scattered because of the persecution that arose over Stephen, traveled as far as Phoenicia and Cyprus and Antioch, speaking the Word to none except 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 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 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 Agabus stood up and foretold by the Spirit that there would be a great famine over all the world; and this took place in the days of Claudius. And the Disciples determined, every one according to his ability, to send relief to the brethren who lived in Judea; and they did so, sending it to the elders by the hand of Barnabas and Saul.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews. (7:26-8:2)

For such a High Priest was fitting for us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and has become higher than the heavens; who does not need daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifices, first for His own sins and then for the people's, for this He did once and for all when He offered up Himself. For the law appoints as high priests men who have weakness, but the word of this oath, which came after the law, appoints the Son who has been perfected forever. Now this is the main point of the things we are saying: We have such a High Priest, who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens, a Minister of the sanctuary and of the true tabernacle which the Lord erected, and not man.

ALLELUIA IN TONE FOUR

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

v. Go forth, prosper and reign, for the sake of meekness, righteousness and truth!

v. For Thou lovest righteousness, and hatest iniquity.

v. Thy priests shall be clothed in righteousness and Thy saints shall rejoice!

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.”

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (5:14-19)

You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven. Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill. For assuredly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one stroke will by no means pass from the law till all is fulfilled. Whoever therefore breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does and teaches them, he shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

PASCHAL MEGALYNARION

The angel spake to her that is full of grace, saying, O pure Virgin, rejoice; and I say also, Rejoice; for thy Son is risen from the tomb on the third day.

Shine, shine, O new Jerusalem! The glory of the Lord has shone on thee. Exult now, and be glad, O Zion! Be radiant, O pure Theotokos, in the Resurrection of thy Son!

COMMUNION HYMNS

Receive ye the body of Christ; taste ye the Fountain of immortality! The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance. He shall not fear evil tidings. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

- *Instead of “We have seen the true light,” sing “Christ is Risen” ONCE.*
- *Dismissal: After priest intones “Glory to Thee, O Christ . . .” the choir responds with “Christ is risen from the dead . . .” THRICE. The Paschal Dismissal is used.*