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**5th SUNDAY OF PASCHA — Tone 4. Samaritan Woman. Martyr
Isidore of Chios (251).**

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Schedule of Services

Confessions: Before and after all Vespers Services

Vespers: Saturday at 4PM

Liturgy: Sunday at 10:00 AM

Baptism and Chrismation: Contact Father George

Marriages: Please contact Father George BEFORE making any other arrangements.

A Warm Welcome to all who celebrate the Lord's resurrection this morning with us. If you have a question, a prayer request, or any need, please speak with the priest, the attendant at the candle desk, or with any parish member. If you are a first time visitor to our parish, we invite you to sign our guest book, and partake of our hospitality in the coffee hour after the conclusion of the service. If you have questions about our practices or beliefs, please ask any parishioner or the priest.

A brief word about communion: For our friends present with us who are not Orthodox, please note that we have specific disciplines regarding receiving Communion, including fasting from midnight and having recently received confession and absolution. We ask that you refrain from going to Communion until you have spoken with the priest and understand our discipline and piety regarding this sacrament and its implication for responsibility towards and membership in the Orthodox Church.

Readings

Acts 11:19-26, 29-30 (*Epistle*)

¹⁹ Now those who were scattered after the persecution that arose over Stephen traveled as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus, and Antioch, preaching the word to no one but the Jews only.

²⁰ But some of them were men from Cyprus and Cyrene, who, when they had come to Antioch, spoke to the Hellenists, preaching the Lord Jesus.

²¹ And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number believed and turned to the Lord.

²² Then news of these things came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent out Barnabas to go as far as Antioch.

²³ When he came and had seen the grace of God, he was glad, and encouraged them all that with purpose of heart they should continue with the Lord.

²⁴ For he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a great many people were added to the Lord.

²⁵ Then Barnabas departed for Tarsus to seek Saul.

²⁶ And when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. So it was that for a whole year they assembled with the church and taught a great many people. And the disciples were first called Christians in Antioch.

²⁹ Then the disciples, each according to his ability, determined to send relief to the brethren dwelling in Judea.

³⁰ This they also did, and sent it to the elders by the hands of Barnabas and Saul.

John 4:5-42 (*Gospel*)

⁵ So He came to a city of Samaria which is called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob gave to his son Joseph.

⁶ Now Jacob's well was there. Jesus therefore, being wearied from His journey, sat thus by the well. It was about the sixth hour.

⁷ A woman of Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give Me a drink."

⁸ For His disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.

⁹ Then the woman of Samaria said to Him, "How is it that You, being a Jew, ask a drink from me, a Samaritan woman?" For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.

¹⁰ Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is who says to you, 'Give Me a drink,' you would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water."

11 The woman said to Him, "Sir, You have nothing to draw with, and the well is deep. Where then do You get that living water?"

12 Are You greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well, and drank from it himself, as well as his sons and his livestock?"

13 Jesus answered and said to her, "Whoever drinks of this water will thirst again,

14 but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life.

15 The woman said to Him, "Sir, give me this water, that I may not thirst, nor come here to draw."

16 Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here."

17 The woman answered and said, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You have well said, 'I have no husband,'

18 for you have had five husbands, and the one whom you now have is not your husband; in that you spoke truly.

19 The woman said to Him, "Sir, I perceive that You are a prophet.

20 Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, and you Jews say that in Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship.

21 Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe Me, the hour is coming when you will neither on this mountain, nor in Jerusalem, worship the Father.

22 You worship what you do not know; we know what we worship, for salvation is of the Jews.

23 But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him.

24 God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.

25 The woman said to Him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When He comes, He will tell us all things."

26 Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am He."

27 And at this point His disciples came, and they marveled that He talked with a woman; yet no one said, "What do You seek?" or, "Why are You talking with her?"

28 The woman then left her waterpot, went her way into the city, and said to the men,

29 Come, see a Man who told me all things that I ever did. Could this be the Christ?"

30 Then they went out of the city and came to Him.

Our Family Prayer Needs

Those Ill and afflicted: Todd Collura, Fr. Emilian Hutnyan, Matushka Laryssa Hutnyan, Carolyn, Patrick, Helen Grumblis, Jeanne Heusel, Mary Rilko, Helen Borden, Katherine Graham, Tatiana Radsavitch, Cheryl Rosencrans, Tom Podolak, Mary Cunius, Brian Lechak, Anna Antall, Edward Morgans, Sean Wolfe, Margiee, Robert Matthews

Those in Nursing Homes, and those homebound: Mary Kosciuszko, Helen Bray, Betty Ervin, Mary Nickett, Kathryn Prokopchak, David Price, Julia Sitar, Julia Capp, Julia Talpash, Rudolph Bullard

Those serving in the Armed Forces: Priest Eugene Wozniak, Alexander Baney, Elliot Hurchalla

Announcements

On **Sunday, May 21, 2017** a **Special Parish Meeting** will be held in Repella Hall immediately after the 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the church air conditioning system repair. All parishioners in good standing are urged to attend. This will be the only topic for discussion.

St. John the Baptist Orthodox Church invites you to join us on **Monday, May 29, 2017** for a special **Memorial Day prayer service**. During this service, we will remember those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for the freedom that we enjoy every day. The service begins at 9am at Veterans Memorial Park on Main Street in Edwardsville. Please come out to remember those who willingly gave their lives for you and this nation.

The community of **Saint Tikhon's Monastery and Seminary** extends a cordial invitation to all faithful to attend the 113th Annual Pilgrimage May 26-29, 2017—Memorial Day weekend. Consult the monastery website <http://sttikhonsmonastery.org> for the latest updates.

Calling all graduates of 2017: The Mother's and Daughters Club will once again honor our High School and College graduates on Sunday, June 4th. **Please submit names to Christine Adamski no later than Sunday, May 28th.**

A Graduation Breakfast will be hosted by the Mother's and Daughter's Club in Repella Hall immediately following the Vespers of Pentecost. The cost will be \$8.00 per Adult and \$4.00 for Children 12 years and under. Please sign the reservation list posted in the Church entries so that the proper amount of food can be prepared. **The Deadline for reservations is Sunday, May 28th.**