

May 3, 2015
Sunday of the Samaritan Woman



Epistle: Acts 11:19-26 & 29-30; Gospel: John 5-42

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SCHEDULE:

Sunday:

Rosary 8:30 am
Festal Matins 9:00 am
Divine Liturgy 10 am

Monday, Divine Liturgy 9 am

Tuesday, Divine Liturgy 9 am

Wednesday

OLPH Devotions, 5:30 pm

Divine Liturgy 6 pm

Friday, Divine Liturgy 6 pm

Saturday: Great Vespers 5:00 pm

Divine Liturgy 6:00 pm

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday - Friday: 10 am – 4 pm

Thursday OFF

Parish Advisory Board Members:

Dorothy Curl, Dave Dark, Lubomyra Kmetyk,
Brian Fitzpatrick, Harry DeLap

Parish Finance Council Members:

Matthew Blain & Eva Schuler

Confession Schedule (Mystery of Reconciliation):

9:30-9:50 am on Sundays, after weekday Liturgies, or
by appointment with Father

Mysteries of Baptism/Chrismation/Eucharist:

Must be arranged three months in advance.
(Pre-Jordan requirement)

Mystery of Crowning (Matrimony):

Must be arranged six months in advance
(Pre-Cana requirement)

Sick and Shut-Ins: It is the family's responsibility to
notify the parish office when a parishioner is in the
hospital or confined to home because of sickness or old
age. Father will bring the confined person the Holy
Mysteries on a regular basis. It is recommended that
one receive the Anointing of the Sick before any major
surgery. Please don't let the priest be last to know that
someone is ill!

Eastern Christian Formation Program:

All grades meet every Sunday after Liturgy for
45 minutes

Welcome to our Church! If you are looking for a spiritual home, contact Father Artur or the office staff for more information. God bless you.

Today	8:30 am	Rosary
	9:00 am	Festal Matins
<i>Canned Goods Collection</i>	10:00 am	Divine Liturgy for Parish Family & Friends Fr. Chris: +Aaron Kuper by M/M Richard Jacobs
	Eternal Lamp	Open
Monday May 4	<i>Pelagia Martyr</i> <i>Epistle: Acts 12:12-17; Gospel: John 8:42-51</i>	
	9:00 am	Divine Liturgy; Blessings on Fr. Jurei Terek on his 40 th Anniversary Fr. Chris: +Diane Sullivan by Gloria Macy
	7:00 pm	Knights of Columbus meeting
Tuesday May 5	<i>Irene Great-Martyr</i> <i>Epistle: Acts 12:25-13-12; Gospel: John 8:51-59</i>	
	9:00 am	Divine Liturgy; Lowe Family by Pam Pettit Fr. Chris: +James Vigil by M/M Richard Jacobs
Wednesday May 6	<i>Job Venerable</i> <i>Epistle: Acts 13:13-24; Gospel: John 6:5-14</i>	
	5:30 pm	OLPH Devotions
	6:00 pm	Divine Liturgy; +Alexander Kartsub by Maria Kartsub Fr. Chris: +Joanne Ukena by M/M Richard Jacobs
Thursday May 7	<i>Appearance of the Sign of the Cross</i> <i>Epistle: Acts 14:20-15:4; Gospel: John 9:39-10</i>	
Friday May 8 Abstinence	<i>John Apostle & Evangelist</i> <i>Epistle: 1 John 1:1-7; Gospel: John 19:25-27 & 21:24</i>	
	6:00 pm	Divine Liturgy; Blessing on Alexander Kartsub and his Family by Maria Kartsub Fr. Chris: +Thomas Bayus
Saturday May 9	<i>Translation of the Relics of Nicholas of Myra Bishop</i> <i>Epistle: Acts 15:35-41; Gospel: John 19:25-27 & 21:24</i>	
	5:00 pm	Great Vespers with Litija
	6:00 pm	Divine Liturgy +Ursula Joyce by Larry Joyce
Sunday May 10	<i>Sunday of the Man Born Blind</i> <i>Epistle: Acts 16:16-34; Gospel: John 9:1-38</i>	
	8:30 am	Rosary
<i>Mother's Day</i>	9:00 am	Festal Matins
	9:30 am	Confessions
	10:00 am	Divine Liturgy for Parish Family & Friends Fr. Chris: Thanksgiving for 34 th anniversary of ordination

***Physician and Help of those in sickness, Redeemer and Savior of the infirm;
O Master and Lord of all, grant healing to your servants. Be clement, show mercy to those
who have sinned much, and deliver them, O Christ, from their
Iniquities, that they may glorify Your might divine!***

Fr. Julian Gnall
Fr. Anthony Romero

Roy Smith
Sven & Barbara Svensson
Michele Koetter
Abraham Haddad
Lillian Murphy
Stephen Horner
Demetrius Yackanich
Jenny Ford
Marilyn Fore
Robert Hasaka
Frank & Martha Arden
Pricilla Hughes
Sharif Rabadi
Katrina Anderson

Paola Terlaza
Henry Zugger
John & Margie Disque
Phillip Fall
Walter Jakymiw
Olga Bodnar
Frances Brannan
John Deflice
Kristoff Rajala
Jordan Smith
Marge Merrills
Theresa Doherty
Maggie Batsel
Alicia Wells
Bob O'Loughlin

Carla Matthes
Laura Dominguez
Robert Zadel
Joseph Koetter
Mary Nell Preisler
Jackie De Paolis
Donny Terry
Mary Murphy
Lorraine Hubbell
Quintin Santamaria & Family
Heather Mattax
Larry Bennett
William Frank



*Prayers in honor of and to the Blessed Virgin are a powerful weapon
against sin, and for healing.*

**The Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary are now said every day through
All Saints' Sunday (June 3 this year).** As we sing in the Easter Irmos:
"Rejoice in the Resurrection of your Son!"

*If you recite the Rosary at home, please offer these intentions, and join us
on Sunday at 8:30 am.*



Intentions of the Rosary

- 1st Decade:** Help for persecuted Catholics, especially in communist and Islamic states
- 2nd Decade:** Spiritual and physical growth of our parish and the Byzantine Catholic Church
- 3rd Decade:** Increase in vocations to priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life to serve
the Byzantine Catholic Church
- 4th Decade:** Repose of the souls who have no one praying for them
- 5th Decade:** Healing of the sick in body, mind and soul

Holy Father's Intentions for May

Universal: Care for the suffering—That, rejecting the culture of indifference, we may care for our
neighbors who suffer, especially the sick and the poor.

Evangelization: Persecuted Christians—That persecuted Christians may feel the consoling presence
of the Risen Lord and the solidarity of all the Church

*Those who recite the Akathist to the Mother of God or the Rosary receive a partial indulgence when
they do so in private, plenary indulgence when they do so as a group*



THEOSIS

*Thursday, May 14
6 pm--potluck dinner
7 pm--Bible Study*

VOCATION ICON

*Today: Bonham/Chavez
Next Sunday: Donlin*



Next Sunday, May 10, is Mothers' Day.

It is also the only fund-raiser for Birthright, which will distribute carnations that day in Catholic churches in New Mexico. Birthright supports pregnant women who were at risk for abortions but who choose to save their babies' lives.

Birthright not only helps with prenatal care but also baby items from formula to clothing, and support for the mothers in helping them to find work, day-care, and families. Please plan now to be generous - for one flower all that they ask is \$1 donation.

Catholic Home Mission Collection!

Last Sunday there was the collection for the Catholic Home Mission. This is a USCCB collection whose goal is to support local 'missionary' dioceses/eparchies in the USA.

Our Eparchy is listed as a missionary eparchy, and we benefit annually from this collection—usually \$38,000! If you forgot your envelope, you can drop it in next Sunday's collection. Thank you for your generosity!

DATE	READER	TROJCA	GREETER	COUNTER	HOST
5/10	Brook Jilek	Christy Talamante	Samia Rabadi	Open	Open

Barbara's Hall Report:

A real spring fest for all with fresh fruit, bagels and cream cheese. Thank you to Cindy Loescher and Carla Sankel for hosting this social.

**Myrrh-Bearers Retreat
Mark Your Calendars Now
And don't forget to Register!**

"Women, be heralds of the Good News!" is the call to all women of this parish to participate in this year's Myrrh-bearers Retreat at the Franciscan Renewal Center in Scottsdale, AZ from Friday, June 26th to Sunday, June 28th.

The theme is Myrrh-bearers—Women of Faith with a focus on Heart to Heart Evangelization! The retreat is for girls 7-11 years, teen girls from 12-17 and for women 18+ years. Costs range from \$75 to \$175 per person based on track and room accommodations. Registration forms are available on the table at the entrance to the church or in the office.

Back by popular demand – the 2nd "**OLPH Ladies Tea**" will be held at the church on **Saturday, May 16 at 2pm.**

All OLPH ladies are invited! This includes little ladies ages 7 and up who are excited to attend tea and talk with the other women of the community.

Like last time, please bring your own tea cup. We will provide a variety of teas to please everyone's palette, but feel free to bring some of your own to share. If possible, please bring a finger food or baked good.

Call Jana Brewer at 271-0119 or Rafael Plut at 298-3060 if there are questions. Mark your calendars now!

The next meeting of the OLPH Women's Book Group will be Saturday, June 13th from 10 am to Noon. We will share a potluck brunch and group discussion at Cindy Loescher's house. The book we will be discussing is "The Reed of God" by Caryll Houselander (Catholic author) on the subject of the Virgin Mary [Holy Theotokos].

Reed of God overview:

Through beautiful prose and inspiring meditations, Caryll Houselander depicts the intimately human side of Mary, Mother of God, as an empty reed waiting for God's music to be played through her.

Lovingly bringing Our Lady down off her time-honored, ancient pedestal, Houselander shares her insightful and beautiful vision of Mary on earth, Mary among us, Mary as a confused but trusting teenager whose holiness is flowered with her eternal "Yes." With profound theological teachings and appealing imagery, The Reed of God is a spiritual classic.

The book is small but powerful, around 122 pages; is available on Amazon.com for around \$13. Contact Lara Davis @ 710-1181 for more information.

OLPH Women's Retreat: There will be a pre-planning meeting next Sunday for anyone interested in attending this retreat.

Our congratulations to the Archdiocese of Santa Fe: His Holiness, Pope Francis, has appointed Bishop John C. Wester, of Salt Lake City, as the 12th archbishop of Santa Fe.

Archbishop-Elect Wester chairs the USCCB (United States Conference of Catholic Bishops) Committee on Communications. He is a member of the USCCB Committee on Catholic Education and the USCCB Catholic Education Foundation Advisory Board. He also serves as consultant for three USCCB Committees which are: 1) Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs, 2) Laity, Marriage, Family Life & Youth, and 3) Migration. He has worked towards immigration reform on a local, national, and international level.

His National Memberships include being a Board Member of Catholic Relief Services; on the Board of Trustees of the Mexican American Catholic College in San Antonio; Episcopal Advisor for the National Association of Catholic Chaplains; Episcopal Moderator of the National Association for Lay Ministers; as well as a member of the Board of Trustee for Saint Patrick Seminary and University in Menlo Park, California.

May God grant his high-priestly servant archbishop-elect John, peace, health and happiness for many years!



May 9 - **St. Christopher** - this popular saint has been acclaimed as the protector of travelers since ancient times. All we know for certain is that he was known as a tall and strong man and a member of the Canaanites who converted to Christianity in the fourth century. His legend says that while seeking to serve the greatest king on earth, a little boy asked the future saint to carry him on his shoulders across a river.

As the saint did so, the little boy's weight got heavier and heavier, and the exhausted ferryman was happy to deposit his little charge on the opposite bank. At this, the boy revealed Himself to be Jesus Christ, the King of the Universe, Who carried the sins of the world. Christ told him that now he would be named Christ-carrier, or Christopher. The divine Child told Christopher to thrust his traveler's staff into the ground, and it bloomed into a big tree, which is why his staff is always shown with green leaves on it.

The practice of painting St. Christopher and Jesus by town gates or on the last house on the road leading out of a town were based on the saying that if you saw St. Christopher, all would be well. This was later translated into the practice of wearing or displaying medals of the saint as patron of travelers.

While the Roman Church did drop his feast day along with many other ancient saints of whom little was known back in the 1960s, he remains a saint in good standing. Every baptized Christian should be a Christ-carrier, as people who reveal Jesus to the world.

Meditation

The Sundays of Pascha are all connected with the theme of baptism, and belief in Christ as Son of God. These Sundays were set up for the instruction of the newly baptized adult converts who were received into the Church at Easter.

The fifth paschal Sunday is given over to the texts of the **Samaritan Woman, she who boldly bantered with the Jewish rabbi on a hot afternoon by the well of Shechem**. Afterward, she led her townspeople to faith in Him as the Messiah. Known in Greek as **Photina and Slavonic as Svetlana, or “Light”**, the Samaritan Woman moves from being a woman living in shame (and thus her appearance all alone at the well during the hottest part of the day), to a vibrant missionary. Recounted in John 4, this lively exchange between the woman and the rabbi is one of the most important conversations in the New Testament.

The **theme of water** from last Sunday – the cure **at the pool of Bethesda** – and Mid-Pentecost Wednesday – the **cry of Jesus to all to come to Him to drink** of immortal water – is continued today with the water at Jacob’s Well. Here, the famous encounter takes place between Jesus and the Samaritan Woman. The Woman who sought more than water, as we know by her ready questions and challenges to the Jewish teacher, **finds fulfillment far beyond her imagination**.

In the icon, the well itself is shown either as a simple round well, or laid out as a cross to predict what will happen at it – the revelation of Jesus our Crucified and Risen Lord – and the shape of the church that would be erected by the Byzantine Empire over the well.

Photina is usually shown partly unveiled, a sign of her fallen state having had husbands and now a live-in boyfriend, carrying her jar which she must bring to the well during the hottest part of the day so as to avoid the other women of the city. She lives in shame, yet when Jesus engages her in the talk which will save her soul, she **emerges as a bright soul** who is searching, though she does not realize it, for Truth.

And in Jesus she will find all that she needs! In fact, she leaves the water pot at the well, because the message she proclaims to the other Samaritans is so important. When Jesus exposed her sins, she replies that he must be a prophet, and we can tell that there is **hope in her heart**. Because of this hope, and Jesus’ loving but firm manner, she realizes that He is more than any prophet.

These three readings – Paralytic, Samaritan Woman, Man Born Blind – all lead us through baptism to the gifts of the Holy Spirit and Pentecost. The Holy Spirit can only dwell with us fully when we acknowledge our sins and faults, and open ourselves to God’s life-giving grace. God convicts us of our sins, and we must respond with hope, thanks, acceptance, and a desire to participate in the life of the Holy Trinity.

The Woman changed – as must we. The Woman introduced others to Christ – so must we. And they were so changed by His preaching to them, that they begged for Jesus and the disciples to stay with them, and when they must leave, to return to them. We should be trying to live with that **desire for God’s grace** and presence in our own daily lives!