

# St. Nicholas Eastern Orthodox Church

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Bulletin for  
Sunday, May 17, 2020

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On Mother's Day,  
before the  
"Sweet Kiss" Icon of  
the Holy Mother  
and Infant Jesus,  
the beautiful  
devotional prayer –  
the Akathist to the  
Holy Theotokos –  
was sung in honor  
of all mothers.

## **CHRIST IS RISEN! INDEED HE IS RISEN!**

Governor Tom Wolf has extended the “stay-at-home” order for Philadelphia until June 4.

**St. Nicholas Church will reopen the first weekend in June, Pentecost weekend, June 6-7.**

**Be prepared.**

**Please review the safety guidelines included in the Bulletin.**

All Church services are being live-streamed. To “attend” a virtual service, simply click on the YouTube channel link:

**[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCAcnmIRpplmasL-806\\_Lzrg](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCAcnmIRpplmasL-806_Lzrg)**

## **Schedule of Services**

**to be served by Father Bohdan**

**with the Congregation praying at home**

**ALL SERVICES WILL BE WEBCAST**

<b>Saturday, May 16</b>	<b>5:00 pm: Vespers</b>
<b>Sunday, May 17</b> <b>SUNDAY OF THE SAMARITAN WOMAN</b>	<b>9:30 am: Divine Liturgy</b>
<b>Saturday, May 23</b>	<b>5:00 pm: Vespers</b>
<b>Sunday, May 24</b> <b>SUNDAY OF THE BLIND MAN</b>	<b>9:30 am: Divine Liturgy</b>

# Sunday, May 17: Sunday of the Samaritan Woman at the Well

The Samaritan Woman had a name: St. Photini. She lived in 1<sup>st</sup> Century Palestine and was the Samaritan woman who Christ visited at the well asking her for water. It was she who accepted the “living water” offered her by Christ Himself after repenting her many sins. Thereafter, St. Photini told the townspeople that she had met Christ. For this, she is sometimes recognized as the first to proclaim the Gospel of Christ. She later converted her five sisters (Sts. Anatole, Photo, Photis, Paraskeve, and Kyriake) and her two sons (Victor and Joses) who all became tireless evangelists for Christ.



The apostles of Christ baptized the Samaritan Woman and gave her the name Photini which means “the enlightened one.” She is remembered by the Church as a Holy Martyr and Equal to the Apostles. After Sts. Peter and Paul were martyred, St. Photini and her family left their homeland of Sychar, in Samaria, to travel to Carthage to proclaim the Gospel of Christ there.



Father Bohdan reads the Holy Gospel – John 5:1-15 –  
at Divine Liturgy on Sunday, May 10.

# Father Bohdan's Sermon ~ Sunday, May 10 John 5:1-15

## Christ Is Risen!



Today, the 4th Sunday of Pascha, the Bible reading tells of a miracle: the healing of the paralytic man by Christ. It is the story of a man who is paralyzed and lays on a cot next to a pool of water with healing powers. But he cannot get into the water. He is paralyzed, alone by himself, and in despair. He has no one to help him, and no hope. It is Jesus who comes to help the man. He asks the man a simple ~ but very important -- question: do you wish to be healed? Yes, the man says, meaning that he repents his sins and accepts Christ's love.

Christ then says: take up your bed and walk. For only Christ could heal his illness, forgive his sins and perform this miracle. Both body and soul were healed. In the same way Christ came to the paralytic man, He also finds us when we need to be healed. It is through His love and our repentance that we can then walk forward. Be ready when Christ comes to you and asks: "Do you wish to be healed?" What will your answer be? Amen.

# Father Bohdan's Mother's Day Blessing



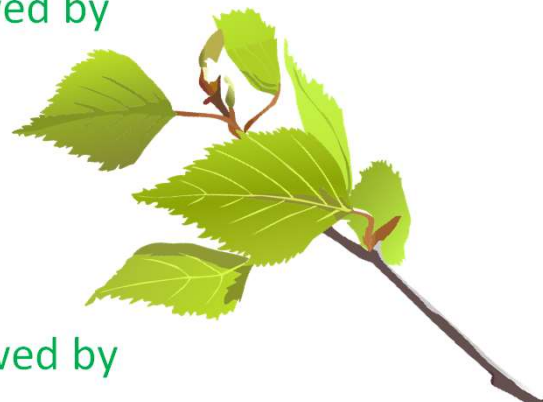
Happy Mother's Day! to  
Moms, Grandmoms,  
Godmothers, aunts, sisters,  
family members, friends. There  
are many women in our lives who  
are not our birth mothers but  
who play an important maternal  
role: guiding us, caring for us,  
loving us. Of course, the  
greatest example of a Godly  
mother is Mary, the Blessed  
Mother, who sacrificed her son  
for us. You just heard the  
beautiful devotional prayer  
called the Akathist to the Holy  
Theotokos that was sung in  
honor of our mothers today.  
God grant you all many years,  
much happiness and good  
health! God bless you all.



## *Looking Ahead to the Weekend of Pentecost: June 6-7*

Saturday, June 6

9:30 AM: Divine Liturgy followed by  
a Panikhida for John Martin  
12:00 Noon: Grave Blessings  
at Oakland Cemetery  
5:00 PM: Vespers



Sunday, June 7  
**PENTECOST**

9:30 AM: Divine Liturgy, followed by  
Vespers (kneeling prayers)

**online**  
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Your contribution is automatically deposited into the Church Fund of your choice.

You will be emailed a receipt.

*Simple, easy, needed and greatly appreciated!*

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! Our Treasurer, Ellen Hanavin, reports that your donations continue to arrive, and you have been very generous to your St. Nicholas Church. This week, the total was \$2,081.27. St. Nicholas Church needs your financial help more than ever. Along with many other individuals and businesses, our Church has lost significant income – yet the bills do not stop. Again, THANK YOU to those of you who have been making your weekly “envelope” contributions and vigil payments online. This is a sensible way to handle money during this challenging time.



### Donations to the Building Fund 2020

1. In Memory of Victoria Patterson from Diane Kavchok, Renee Murphy, Vicki Borriello, and Gail Osborn

2. Anna Kuliasha

3. Colleen and Nicholas Philipp in Memory of Parents/Grandparents Pauline and Charles John Redmond



Please remember our homebound parishioner:

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# SUNDAY and ANNUAL VIGILS LIT TODAY

Altar Candles: \$35;  
Analog Candles: \$25  
Sunday Vigils: \$2;  
Annual Vigils: \$100

## SUNDAY VIGILS

1. For the repose of the soul of John Martin. Memory Eternal. Offered by Susan Guz
2. For the health of my sister, Karen Niehoff, Love, Gail
3. For the health of our sister/aunt, Karen Niehoff, love, Renee, Frank, Alex and Matt
4. For the health of my daughter, Stacey DeSimone, on her birthday, Love, Mom
5. In memory of my Godmother, Evelyn Atlee, Love, Gail
6. For the health and congratulations to our son/brother, Alex Murphy, on his graduation from the University of Maryland! We are so proud of you! Love Mom, Dad and Matt
7. For the health of Aunt Marie and Uncle Bill on their 60th Wedding Anniversary. Many more years of health and happiness. Love, Dawn & Ron xoxo

## ANNUAL VIGILS

1. +The Repose of the soul of Carol Dantine, offered by David Dantine, Jr. and Family. exp. 11/1/21
2. +The Repose of the souls of George and Barbara Wohar, offered by Barbara McMonigle and Family. exp. 11/1/20
3. +The Repose of the souls of John and Helen Guz, and John and Mary Dzwonczyk, offered by daughters/granddaughters Patricia Walker and Susan Guz. exp. 12/31/20
4. +The Repose of the souls of Helen and Michael Zaruba, and Christina and Christopher Natale. May Their Memory Be Eternal. Offered with love by Daughter/Sister/Aunt, Marcia O'Connor. exp. 10/1/20
5. +The Repose of the souls of the Kucheruk Family, Matrona, Constantine, George, William, Anthony, Anna, John "Whitey" and Helen Horbacz. exp. 7/1/20
6. +The Repose of the souls of All Members of the Sisterhood Fallen Asleep in the Lord, offered by the Sisterhood of the Pokrova. exp. 10/13/20
7. +The Repose of the souls of the Boljarevich Family, Anastasia (Nancy) Yarosh, Helen Kon, Helen and John "Whitey" Horbacz, Harry Mason, Sophie Gamble, Michael Zaruba and John Martin. PERPETUAL
8. +The Repose of the soul of my beloved husband, our devoted father and grandfather, Jack Kavchok. May his memory be eternal! Offered with love, Diane, John, Michael, Melissa, Makenzie, Riley and Kylie. exp. 8/1/20
9. +The Repose of the souls of Emil and Helen Levchenko offered by daughter, Ellen Hanavin. exp. 12/31/20
10. +The Repose of the souls of Irina and Michael Sierp, Konstantin, Olga, Lydia and Juris Teterski, Richard Boswell, and the health of all living members of the Teterski, Sierp, Boswell and Lis Families, offered by Susan Lis. exp. 9/18/20
11. +The Repose of the soul of our mother and grandmother, Helen Marx, offered by Victoria, Frank, Christopher, Stephanie, Julia, Nicholas, Krissy, Nathan and Morgan Borriello. exp. 4/19/21
12. +In memory of John and Susan Stetsuk, offered by Susan Isaac. exp. 12/31/20
13. +In memory of Paul Stetsuk, offered by Susan Isaac. Exp. 12/31/20
14. +In memory of Vera, Richard and Paul Wienckowski, offered by Susan Isaac. exp. 12/31/20
15. +In memory of Evelyn Atlee, offered by the Borriello Family. exp. 12/31/20
16. +In memory of Nadia Borriello, offered by the Borriello Family. exp. 5/31/21
17. +In loving memory of our mother Lillian Fox, offered by Renee, Gail, Karen & Families, exp. 8/1/20
18. +The Repose of the souls of the Kowal Family: Andrew, Paraskeva, Andrew, Catherine, Susan, John, Nionila, Anna, David, Franklin Shultz and Edward Barrett, offered by Drew Kowal. exp. 11/1/20
19. For the health of Mykhailo, Tetiana, David, Svitlana, Vitaliy, Marina, Viktor, Ilona, Bogdan, Oleksandra, Volodymyr, Halyna, Victoria, Mykola, Father Bohdan Zhoba and his family, and in memory of Mykhailo, Yaroslav, Anna, Petro, Bohdan, newly-departed Anna, Veronika, Tetiana, Oleksander, Diana, Olga, Hrystyna, Dimitriy and Diana, offered by Michael, Tetiana and David Kuchmiak. exp. 12/31/20
20. For the health of Dmitry, Olga, Denis, Anna, Aetyom, Ludmila, Vladyslav, Tatiyna, Sofiya, Konstantin, Vladimir, Natalia, Ludmila, and in memory of Boris, Evdokiya, Nina, Oleg, Anna, Raisa, Leonid, Valerii, Zinaida, offered by Denis and Anna Bivoino. exp. 3/1/20
21. +In memory of Vladimir, offered by Denis and Anna Bivoino. exp. 3/1/20
22. +The Repose of the soul of Andrej Cebotarev (+July 2018), offered by brother Zlatko Plese. exp. 4/1/20
23. For the health of Olga, Albina, Pavel and Elizaveta, offered by Olga Fitzgerald. exp. 5/1/20
24. +In memory of my beloved parents, Nadejda and Carlos Davidyán, and for the health and protection of my son, Karlos, offered by Era Carter. exp. 6/1/20
25. For the health of Vasyl, Maria, Anna, Mykhailyna, Viktor, Oksana, Volodymyra, Anna-Diana, Olga, Mykola, Olga, Marianna, Oksana, Volodymyra, Olga, Roman, Volodymyr, Iryna-Olesia, Bohdan and Angelina, offered by Oksana and Victor Voloshnovskyy. exp. 9/1/20
26. +The Repose of the souls of Stephen and Helen V. Sameruck, offered by Barbara Latsios, Judy Hanney and families. exp. 10/25/20



# Congratulations!

UNIVERSITY OF  
MARYLAND

VIRTUAL SPRING 2020

*Commencement*  
CEREMONY

Congratulations to  
University of Maryland  
2020 Graduate  
**ALEX MURPHY**

**Alex Murphy, son of Renee and Frank Murphy, and  
Matt's big brother, graduates from the  
University of Maryland - VIRTUALLY -  
on Friday, May 22, at 1:00 PM.**

**CONGRATULATIONS, ALEX!**

**BEST WISHES TO THE MURPHY FAMILY**



University of Maryland Graduate **ALEX MURPHY** was a Journalism major with a Spanish minor. He focused on sports writing and aspires to work as a beat writer or social media coordinator. Alex wrote for many on-campus publications like Capital News Service, The Diamondback, and Testudo Times. He also plays the saxophone and was a member of The Mighty Sound of Maryland Marching band for 3 years and the Pep Band 4 years. He traveled with the Pep Band to two NCAA tournaments and was scheduled to go again this year, but the coronavirus quarantine made that impossible. Unfortunately, his college experience ended abruptly in March when he moved back home to finish his last semester online. Alex virtually graduates on May 22, 2020, when the University will live-stream the ceremony. The Murphy Family are planning to re-create the procession in their backyard!





**ALEX MURPHY**  
**Class of 2020**  
**University of**  
**Maryland**

**FATHER BOHDAN INVITED TO  
INTERNATIONAL  
VIDEOCONFERENCE TO  
DISCUSS CHURCH SAFETY  
GUIDELINES DURING PANDEMIC**

The Theological Academy and Seminary in Kyiv and Lutsk, Ukraine, hosted a three-hour videoconference attended by ten Professors of Theology to discuss the Ukrainian Orthodox Church response to the global coronavirus pandemic.



Father Bohdan was asked to participate, which he did via Skype. The conference began Tuesday morning, May 12, at 11:00 am (Kyiv time), 4:00 am (Philadelphia time). In an effort to share and implement best practices to prevent the spread of the virus, the Academy welcomed insight from an American parish, and from Father Bohdan, in particular.

Father Bohdan presented St. Nicholas Church's practical safety guidelines (see next page), translated into Ukrainian.



# Safety Guidelines for the Reopening of St. Nicholas Church

Very Reverend Bohdan Zhoba, Rector

St. Nicholas Church has created its own guidelines to prepare us to safely worship together in Church – only after we receive official directives regarding reopening from the Governors in the states that affect our parishioners. Our tentative plan is to reopen on June 7.

*All services will be webcast.*

- 1. Everyone must wear a mask. No mask, no entry.**
- 2. Upon entering the church, touching the exterior door handle is inevitable. Signs will be posted instructing everyone to immediately wash their hands upon entering the building and prior to going upstairs to the sanctuary.**
- 3. Bathroom entry doors will be left open to eliminate touching.**
- 4. Bathrooms will be amply stocked with soap and paper towels.**
- 5. Hall doors and the door to the sanctuary will be left open to eliminate touching.**
- 6. A plexiglass shield with an opening at the bottom will be set up in the candle room window. Hand sanitizer will be supplied for the person selling candles in the candle room.**
- 7. Every other row of seats will be roped off to prevent sitting in that row to enforce social distancing. Families can sit together.**
- 8. Signs will be placed telling worshippers not to touch or kiss the icons. Venerate, do not touch.**
- 9. The person passing the collection basket will wear a mask and gloves. No children should pass the basket at this time.**
- 10. Confession: Father Bohdan will give absolution during a general confession, after reading the prayer of St. John of Kronstadt. He will instruct penitents to prepare properly for general confession (fasting in the morning, praying, examining your conscience, reflecting on your actions and thoughts). The confession prayer of St. John of Kronstadt will be read aloud by the Reader prior to receiving Communion.**
- 11. Communion. Father will wear a mask to protect himself when parishioners receive communion. Tables with trays will be set up to hold individual communion spoons, one tray for clean spoons; another for used spoons.**
- 12. Communion Line: An X will be marked on the floor with yellow tape every 6 feet to enforce social distancing.**
- 13. After receiving Communion, wine will be poured into disposable cups. Pieces of prosphora will also be put into individual disposable cups to prevent people from touching other pieces.**
- 14. A trash can, lined with a plastic bag, will be placed in the area to dispose of used cups.**
- 15. Prior to pouring the wine and setting up the bread on the communion cart, that person must wash his/her hands, in addition to wearing gloves and a mask.**
- 16. For the time being, the Choir Director will sing the responses alone. (The Choir members will return in September at which time the music stands will be moved further apart separated with clear plastic curtains.)**
- 17. We will refrain from socializing after church services. No coffee hour, no fellowship lunches until further notice.**
- 18. Father Bohdan will determine his own safety rules behind the altar. For the time being, he will continue to serve alone.**
- 19. Our church cleaning person will clean and disinfect the bathrooms and sanctuary during the week prior to the next Sunday's service.**
- 20. Reopening the Church does not mean that you must come. If you are not comfortable in attending, STAY HOME. If you are not feeling well, STAY HOME. If you want to attend and are healthy, welcome!**

# Безпека Керівні принципи для повторного відкриття Свято-Миколаївської Церкви

Його високопреподобіє  
Богдан Згоба, Настоятель

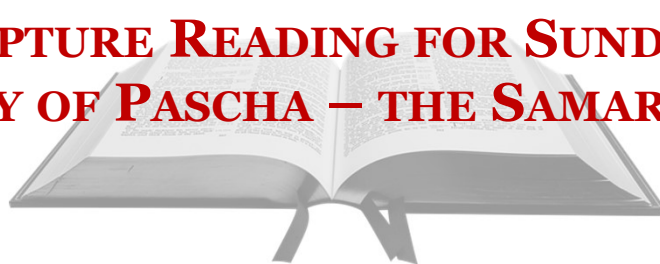
Церква Святого Миколая сформувала власні настанови, щоб підготувати всіх нас до безпечного богослужіння разом у Церкві - лише після того, як ми отримаємо офіційні розпорядження щодо повторного відкриття від губернаторів у штатах, де проживають наші парафіяни. Наш попередній план - відновитись 7 червня.

*Всі богослужіння доступні в он-лайн.*

1. Кожен повинен носити маску. Без маски немає входу.
2. При вході до храму, доторкання до ручки входних дверей неминуче. Будуть вивішені інформаційні оголошення, які вказують усім негайно вимити руки при вході в будівлю храму та перед тим, як пройти далі в храм.
3. Вхідні двері до гігієнічної кімнати залишатимуться відкритими, щоб уникнути дотиків.
4. Гігієнічні кімнати будуть в достатній кількості забезпечені милом та паперовими рушниками.
5. Двері притвору та двері до основної частини храму залишатимуться відкритими, щоб уникнути дотиків.
6. В кімнаті церковної лавки буде встановлено щиток з оргскла з отвором вниз. Для особи, що продає свічки в церковній лавці буде поставлений дезінфікуючий засіб.
7. Кожен другий ряд для сидіння буде не доступний для використання, щоб забезпечити соціальне дистанціювання. Сім'ї можуть сидіти поруч.
8. Будуть встановлені інформаційні знаки, що інформують прихожан не торкатись і не цілувати ікони. Шануй, але не торкайся.
9. Особа, яка передає кошик для збору пожертв, одягне маску та рукавички. В час дії обмежувальних заходів, жодна дитина не повинна передавати кошик.
10. Сповідь: Отець Богдан сповідатиме загальною сповіддю, прочитавши молитву святого Іоанна Кронштадтського. Він дасть вказівки сповідникам, щоб належним чином підготуватися до загальної сповіді (вранці нічого не їсти, молитись, обмірковувати свої вчинки, розмірковувати про свої дії та думки). Молитва сповіді святого Іоанна Кронштадтського буде зачитана вголос перед прийняттям Причастя
11. Причастя. Отець Богдан буде носити маску, щоб захистити себе, коли парафіяни прийматимуть причастя. Будуть встановлені столи з підносами для розміщення окремих ложок для причастя, один піднос для чистих ложок; інший для використаних ложок.
12. Лінія Причастя: жовтою стрічкою через кожні 6 футів позначатиметься «X» на підлозі, щоб забезпечувати соціальне дистанціювання.
13. Після Причастя запивка буде розливатись в одноразові стаканчики. Шматочки просфори також будуть покладені в окремі одноразові стаканчики, щоб люди не торкалися інших шматочків просфор.
14. У місці для утилізації використаних стаканчиків буде розміщений контейнер для сміття з поліетиленовим пакетом.
15. Перед тим, як налити запивку та поставити просфорки в кошик, особа повинна вимити руки, на додачу до рукавичок та маски.
16. Наразі керівник хору співатиме самостійно. (У вересні члени хору повернуться, тоді приміщення кліросу буде розділено прозорими пластиковими шторами.)
17. Ми утримаємось від спілкування після церковних служб. Ні години кави, ні спільних обідів до подальшого повідомлення.
18. Отець Богдан визначить власні правила безпеки у вівтарі. Поки що він проводитиме богослужіння один.
19. Особа, що прибирає церкву, буде чистити та дезінфікувати гігієнічні кімнати та храм протягом тижня - до служби наступної неділі.
20. Повторне відкриття Церкви не означає, що ви повинні прийти. Якщо вам не комфортно відвідувати - **ЗАЛИШАЙТЕСЬ ВДОМА**. Якщо ви не відчуваєте себе добре - **ЗАЛИШАЙТЕСЬ ВДОМА**. Якщо ви хочете відвідати та здорові - ласкаво просимо!

# THE SCRIPTURE READING FOR SUNDAY, MAY 17

## 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF PASCHA – THE SAMARITAN WOMAN



**PRIEST:** Let us attend! Peace be unto all!

**READER:** And to thy spirit.

**PRIEST:** Wisdom!

**READER:** The Prokeimenon in the 4<sup>th</sup> Tone: O Lord, how manifold are Thy works! In wisdom hast Thou made them all!

**CHOIR:** O Lord, how manifold are Thy works! In wisdom hast Thou made them all!

**READER:** Bless the Lord, O my soul! O my God, Thou art very great! O Lord, how manifold are Thy works!

**CHOIR:** In wisdom hast Thou made them all!

**PRIEST:** Wisdom!

**READER:** The reading is from the Acts of the Holy Apostles.

**PRIEST:** Let us attend!

**READER:** Brothers...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. 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. And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number believed and turned to the Lord. 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. 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. For he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a great many people were added to the Lord. Then Barnabas departed for Tarsus to seek Saul. 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. Then the disciples, each according to his ability, determined to send relief to the brethren dwelling in Judea. This they also did and sent it to the elders by the hands of Barnabas and Saul. **(Acts 11:19-26; 29-30)**

**PRIEST:** Peace be unto thee, Reader.

**READER:** And to thy spirit.

**PRIEST:** Wisdom!

**READER:** Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! **CHOIR:** Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**READER:** Go forth, prosper and reign, because of truth and meekness and righteousness. You love righteousness and hate inequity.

**CHOIR:** Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**PRIEST:** Wisdom! Let us attend! Let us listen to the Holy Gospel. Peace be unto all.

**CHOIR:** And to thy spirit.

**PRIEST:** The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Saint John.

**CHOIR:** Glory to Thee, O Lord, glory to Thee.

**PRIEST:** Let us attend. So He came to a city of Samaria which is called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Now Jacob's well was there. Jesus therefore, being wearied from His journey, sat thus by the well. It was about the sixth hour. A woman of Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give Me a drink." For His disciples had gone away into the city to buy food. 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. 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." 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? 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? Jesus answered and said to her, "Whoever drinks of this water will thirst again, 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. The woman said to Him, "Sir, give me this water, that I may not thirst, nor come here to draw." Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." The woman answered and said, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You have well said, 'I have no husband,' for you have had five husbands, and the one whom you now have is not your husband; in that you spoke truly. The woman said to Him, "Sir, I perceive that You are a prophet. Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, and you Jews say that in Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship. Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe Me, the hour is coming when you will neither on this mountain, nor in Jerusalem, worship the Father. You worship what you do not know; we know what we worship, for salvation is of the Jews. 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. God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth. The woman said to Him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When He comes, He will tell us all things." Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am He." 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?" The woman then left her waterpot, went her way into the city, and said to the men, Come, see a Man who told me all things that I ever did. Could this be the Christ? Then they went out of the city and came to Him. In the meantime His disciples urged Him, saying, "Rabbi, eat." But He said to them, "I have food to eat of which you do not know." Therefore the disciples said to one another, "Has anyone brought Him anything to eat?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to finish His work. Do you not say, 'There are still four months and then comes the harvest'? Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look at the fields, for they are already white for harvest! And he who reaps receives wages, and gathers fruit for eternal life, that both he who sows and he who reaps may rejoice together. For in this the saying is true: 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap that for which you have not labored; others have labored, and you have entered into their labors. And many of the Samaritans of that city believed in Him because of the word of the woman who testified, "He told me all that I ever did." So when the Samaritans had come to Him, they urged Him to stay with them; and He stayed there two days. And many more believed because of His own word. Then they said to the woman, "Now we believe, not because of what you said, for we ourselves have heard Him and we know that this is indeed the Christ, the Savior of the world." **(John 4:5-42)**

**CHOIR:** Glory to Thee, O Lord, glory to Thee.