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SUNDAY OF THE SAMARITAN WOMAN

FIFTH SUNDAY OF PASCHA

Epistle Reading

Acts 11:19-26, 29-30

Gospel Reading

John 4:3-42

Christ is risen! Indeed he is risen!
Hristos voskrece! Voistinu voskrece!
Christos anesti! Alithos anesti!
Christos tenesa! A'wo tenesa!
El Messieh kahm! Hakken kahm!

Paschal Troparion

Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death,
and upon those in the tombs bestowing life!

Troparion: When the women Disciples of the Lord learned from the Angel the joyous message of the Resurrection, they cast away the ancestral curse and elatedly told the Apostles: “Death is overthrown! Christ God is risen, granting the world great mercy!”

Kontakion: The Samaritan Woman came to the well in faith; she saw You, the Water of Wisdom, and drank abundantly. She inherited the Kingdom on High and is ever glorified!

Orthodoxy 201 – Wednesday, May 20 – 7PM

Everyone is invited to join the online study group this Wednesday. Fr. John will email sign-in information for the class on “The Holy Fire” by Robert Payne.

God Grant You Many Years!

Grant, O Lord, a peaceful life, health, salvation and furtherance in all good things to Letezgu Mekonnen on her birthday, to Danielle Damjan on her 10th birthday and to Eli and Saloomeh on their 2nd wedding anniversary. Mnogaja ljeta to all!

Pastoral Letter from the Holy Synod on Opening Churches - Excerpt

“While the dates for a full opening are still unknown, we are convinced that the time has come for us to begin the preparatory work that will bring us closer to those days. This preparatory work will be difficult as we make our way through the spiritual, emotional, and psychological effects of isolation and quarantine. This preparatory work will also be slow, for we must test the procedures that we will collectively take in restoring our church life, so that we might responsibly navigate the many challenges that will confront our communities on the local level.

“Above all, we issue a spiritual call to the clergy and faithful of the Orthodox Church in America. While the spread of this virus has caused death, sickness, anxiety, and economic distress, this time has offered us, and continues to offer us, an opportunity to strengthen our prayer life, to perform works of charity, and to show compassion and love to our brothers and sisters in the Church and in our communities. All Orthodox Christians should remember in their prayers those who have fallen asleep, those who are sick, those who have recovered, those who are suffering from fear, anxiety, and distress brought upon them by this virus. Further, we should offer our prayers and sincere gratitude to all those laboring to insure the necessities of life, healthcare workers and first responders, food supply workers, and other essential occupations who have sacrificially offered themselves for the benefit of their neighbor.”
-- May 1, 2020

Spiritual Life in the Midst of a Pandemic – Faith, Fear, Families

[OCA Coronavirus Liturgical & Spiritual Resources](#)

[Encouragement During the Coronavirus Pandemic](#) on Ancient Faith Radio

Coming Feastdays: Thursday, May 28

Ascension of Our Lord

Sunday, June 7

Holy Pentecost

