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*Icon of Christ and the Samaritan Woman*

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### Divine Liturgy

**Intention:** Happy and eternal repose of the soul of MARGARET Littlefield (req. by Bernard and Dana Herro and Family)

#### Hymns

**Troparion of the Resurrection (tone 4):** The Women disciples of the Lord heard from the Angels the joyful news of the resurrection and casting away the ancestral sentence, they announced with pride to the Apostles Death is vanquished, Christ God is risen! and has bestowed great mercy upon the world

**Troparion of Pascha:** Christ is risen from the dead and by His death He has trampled upon death; and has given life to those who were in the tomb.

*Christos anesti ek nekron thanato thanaton patissas; kai tis en tis mnimassis zoin charisamenos. (Greek)*

*Al Meseehu qam im bainil amwat wa wati al mawt a bil mawt; Wa wahhab el hayat li ladeena fil kubur. (Arabic)*

**Prokimenon:** How great are your works O Lord! In wisdom you have wrought them all.

*Stichon:* Bless the Lord, O my soul! You are very great indeed, O Lord my God!

**Apostolic Reading:** Acts 11:19-30

In those days when the disciples were dispersed by the persecution that had broken out over Stephen, they went all the way to Phoenicia and Cyprus and Antioch, speaking the word to none but the Jews.

**Kontakion of Pascha:** Though You went down in the tomb, O immortal One, You overthrew the power of Hades and rose victorious, O Christ God. You greeted the ointment bearing women, saying "Re-joyce!" You gave peace to Your apostles, and to those who had Fallen resurrection.

**Hirmos:** The angel cried out to the one who is full of grace: "Hail, O Immaculate Virgin! Hail, again! For your Son is risen from the tomb on the third day!"

Shine, shine, O new Jerusalem, for the glory of the Lord has shone upon you. Re-joyce and be glad, O Sion; and you, O Pure One, O Mother of God, exult in the resurrection of your Son!

**Kinonika:** Receive the Body of Christ and drink from the Source of Immortality! Alleluia!

But some of them were Cypriots and Cyreneans, and as they reached Antioch, they were speaking to the Greeks, announcing the Good News of the Lord Jesus. And the Lord's hand was with them,

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and a great number believed and turned to the Lord.

And word concerning them came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem and they sent Barnabas as far as Antioch. And when he got there and saw the grace of God, he rejoiced and encouraged them all to stay in the Lord with steadfast hearts: for he was a good man, and full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a great multitude was added to the Lord. And Barnabas traveled to Tarsus, looking for Saul, and when he found him, he brought him back to Antioch. And it happened that for a whole year they took part in the church

meetings and taught a large number of people, and it was in Antioch that the disciples were first called “Christians.”

Now in those days some profits from Jerusalem came down to Antioch, and one of them named Agabus got up and revealed through the Spirit that a dire famine was threatening the whole world — and it occurred during the reign of Emperor Claudius. And so, the disciples decided to send relief to the brethren living in Judea — each one as much as he could afford — and this they did, sending it to the presbyters by the hands of Barnabas and Saul.

**Alleluia:** String your bow, go forth, reign for the sake of truth, meekness and righteousness, and your right hand shall lead you wonderfully.

*Stichon:* You loved righteousness and hated iniquity: therefore God, your God, anointed you with the oil of joy above your companions.

**Gospel:** The Samaritan Woman, John 4: 5-42

At that time Jesus came to a town of Samaria called Sichar, near the field that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Now Jacob’s well was there. Jesus therefore, wearied as he was from the journey, was sitting at the well. It was about the sixth hour. There came a Samaritan woman to draw water. Jesus said to her, “Give me to drink,” for his disciples had gone away into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman therefore said to him, “How is it that you, although you are a Jew, ask drink of me, who am a Samaritan woman?” For Jews do not associate with Samaritans. Jesus answered and said to her, “If you only knew the gift of God, and who it is who says to you, ‘Give me to drink,’ you perhaps would have asked of him, and he would have given you living water.” The

woman said to him, “Sir, you have no pail, and the well is deep. Where can you get living water from? Are you greater than our father Jacob who gave us the well, and drank from it, himself, and his sons, and his flocks?” In answer Jesus said to her, “Everyone who drinks of this water will thirst again. He, however, who drinks of the water I will give him shall never thirst; but the water I will give him shall become in him a fountain of water, springing up unto life everlasting.” The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water that I may not thirst, or 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 said well, I have no husband, for you have had five husbands, and the man you

now have is not your husband. In this you have spoken truly. "The woman said to him, "Sir, I see you are a prophet. Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, but you say Jerusalem is the place where one 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 is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth. For the Father also seeks such to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and in truth." The woman said to him, "I know that the Messiah is coming (who is called Christ), and when he comes he will tell us all things." Jesus said to her, "I who speak with you am he." And at this point his disciples came; and they wondered that he was speaking with a woman. Yet no one said, "What do you seek?" or "Why do you speak with her?" The woman therefore left her water-jar and went away into the town, and said to the people, "Come and see a man who has told me all I have ever done. Can he be the Christ?" They went out from the town and came to meet him. Meanwhile, his disciples begged him,

saying, "Rabbi, eat." But he said to them, "I have food to eat of which you do not know." The disciples therefore said to one another, "Has someone brought him something to eat?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of the one who sent me, to accomplish his work. Do you not say, 'There are yet four months, and then comes the harvest'? Well, I say to you, lift up your eyes and behold that the fields are already white for the harvest. And the one who reaps receives a wage, and gathers fruit unto life everlasting, so that the sower and the reaper may rejoice together. For herein is the proverb true, 'One sows, another reaps.' I have sent you to reap that on which you have not labored. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labors." Now many of the Samaritans of that town believed in him because of the word of the woman who bore witness, "He told me all I have ever done." When, therefore, the Samaritans had come to him, they begged him to stay there; and he stayed two days. And far more believed because of his word. And they said to the woman, "We no longer believe because of what you have said, for we have heard for ourselves and we know this is in truth the Savior of the world," the Christ.

### **Paschal Greeting**

The Paschal greeting is a custom among Eastern Christians, consisting of a greeting and response. Instead of "hello" or its equivalent, one is to greet another person with "Christ is risen!" The response is "He is truly risen!" This greeting is used during liturgical services and informally at other times, starting with the feast of Pascha and lasting until Ascension, the period known as Paschaltide:

English	Christ is risen! He is truly risen!
Greek	Christos Anesti! Alithos Anesti!

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Arabic                    Al-Maseehu Qam! Haqqan Qam!  
Church Slavonic        Hristos voskrese! Voistinu voskrese!

### Stewardship

Last Sunday: donations=\$774.28; ordinary collections=\$300.00. Thanks for your generosity!

Owed to eparchy (assessment, retirement and medical insurance; last updated March 12, 2022): \$38,361.

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### Prayer List

Please remember—All those who are sick and in need: Alice Herro\*, Nick Langenfeld, Barb Moden (sister of Jan Taylor), Eva Nora (niece of the Noras), Bob Peterson, Joe Radanovich, the Rebholz family, Eva Saseen (Theresa and Janelle Herro's niece), Jan Taylor, Kathy Tomaz, John Zambo and Kathy Zambo. For those we have been asked to pray for: Justin & Krysten Hager (Jan Taylor) and Carl Wallenmeyer (Jan Taylor).

\* Please particularly remember Alice Herro who has been having health issues recently.

### Schedule for This Week

**Saturday:**     *The Equals of the Apostles Constantine and Helen*

**Sunday:**       *Sixth Sunday of Easter*

10:30am Divine Liturgy

### Coming Up

Leave-taking of Easter: Wednesday, May 25<sup>th</sup>

The Ascension: Thursday, May 26<sup>th</sup>

### COVID-19

According to the Milwaukee Health Department, the best way to stop the community spread of COVID-19 is to take preventative action to protect yourself and others:

- Get a COVID-19 vaccine as soon as you can ([city.milwaukee.gov/CovidVax](https://city.milwaukee.gov/CovidVax)). Vaccines are safe and readily available at walk-in clinics throughout the community for anyone over the age of 12 years old.
- Wear a mask that covers your nose and mouth to help protect yourself and others, and stay at least 6 feet apart from others who don't live with you.
- Avoid crowds and poorly ventilated indoor spaces, and improve ventilation whenever possible.

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- Wash your hands often with soap and water. Use hand sanitizer if soap and water aren't available.

More information is available from the health department: [city.milwaukee.gov/coronavirus](https://city.milwaukee.gov/coronavirus)

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### The Gift of Mercy

A story is told about a little boy who was sent to the school principal for misbehaving. After the little boy told him what he had done wrong, the principal took out a piece of paper and wrote the boy's name upon it, as well as the date and the reason for which the boy had been sent to him.

Then, the principal told the boy, "Timmy, I know that you are a good boy and you've never before been sent to me for misbehaving. Therefore, if you are not sent to me again this year for misbehaving, I will tear up this piece of paper and no one will ever know anything about it." The little boy remembered this as the most powerful lesson in mercy that he had ever learned.

The most powerful example of mercy that we, as Christians, have ever witnessed is

our Lord's resurrection, which we still continue to gloriously celebrate. However, earlier this week, on Wednesday, we also celebrated the Feast of Mid-Pentecost. Mid-Pentecost begins to set our sights on the reception of another of God's great gifts of mercy the Gift of the Holy Spirit, Who will descend upon us on Pentecost Sunday.

Through the Resurrection, we know of God's mercy in that He has given us the gift of eternal life. Through the Descent of the Holy Spirit, we know of God's mercy in that He has not abandoned us. Rather, He sent the Holy Spirit to dwell among us, to dwell within us, and to nourish us, bless us and heal us especially through the Holy Mysteries.

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