

The Word of Sts. Peter & Paul

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Sunday of Samaritan Woman

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What should we learn from the Samaritan woman at the well?

The story of the nameless Samaritan woman at the well, recorded only in the Gospel of John, is a revealing one, full of many truths and powerful

lessons for us today. The story of the woman at the well follows on the heels of the account of Jesus' interaction with Nicodemus, a Pharisee and prominent member of the Jewish Sanhedrin (John 3:1–21). In John 4:4 – 42 we read about Jesus' conversation with a lone Samaritan woman who had come to get water from a well (known as Jacob's well) located about a half mile from the city of Sychar in Samaria.

This was an extraordinary woman. She was

a Samaritan, a race of people that the Jews utterly despised as having no claim on their God, and she was an outcast and looked down upon by her own people. This is evidenced by the fact that she came alone to draw water from the community well when, during biblical times, drawing water and chatting at the well was the social highpoint of a woman's day. However, this woman was ostracized and marked as immoral, an unmarried woman living openly with the sixth in a series of men.

The story of the woman at the well teaches us that God loves us in spite of our bankrupt lives. God values us enough to actively seek us, to welcome us to intimacy, and to rejoice in our worship. As a result of Jesus' conversation, only a person like the Samaritan woman, an outcast from her own people, could understand what this means. To be wanted, to be cared for when no one, not even herself, could see anything of value in her—this is grace indeed.

But there are many other valuable truths we glean from this story. We learn that:

- 1) Only through Jesus can we obtain and receive eternal life: "Jesus answered, 'Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life'" (John 4:13–14; cf. John 14:6).
- 2) Jesus' ministering to those outcasts of the Jewish society (the Samaritans) reveals that all people are valuable to God and that Jesus desires that we demonstrate love to everyone . . . including even our enemies (John 4:7–9; Matthew 5:44).
- 3) Jesus is the Messiah (John 4:25–26; 1:41; Matthew 27:22; Luke 2:11).
- 4) Those who worship God, worship Him in spirit and truth (John 4:23–24; Psalm 145:18).
- 5) Our testimony about Jesus is a powerful tool in leading others to believe in Him: "Many of the Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman's testimony, 'He told me everything I ever did.' So when the Samaritans came to him, they urged him to stay with them, and he stayed two days. And because of his words many more became believers. They said to the woman, 'We no longer believe just because of what you said; now we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this man really is the Savior of the world'" (John 4:39–42).

Liturgical Schedule

Today	<p>Fifth Sunday of Pascha: The Samaritan Woman. Tone four. Holy Glorious Great-martyr, Victory-bearer and Wonderworker George (303). New Hieromartyr Priest Sergius Zacharczuk of Nabroz (Chelm and Podlasie, Poland) (1943). Martyr Alexandra the Empress, wife of Diocletian (303). Martyrs Anatolius and Protoleon, soldiers converted by witnessing the martyrdom of St. George. Martyrs Glycerius, Athanasius the Magician, Valerius, and Donatus at Nicomedia. Martyr Therinus of Bothrotus in Epirus (250).</p>
	<p>Acts 11:19-26, 29-30 John 4:5-42 Acts 12:1-11 St. George John 15:17-16:2 St. George Reader of the Hours - Ray Fischer Reader of the Eng. Epist.– Ray Fischer Reader of the Ukr. Epist.– Olga Piskoun</p>
Saturday, May 12	Vespers at 6:00pm
Sunday May 13	<p>Sixth Sunday of Pascha: The Blind Man. Tone five. Holy Apostle James, the brother of St. John the Theologian (44). St. Donatus, bishop of Euroea in Epirus (387). Uncovering of the relics of Hieromartyr Basil, bishop of Amasea (322). Martyr Maximus of Ephesus. New Martyr Argyra of Prussa (1725). Venerable Clement the Hymnographer, abbot of the Studion (9th c.). Icon of the Most Holy Theotokos "Of the Passion". St. Erconwald, bishop of London (693) (Celtic & British). Martyrs Eutropius and Estelle of Saintes (3rd. c.) (Gaul). Sts. Quintian and Atticus (Greek).</p>
	<p>Acts 16:16-34 John 9:1-38 Reader of the Hours - Harry Oryhon Reader of the Eng. Epist.– Harry Oryhon Reader of the Ukr. Epist.– Halyna Kashpar</p>

50/50 Club

Congratulation to Ray & Tina Cucci Fischer – winners of 50/50 for the month of April, 2018.

Join the 50/50 Club in our parish. Membership is only \$5.00 a month or \$60.00 a year. You can win from \$130.00 to \$200.00 every month. The more members we get the more money you can win. In our history we had prizes of \$500.00 a month.

Plus, all of the proceeds from the club are donated to the parish.

Since the beginning, the 50/50 Club, has donated over \$99,000.00 to the parish!

Become a member and support your Parish Church.

For more information please see the president of the 50/50 club Mr. Michael Gbur or call the rectory

Seraphim Group

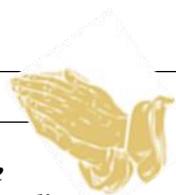


We are restarting the Seraphim. ***Next meeting is Tuesday May 15, 2018 We will meet*** at Noon at the Church Hall for some BBQ and socializing.

Election of the seraphim Group President.

Join us for great get together, outings and more each month. Fun time in the circle of fellow parishioners. Delicious food, nice atmosphere and great company. Great opportunity to socialize, make friends. *For more information see Fr. Vasyl.*

Prayer Corner for the Month of May



We ask all of you to remember in your prayers the following individuals, who are in need of God's healing and grace:

John, Josephine Hobert, Margaret, Eleanor, Ethel Smith, Michael P, Catherine Hladky, Andrew Hladky, Wally and Ann Podlecki, Valentina Schacht, Susan Hendrixson, Rayan, Dean Manson, Vera Beggs, Pavlo & Polina, Barbara Patronik, Elias, Roxana, Irene, Katheryna Czerniak, Lilian Cepynsky, Anthony Bendy, Katie Bruce, Maria Omelian, Patti Faye, Toni Marie Klavin, Hazel Gardiner, Michael Kimak, Chloe Mckinney, Yuriy Zmysly, Paul Jr & Dorothy Seliga, Wolodymer Kashpar, Nick Kapusta, Priest Vasyl Dovhan, Priest Bazil Zaveruha, Priest David Clooney, Frankie, Zachary, Orest, Alexander, Paul.

Announcements

UOL

Sr. UOL chapter at our parish is working on reorganizing its resources and forces.

Meeting of the Sr. UOL chapter is scheduled for TODAY during coffee hour. If you are interested, join the meeting.

Sr. UOL Chapter (Ukrainian Orthodox League)



Be part of an active adult group of our parish (18 and older), who promote religious, cultural, and social activities and programs and work on the growth and development of the Orthodox Church on the local and national levels.

Sisterhood of St. Anne

Thank you very much to all of our volunteers.

The next

Pierogy working days are:

Sunday June 3 - Make cheese balls

Monday June 4 - 8:00am Make Cheese pierogies

Tuesday June 5 - 8:00am Make SK & Pot balls

Wednesday June 6 - 8:00am—Noon Make SK & Pot pierogies

Thursday, June 7— Sale Noon — 4:00pm

Come and help us out

Even if it is only for an hour or two your help would be greatly appreciated.



Remember Our Shut-ins

Vera Beggs, Josephine Hobert, John Spivak, Gerald Nemeth, Tony Zerebny. *If you or someone that you know is admitted to the hospital, nursing home or is in need of pastoral care, please let me know. Fr. Vasyl*

Seven Day Vigil Candles



For the health of Victoria
For the health of Maria
For the health of my ill parents Polina & Pavlo in Ukraine by
Halyna Kashpar
For the health of both of us by Paul & Dorothy Seliga
For the health of my parents Nadia & Konstantin
For the health of Volodimer, Uliana, Andriy, Volodimer and
Anna
For the health of Maria Omelian by Fr. Vasyl

In memory of my Brother Josph Lewart on his Birth-
day. Love, John & Leona Jaksich
In memory of Evhenia, Boris, Julia, Maria, Jaroslav &
Volodimer
In memory of our son Mark Beemingham by Paul & Dorothy
Seliga



Donations in memory

In memory of Betty Jane Webb: Carolyn Nelles \$50	In memory of Nick Kapusta Carol Redmerski \$20 Pat Wolsko \$50
In memory of Stephanie Luchyn: Mike E ALvine Gbur \$50 Rich Kimak \$35 Anatol & Kathy Bilyk \$25	

Church Humor

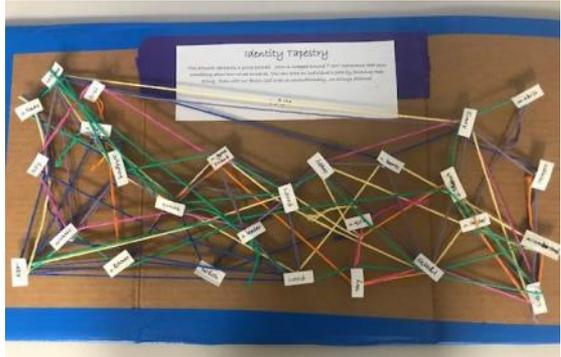
Four men are in the hospital waiting room because their wives are having babies. A nurse goes up to the first guy and says, "Congratulations! You're the father of twins."
"That's odd," answers the man. "I work for the Minnesota Twins!"
A nurse says to the second guy, "Congratulations! You're the father of triplets!"
"That's weird," answers the second man. "I work for the 3M company!"
A nurse tells the third man, "Congratulations! You're the father of quadruplets!"
"That's strange," he answers. "I work for the Four Seasons hotel!"
The last man is groaning and banging his head against the wall.
"What's wrong?" the others ask.
"I work for 7 Up!"



Sunday School Teacher's corner

Recap of the combine class on Sunday Apr. 29
We reviewed the story of the Paralytic and how his faith healed him. In addition to that, we went off on a tangent on how the Paralytic may have viewed himself (not how others saw

him). We asked the children to pick a word that would describe themselves. We then created an Identity Tapestry. When completed, it's an artwork that represents a group portrait. Yarn is wrapped around statements that show how we see our-



selves: happy, stubborn, friendly, selfish, etc. You can trace a person's path by following their string. The lesson learned? *Even with our faults God loves us unconditionally...no strings attached.*

Yours in Christ— Miss Debbie & Miss

Church Festival Basket Raffle



Basket Raffle has been very successful for 6 years in a row. The success of this raffle depends on the support of our parishioners and friends.

If you would like to donate ready gift baskets, please see PM Olenka or Sam Ganske/Hancock

Some of the ideas for baskets:

Kids basket, lottery basket, bakers basket, dog/cat treats basket, tea/coffee basket

Food themes: *Vine basket*— two bottles of wine, two glasses, bottle opener etc, *Italian* – noodles, spaghetti sauce, green pepper, onion, cheese, candle, wine. *Mexican* – taco mix, hot sauce, tortilla shells, salsa, green pepper, onion, Spanish rice mix, margarita. *German* – sausage, sauerkraut, ham, stone-ground mustard, pretzels, beer. **Any kind of basket arrangements.** 708-361-5165
New ideas will be greatly appreciated! olenkas5@yahoo.com

Coffee Hour Schedule



We kindly remind to provide and set aside snacks/food/ drinks for our children who attend Sunday School.

Today — Ludmila Piskoun and Olga Piskoun

May 13 -- MOTHER'S DAY – UOL & “Mens Club” Host

May 20 -- Artie and Christine Cucci / Tina & Ray Fischer

May 27 -- Olga & Alex Pawlenko

June 3 -- Karen Jakubczak and Ana & Jeremy Oryhon

June 10 -- Lori Zvonek and Suzanne Ciapinski

June 18 -- “Father’s Day” – Women of parish supply treats

June 24 -- *open*

July 1 -- Gayle Woloschak & Elias Gordon Family (Lenten)

July 8 -- *open*

July 15 -- ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC

July 22 -- *open*

July 29 -- PANCAKE FLIP – Sr. UOL

If you would like to volunteer for the Coffee Hour or need to change your scheduled date, please see Dr. Harry Oryhon call 708-301-5565 or email harrymolars@aol.com

Save the Date. Come and participate

Parish Feast Day and Festival -Sunday July 15, 2018

Join us in prayer, work and celebration.

Sign up Sheets to work at the Festival is placed in the Hall by the coffee table. Sign up today!

Volunteer to set up or to work at the Festival.

Volunteer to clean up after the Festival.

Support your parish!!!

Purchase Cash Raffle tickets today!

You can win: First Prize -\$5000.00; Second Prize - \$1000.00; Third Price - \$500.00. Only 200 tickets will be sold! One ticket -\$100.00 Don't miss out on the great opportunity! You can share the cost of the ticket with your friends, coworkers. Purchasing the tickets, you support our parish! All the proceeds benefit our parish. For more info see Dr. Harry Oryhon.

