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### Divine Liturgy

#### Hymns

**Troparion of the Resurrection (tone 3):**  
Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad! For the Lord has done a wondrous deed by his arm! He has crushed Death by his death becoming the first to rise from the dead. He has delivered us from the mouth of Hades and 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 watal mawt a bil mawat; Wa wahhab el hayat li ladeena fil kubur. (Arabic)

**Kontakion:** 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 "Rejoice!" 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. Rejoice and be glad, O Sion; and you, O Pure One, O Mother of God, exult in the resurrection of your Son!

**Prokimenon:** Sing praise to our God, sing praise! Sing praise to our King, sing praise!  
*Stichon:* All you peoples, clap your hands! Shout to God with cries of gladness!

**Apostolic Reading:** Acts 9:32-42

**Gospel:** Jn 5:1-15

### 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

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### Prayer List

Please remember—All those who are sick and in need: Barb Moden (sister of Jan Taylor), Sandy Rabuse (godmother of Katerina Lessard), the Rebholz family, Eva Saseen (Theresa and Janelle Herro's niece), Kathy Tomaz and John Zambo. For those who have died: Susan Peterson (sister of Cynthia Peterson) and Francis, Pope of Rome. For the people of the Middle East.

### Schedule for This Week

**Wednesday:** *MID-PENTECOST*

**Sunday:**     *Sunday of the Samaritan Woman*  
                 10:30am Divine Liturgy

**Congratulations and Happy Birthday** to Theresa Nora (5/16). May God grant you many years!

### Hymns for Mid-Pentecost

**Troparion:** O Savior, at the middle point of the festive season, give my thirsty soul to drink from the waters of piety and devotion, for You called out to all men and said: "All of you, come to Me and draw the waters of immortality." Wherefore we bow down in worship before You and cry out with faith: "Grant us Your mercy, for You are the Fountain of Life."

**Kontakion:** O Christ-God, Creator and Master of all, at the middle point of the season of the Mosaic festivities, You called out to all men and said: "All of you come, and draw the waters of immortality." Wherefore we bow down in worship before You and cry out with faith: "Grant us your mercy, for You are the fountain of our life"

### The Cure of Baptism Foreshadowed

What manner of cure is this? What mystery does it signify to us? For these things are not written carelessly, or without a purpose, but as a figure and type they show in outline things to come, in order that what was exceedingly strange might

not, by coming unexpectedly, do harm among the many the power of faith. What then is it that they show in outline? A Baptism was about to be given, possessing much power, and the greatest of gifts, a Baptism purging all sins and making men



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alive instead of dead. 'These things then are foreshown as in a picture by the pool, and by many other circumstances. And first is given a water which purges the stains of our bodies, and those defilements which are not, but seem to be, as those from touching the dead, those from leprosy, and other similar causes; under the old covenant one may see many things done by water on this account. However, let us now proceed to the matter in hand.

First then, as I before said, He causes defilements of our bodies, and afterwards infirmities of different kinds, to be done

away by water. Because God, desiring to bring us nearer to faith in Baptism, no longer heals defilements only, but diseases also. For those figures which came nearer [in time] to the reality, both as regarded Baptism, and the Passion, and the rest, were plainer than the more ancient. ... And this miracle was done in order that men, learning that it is possible by water to heal the diseases of the body, and being exercised in this for a long time, might more easily believe that it can also heal the diseases of the soul.

*St. John Chrysostom*

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