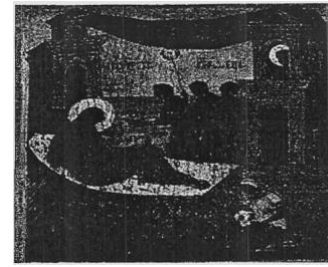


John 4:5-42

Gospel

At that time, Jesus came to a city of Samaria which is called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob gave to this son Joseph. Now Jacob's well was there, Jesus therefore, being wearied from His journey, sat by the well. It was about the sixth hour. A woman of Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give Me a drink." For His disciples had gone away into the city to buy food. Then the woman of Samaria said to Him, "How is it that You, being a Jew, ask a drink from me, a Samaritan woman?" For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans." Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is who says 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, You have nothing to draw with, and the well is deep. Where then do You get that living water? Are You greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well, and drank from it himself, as well as his sons and his livestock?" Jesus answered and said to her, "Whoever drinks of this water will thirst again, but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting 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 and said, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You have well said, 'I have no husband,' for you have had five husbands, and the one whom you now have is not your husband; in that you spoke truly." The woman said to Him, "Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, and you Jews say that in Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe Me, the hour is coming when you will neither on this mountain, nor in Jerusalem, worship the Father. You worship what you do not know; we know what we worship, for salvation is of the Jews. But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such 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" (who is called Christ). "When He comes, He will tell us all things." Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am He." And at this point His disciples came, and they marveled that He talked with a woman; yet no one said, "What do you seek?" or, "Why are You talking with her?" The woman then left her waterpot, went her way into the city, and said to the men, "Come, see a Man who told me all things I ever did. Could this be the Christ?" Then they went out of the city and came to Him. In the meantime His disciples urged Him, saying, "Rabbi, eat." But He said to them, "I have food to eat which you do not know." Therefore the disciples said to one another, "Has anyone brought Him anything to eat?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to finish His work. Do you not say, 'There are still four months and then comes the harvest'? Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look at the fields, for they are already white for harvest! And he who reaps receives wages, and gathers fruit for eternal life, that both he who sows and he who reaps may rejoice together. For in this the saying is true: 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap that for which you have not labored; others have labored, and you have entered into their labors." And many of the Samaritans of that city believed in Him because of the word of the woman who testified, "He told me all that I ever did." So when the Samaritans had come to Him they urged Him to stay with them; and He stayed there two days. And many more believed because of His own word. Then they said to the woman, "Now we believe, not because of what you said, for we ourselves have heard Him and we know that this is indeed the Christ, the Savior of the world."



Schedule

Saturday, May 20, 2023

5:00 P.M. Vespers

Sunday, May 21, 2023

Blind Man

9:30 A.M. 3rd & 6th Hours

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Blessing of Motor Vehicles

following Divine Liturgy

Wednesday, May 24, 2023

6:00 P.M. Vespersal Divine Liturgy

Thursday, May 25, 2023

Feast of Ascension of our Lord

Friday, May 26, 2023

7:00 P.M. Vespers

Saturday, May 27, 2023

St. John the Russian

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

5:00 P.M. Vespers

Sunday, May 28, 2023

Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council

9:30 A.M. 3rd & 6th Hours

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Friday, June 2, 2023

7:00 P.M. Vespers

Saturday, June 3, 2023

Soul Saturday

9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy

5:00 P.M. Vespers

Sunday, June 4, 2023

Holy Pentecost

9:00 A.M. 3rd & 6th Hours

Nativity of the Virgin Mary

Orthodox Church

416 Ewing Ave, Madison, IL 62060

Sunday, May 14, 2023

5th Sunday of Pascha; The Samaritan Woman at the Well – St. Photina; 1st Opening of Relics of St. Tikhon of Zadonsk; St. Nikita Bishop of Novgorod

www.nativityofthevirgin.com

"Worldly cares obscure the mental horizon of our soul; like mist, they darken the spiritual vision and blind the soul. But be careful for nothing, and cast all your sorrows and anxieties upon the Lord, in accordance with the Spirit-bearing teaching of the apostle. Do not grudge any expenses incurred for others; these are a pledge of new and greater bounties from the Lord for you. Some seem to be praying to the Lord, but are in reality serving the Devil, who nestles in their hearts, because they pray only with their lips, whilst their hearts are cold, do not feel, and do not desire that which the lips ask and say, and are "far from (Isaiah 29:13)" the Lord. Likewise, there are many communicants who communicate of the Body and Blood of Christ insincerely, not with great love, but only with their mouths and bellies, with little faith, coldly, with hearts attached to food, drink and money, or inclined to pride, malice, envy, slothfulness, and far from Him Who is all goodness. It is needful for such persons to go deeper into themselves, to repent more deeply, and think profoundly of what prayer is, and what Holy Communion is. Coldness of heart towards God, towards prayer, proceeds from the Devil, he is the coldness of hell; but let us, as children of God, love the Lord with burning love. Grant us this, our Lord, for without Thee "we can do nothing (St. John 15:5)." For Thou art - everything to us, whilst we ourselves are - nothing. Thou hast brought us from nonentity into being, and hast provided us with everything." My Life in Christ - St. John of Kronstadt

Prayer Requests

Those in this earthly life

Matushka Jenna	Mikaela	Joseph
Priest Jacob	Zachary	Michael
Michael	Dymphna & CTBB	Barb
John	Justin	Barbara
Aaron	Hope	Mark
Reader George	Nicholas	Angela
Marie	Theodora	Elijah
Priest Joseph <i>Strzelecki</i>	John	Sophia
Presbytera Irené	Cyndi	Matushka Tanya
Karen	Diana	Mary
Norma	Amy	Archpriest Moses
Peter	Michael	Archpriest John
Rebecca	Joseph	Matushka Margaret
Nicholas	Andrew	Matthew
N. Illum. Mary Magdalene	Magdalene	Priest Joseph
Archpriest Christopher	Barbara	Archpriest Michael
Yulia	Rebecca	Matushka Virginia
Patrick	Nancy	Paul
Shawn	Maria	Mary
Gabriella	Elaine	Nicholas
Catechumen Rebecca	Victor	Andrew
Marie	Wilma	Anthony
Michael	Michael	Christopher
Reader Michael	April	Jackie
Michelle		

Those in the life to come

Richard	Archbishop PAUL
Child of God Luke	
Jeff	
<u>Daniil</u>	
Archpriest Thomas	
Metropolitan THEODOSIUS	
Archpriest Vladimir	

Troparia

Resurrection

TONE 4

When the women disciples of the Lord learned from the angel the joyous message of Thy Resurrection; they cast away the ancestral curse and elatedly told the apostles: death is overthrown! Christ God is Risen, granting the world great mercy.

Midfeast

TONE 8

In the middle of the Feast, O Savior, fill my thirsting soul with the waters of godliness, as Thou didst cry to all: If anyone thirst let him come to me and drink! O Christ God, Fountain of our life, glory to Thee!

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

Kontakia

Feast

TONE 8

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!

Now and ever and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

Midfeast

TONE 4

Christ God, the Creator and Master of all cried to all in the midst of the Feast of the law: Come and draw the water of immortality! We fall before Thee and faithfully cry: Grant us Thy bounties, for Thou art the Fountain of our life!

Prokeimenon

TONE 4: How magnified are Thy works, O Lord! In wisdom hast Thou made them all.

vs. Bless the Lord, O my soul; O Lord my God, Thou hast been magnified exceedingly.

The Act of the Holy Apostles 11:19 – 26; 29 – 30

Epistle

At that time: those who were scattered after the persecution that arose over Stephen traveled as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus, and Antioch, preaching the word to no one but the Jews only. But some of them were men from Cyprus and Cyrene, who, when they had come to Antioch, spoke to the Hellenists, preaching the Lord Jesus. And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number believed and turned to the Lord. Then news of these things came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent out Barnabas to go as far as Antioch. When he came and had seen the grace of God, he was glad, and encouraged them all that with purpose of heart they should continue with the Lord. For he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a great many people were added to the Lord. Then Barnabas departed for Tarsus to seek Saul. And when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. So it was that for a whole year they assembled with the church and taught a great many people. And the disciples were first called Christians in Antioch.

Then the disciples, each according to his ability, determined to send relief to the brethren dwelling in Judea. This they also did, and sent it to the elders by the hands of Barnabas and Saul.

Alleluia

*Go forth, prosper and reign, for the sake of meekness, righteousness and truth
v: For Thou lovest righteousness and dost hate iniquity.*