

Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever!

Fifth Sunday of Pascha: Sunday of the Samaritan Woman

May 19, 2019

Sat 18-May 4pm Vigil Divine Liturgy +William Gagen
Sun 19-May 10am Sunday of the Samaritan Woman
Fri 24-May 7pm Resurrection Matins
Sat 25-May 4pm Vigil Divine Liturgy
Sun 26-May 10am Sunday of the Man Born Blind

No Memorial Candle Donation This Week

Variable Parts	Festal Tone Pages 186 - 188
Epistle	Acts 11:19-26, 29-30
Gospel	John 4:5-42

Please Pray for: Fr Ronald Borsuk, Abbot Leo, Irene Bobby, Michael Uram, Joseph Pocchiari, Teresa Milkovich, Marie Maxim, Sharon Galida, Margaret Sheptack, Robert Saper, Doloras Halahurich, John Homa, Jerry Tarcha, Anna Habil, Martha Sapar, Marilyn Popik-King, Art Lazar, & Helen Meaders.

Announcements Epistle Readers

18-May Annabelle Bistransin, 19-May Michael Dancisin, 25-May John Baycura, 26-May Kathy Moyta

Attendance: Sat. 5/11 — 25; Sun. 5/12 — 82; Collection — May. 11th — 12th \$1,877.

Knitting With Diane: Wed. May 22: Parish Center: 11am

Flag Day 50/50 Raffle: Please pick up your envelope with the raffle tickets for our next 50/50 raffle. The envelopes are in the vestibule waiting for you.

Parish sympathies to the family of Betty Homa, who passed away this week. May her memory be eternal.

Thank you to Denny Troyan. for getting a glass cover for our new dishwasher.

THANKS to all those who turned out this week to help with the hoagie preparation. The support for this project was great. 525 hoagies were made and sold and as soon as all money is turned in and bills paid, I will report our profit to be matched by the G.C.U. Thanks, Janet

Sorry for the short notice: there will be a G.C.U. meeting this Sunday after the morning liturgy. Plans for Helping Hands Day and our Annual Flag Day and luncheon are on the agenda, please try to attend. These activities cannot continue without your support.

The Church Fathers Speak: “God has placed older believers as a lighthouse for those of us who live around them.” St. Gregory Of Nyssa

Test Your Knowledge: Which of the following is true about Pentecost?

- It is considered the birthday of the Church
- On this day, the Holy Spirit descended on the apostles
- It occurs on the 50th day after Pascha
- All of the above

Last week's Answer: Ascension Day always falls on Thursday.

1st Commandment: I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. You shall have no other gods before me. "You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve."

Idolatry consists in divinizing what is not God. What is a “god”? It is what is at the center of one's life and on whom one's actions and thoughts depend. Human beings cannot live without being centered on something. And so the world offers the ‘supermarket’ of idols, which can be objects, images, ideas and roles. Real God is not imaginary “god”; He is the One that speaks and saves. Idol is on other hand a reflection of our own desires and wishes. We tend to have “god” according to our best comfort. **Idols need worship, certain rituals:** one bows down and sacrifices everything to them. In ancient times, there were human sacrifices to idols, but today too: children are sacrificed for a career, or neglected or, quite simply, not conceived. Beauty demands human sacrifices. How many hours are spent in front of the mirror! How much do some people spend on makeup? This too is idolatry. It is not bad to wear makeup but in a normal way, not to become a goddess. Beauty demands human sacrifices. Fame demands the immolation of self, of one's innocence and authenticity. **Idols demand blood.** Money robs one of life, and

pleasure leads to loneliness. Economic structures sacrifice human life for greater profit. The idol of money. Idol of pleasure- drugs and pornography.

Once the Lord said to me, Act like a beggar who does not back away when he gets more alms than he asked for but offers thanks the more fervently. You too, should not back away and say that you are not worthy of receiving greater graces when I give them to you. I know you are unworthy but rejoice all the more and take as many treasures from My Heart as you can carry for then you will please Me more. And I will tell you one more thing — take these graces not only for yourself, but also for others; that is, encourage the souls with whom you come in contact to trust in My infinite mercy. Oh, how I love those souls who have complete confidence in Me — I will do everything for them — **Diary, 294**