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### Divine Liturgy

#### 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 Mid-Pentecost:** At the middle point of this festive season, give my thirsty soul to drink of the waters of true worship, for You called out to all men: Whoever is thirsty let him come to me and drink. O Christ God, Fountain of life, glory to You.

**Troparion of St. George:** O Great among the saints and glorious martyr, George, since you are a deliverer of captives and a defender of the poor, a doctor for the sick and a noble attendant to kings, intercede for us to Christ God, that he may save our souls!

**Kontakion:** Though You went down in the tomb, O immortal One, You overthrew the power of Hades and rose victorious, O

**Prokimenon:** Make vows to the Lord your God and fulfill them; let all round about bring gifts to the awesome God.

*Stichon:* God is renowned in Judah; in Israel, great is his name.

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

**Gospel:** Jn 4:5-42

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!

**Kinonikon:** Receive the Body of Christ and taste the Source of Immortality.

**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 mawat; Wa wahhab el hayat li ladeena fil kubur. (Arabic)

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## Stewardship

Last Sunday: donations=\$94.14; candles=\$7.00; ordinary collections=\$360.00. Thanks for your generosity!

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## Prayer List

Please remember—All those who are sick and in need: Natalie Herder, Walter Lourdes Najera Herder (family of Katerina Lessard), Nick Lagendfield, Barb Moden (sister of Jan Taylor), Edin Najera, Sandy Rabuse (godmother of Katerina Lessard), the Rebholz family, Eva Saseen (Theresa and Janelle Herro's niece), Ken Schmitt (brother-in-law of Brian Harden), Gerid Spankowski and Kathy Tomaz. For those who have died: Michael Lessard (uncle of Tyler Lessard). For the people of the Middle East.

## Schedule for this Week

**Wednesday:** *Leave-taking Mid-Pentecost*

**Friday:** *Apostle and Evangelist John the Theologian*

**Sunday** *Sunday of the Man Born Blind*

10:30am Divine Liturgy

**Congratulations and Happy Birthday** to Mildred Lessard (3 years old) (today) and Drew Michels (5/6). May God grant you many years!

## Coming Up

Wednesday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, 6pm, Services for the Ascension

## 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!

Arabic Al-Maseehu Qam! Haqqan Qam!

Church Slavonic Hristos voskrese! Voistinu voskrese!

## The Samaritan Woman

The Fourth Gospel, attributed to Saint John the Evangelist, is used exclusively from Easter until Pentecost for the Sunday readings. The first chapter of John's Gospel is the proclamation used for the Divine Liturgy on Easter itself. This week, we are reminded of the story of Christ's encounter with the Samaritan woman at the well of Jacob, and thereby Christ's fulfillment of the Old Testament. In one of the many unique stories of the Fourth Gospel not found in the Synoptics (Matthew, Mark or Luke), Jesus reveals himself as Messiah to this woman of Samaria and talks with her about the "water that I will give will become ... a spring of water gushing up to eternal life."

In the early days of His ministry, Jesus travels back and forth between Galilee and Jerusalem, and must pass through Samaria. The Samaritans were outcast

Jews because they were not subject to the Babylonian exile of the Israelites from other provinces. Therefore, when Jesus talks with this Samaritan woman, His disciples are surprised and in shock that He would carry on a conversation with a woman at the well, let alone a Samaritan. But as the story is explained, the woman's testimony about Jesus spreads through the nearby town, and because of her many come to hear His teachings. After hearing His word, they come to believe in Him, and proclaim Him "the Savior of the world." (Jn 4:42)

With water as the focal point of this encounter, we are once again reminded of our Baptism, and that Christ's Baptism is that of "eternal life" through "living water."

*Archbishop Vsevolod of Scopelos*

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