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WEEKEND LITURGIES: Sat eve: 6:00 p.m. Sun: 11:00 a.m. HOLYDAYS: 6:00 p.m.

The Samaritan Woman

The Fourth Gospel, attributed to Saint John the Evangelist, is used exclusively from Easter until Pentecost for the Sunday readings. The first chapter of John's Gospel is the proclamation used for the Divine Liturgy on Easter itself. This week, we are reminded of the story of Christ's encounter with the Samaritan woman at the well of Jacob, and thereby Christ's fulfillment of the Old Testament. In one of the many unique stories of the Fourth Gospel not found in the Synoptics (Matthew, Mark or Luke), Jesus reveals himself as Messiah to this woman of Samaria and talks with her about the "water that I will give will become ... a spring of water gushing up to eternal life."

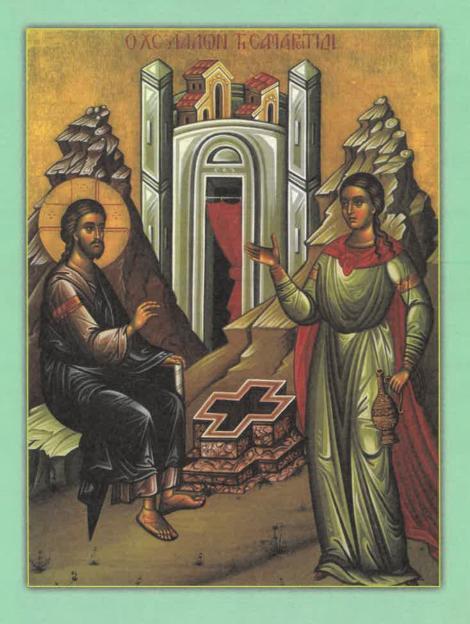
In the early days of His ministry, Jesus travels back and forth between Galilee and Jerusalem, and must pass through Samaria. The Samaritans

were outcast Jews because they were not subject to the Babylonia exile of the Israelites from other provinces. Therefore, when Jesus talks with this Samaritan woman, His disciples are surprised and in shock that He would carry on a conversation with a woman at the well, let alone a Samaritan. But as the story is explained, the woman's testimony about Jesus spreads through the nearby town, and because of her many come to hear His teachings. After hearing His word, they come to believe in Him, and proclaim Him "the Savior of the world." (In 4:42)

With water as the focal point of this encounter, we are once again reminded of our Baptism, and that Christ's Baptism is that of "eternal life" through "living water."

Archbishop Vsevolod of Scopelos

SUNDAY OF THE SAMARITAN WOMAN



Icon of the Samaritan Woman

Christ Is Risen! Indeed, He Is Risen! Christós Voskrése! Voistinnu Voskrése!



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SAT., MAY 17

(Vigil Paschal Sunday Divine Liturgy)

6:00 p.m.

+Irene Waliga

requested by: Jack & Betty Macala

(11th anniversary of passing 4.10)

SUN.. MAY 18

THE SUNDAY OF THE SAMARITAN

WOMAN – 5th Paschal Sunday

11:00 a.m.

+Anna Drotar

requested by: Family

MON., MAY 19 -FRI., MAY 23

No Divine Services Scheduled



SAT., MAY 24

(Vigil Paschal Sunday Divine Liturgy) - Fr. John Welch, Celebrant

6:00 p.m.

+Msgr. Victor G. Romza requested by: Deacon Donald M & Jean Billy (remembrance of ordination anniversary 5.31)

SUN., MAY 25

THE SUNDAY OF THE MAN BORN BLIND

- 6th Paschal Sunday - Memorial Day Weekend

11:00 a.m.

+Peggy +Conrad Straub

requested by: Liz & Family









May 18 - Nancy Ann Modarelli

May 19 - Dominic J. Cutrone

May 24 - Giavonna Morucci

Church Attendance

Saturday 5/10 - 107 (12:30 pm)

-40 (6:00 pm)

Sunday 5/11 - 48 (11:00 am)

Pray For The Homebound, Sick, Hospitalized, & In Recovery updated: May 16, 2025

RESIDING AT HOME – Jeremy Clark, Michael Drotar, Vince Gomori, Greta Marks, Vera Orosz, Lindsy Perrone, Lucille Puhak, Martha Swantek, Ed Tirpack.

The Inn at Ironwood (6699 Ironwood Boulevard, Canfield, OH 44406) - Dorothy Leone.

Windsor House at St. Mary's (1899 W. Garfield Road, Columbiana, OH 44408) — Anne Thomas.

Briarfield Place (8400 Market Street, Youngstown, OH 44512) — Geraldine Dubos.

Church offerings from May 10 & 11, 2025

Sunday Offering \$1,510.00 Loose Currency \$25.00

Candles \$92.00 Easter \$25.00 TOTAL: \$1,652.00

Cemetery plots.... \$750.00



May 11th TOTAL: \$148.00

Weekly Requirement to Meet Yearly Expenses				
Date	Collection	Required	(Shortage)	
May 11	\$1,652	\$2,850	(\$1,198)	
YTD	\$49,002	\$54,150	(\$5,148)	



Quote of the Week There are only two

ways to live your life. One is though nothing is a miracle. The other is as though everything is a miracle."

— Albert Einstein

THE PRAYER STANDOFF LINGERED ON

Flowers

birdofparadise

morningglory

snapdragon

hydrangea

dandilion

carnation

sunflower



daffodil D J S S jasmine F X W G I G Q H R U H K N Y GUVCNZOLITFYOU orcid YRWCAUXATSDIL poppy 0 O B INDRSFI NKXDTDAMEWAY daisy RQHAEWDYMWJNJ lilly LCDNROHTMHONRA lilac LDPVRGUJGLYAS RZTLIIGAGZLYQFVCM Tulip X Q Z L A K L Y N G I U Q N G I I Aster TCCJGASPXRUTQN DRECAFHYCSHEE iris MORNINGGLORYCH Rose IDARAPFODRIB DOFFADEUSETEHBR

How Jesus Dealt With Prejudice

The story of the Samaritan woman is another example of our Lord proclaiming the Good News in a place where it was least expected, to people not expected to receive the message. With the Samaritan Woman, Jesus chose to overcome the prejudice of the Jewish people against the Samaritans. The Samaritans were viewed by the Jews as traitors, as people who were not worthy of the salvation of God. And yet, Jesus chose her to reveal Himself as the Living Water. Sadly, many of us have a preconceived notion of what a saint or an apostle is supposed to be like. We usually see them as merely holy people, with a rather milky-white view of the world. Contrary to this view, Jesus chooses not the "holy" in the eyes of the world, but rather the simple and earthy to share His message. The Samaritan woman certainly would not be seen as a "saint" in the view of most people. Married five times, she certainly wouldn't be viewed as a "good catch" among the Samaritans. And "living with a man not her husband" clearly portrays her as a sinner, and not a disciple of the Lord. Yet, Jesus chooses to reveal Himself to this sinner. We, too, can fall into the trap of believing that only certain people will listen to the Good News of the Living Water of Christ. But everyone needs to hear the Good News of Jesus Christ. No matter what our station is in life, we are all called to share the Good News of the Savior of the World. No matter what we have done in this world, no matter what our sins may be, Jesus is really ready to share himself with us and call upon us to share Him with others. Let us listen to the Word of the Lord God and share the truth of the Living Waters with everyone we meet.

Jesus made God's love personal:

- To friendless Zacchaeus alone up a tree
- To the blind beggar lying by the roadside crying for help.
- To the woman who touched the hem of His robe seeking healing.
- To the adulteress who was about to be stoned for her sin.
- To the father who came pleading in behalf of his sick daughter.
- To the thief who was crucified next to Him.
- And to the Samaritan woman whom He met by the well.

His hours were full, yet He was never too busy to spend time with individuals to show them that God cared personally for each one of them. How personal was the love of Jesus for the Samaritan woman and for all who encountered Him! May we throw up one arm each day in prayer to receive the love of Christ and then throw the other arm out horizontally to aim this love that we receive from Jesus to others, to those we meet every day, beginning with the members of our own family. It would be difficult to find a more devastating force in history than the form of prejudice known as elitism. People fancy themselves to be a privileged group and conclude that all others are unworthy of consideration. Even if certain people have good reason to believe they are special in God's eyes, others are special too, in their own way. Unbridled elitism leads to rejection and even persecution of others, simply because they are different. This fierce prejudice in Jesus' day pitted Jews against Samaritans. The roots of this unhappily mutual aversion lay deep in history, and has been aggravated over the centuries by atrocities on both sides. Emotion had conquered reason.

Jesus fought this wretched attitude throughout his ministry. He scandalized people by embracing those whom elitism wrote off as irrevocably damned: "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them!" (Luke 15:2). The "better people" had classified as sinners all those who did not measure up to their criteria of righteousness, and Jesus' all-embracing table fellowship infuriated them. The arrogance of this Galilean, this peasant, this untrained layman! Let us then, on this day of commemorating the Samaritan woman, written off by those around her, seek to fix our own eyes, our own viewpoints and notions of how the world works and see others as they are: human beings, but more importantly, children of God. In the joy of this Paschal season and beyond, let us embrace on another, even those who hate us or whom we hate, as we live our lives in the light of Christ and His message.

Chic Parm dinner Today; soup too

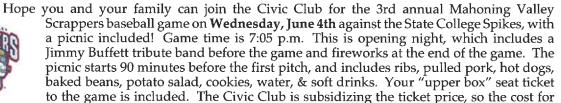
TODAY, May 18th, from 12:00 noon – 2:00 p.m., our St. Michael Church is having a Chicken Parmesan Dinner including spaghetti, salad, bread, & dessert. \$15.00 per dinner. Eat in or take-out. Homemade wedding soup will also be available for \$12.00 a quart; \$5 a bowl



Civic Club meeting TODAY

The Civic Club meeting will be **TODAY**, **May 18th**, **at 12:15 p.m.** in the bar room. This will be the final meeting until September.

Last day to sign up for Scrappers game



the group outing is <u>ONLY</u> \$10.00 per parishioner (the price for non-parishioners is \$30). There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex. If you have questions, please email Civic Club president Nick DuBos at: nicholasdubos@gmail.com.

Civic Club Steak Raffle

The Civic Club is once again holding its Memorial Day Steak Raffle. Tickets are only \$5, and the drawing will be held on Sunday, May 25, at the 11:00 a.m. Sunday Divine Liturgy. Please consider purchasing a ticket(s) and good luck.

- --1st Prize: New Gas Grill & a \$100 Gift Card to Longhorn Steak House
- --2nd Prize: Lottery Tree & a \$50 Gift Card to Longhorn Steak House
- --3rd Prize: Bottle of Bourbon & a \$50 Gift Card to Longhorn Steak House



Blessing of graves at our cemetery



On Memorial Day, Monday, May 26th, at 9:30 a.m., a Panachida will be offered followed by the blessing of graves of any loved ones you request at our St. Michael Cemetery. In case of heavy rain, the blessing of graves will be rescheduled at another time. A cancelation will be posted on fb if need be.

Trees to be trimmed at our cemetery

The 30 trees at our Cemetery along Sanderson Avenue are badly drooping down on the street as well as on the other side where headstones are as well. The parish office received a letter this past week from the City of Campbell to correct this problem, as the street is unable to be swept clean by the city. Novicky Tree Service was hired and the trees will be trimmed hopefully this week. The total cost of this project is \$2,400.00.





Turning 21 years a priest

Our Pastor will celebrate his **21st Anniversary of Priesthood Ordination** this Friday. He was ordained a priest by the late +Archbishop Basil M. Schott on May 23, 2004 at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist in Munhall, PA. Congrats on your 21st anniversary Very Rev. Kev!

Parishioner turns "75"

Our Saint Michael Parish offers Happy Birthday wishes to NANCY MODARELLI who celebrates her "75th" birthday TODAY, Sunday, MAY 18th. May the Lord God grant to His handmaid, Nancy, peace, health, and happiness, for many blessed years, for Christ Is Risen. Happy 75th Birthday Nancy!



Retired priest celebrates Golden anniversary

Our Saint Michael Parish offers Congratulatory wishes to FR. RICHARD LAMBERT who celebrates his 50th Anniversary of Priesthood Ordination. He was ordained on May 18, 1975. Fr. Richard has been retired for over a year now and resides in Boardman. May the Lord God grant to His priestly servant, Fr. Richard, peace, health, and happiness, for many blessed years, for Christ Is Risen.

Calling all graduates

If you are graduating this year, either from high school, college/university, or other school, our St. Michael Parish would like to recognize you for your achievement. Let our pastor know of your graduation asap. You will be honored at a Liturgy. So far, we have 0 graduates who registered.

Pentecost Sunday parish breakfast



Our St. Michael Church will have a parish breakfast on **Pentecost Sunday**, **June 8th following the 11:00 a.m. Pentecost Sunday Divine Liturgy.** This breakfast is open for all parishioners and will also be a breakfast to honor both mothers and fathers in celebration of Mother's/Father's Day. The RSVP sheet is enclosed in today's bulletin.

Holyday of OBLIGATION approaching

Thursday, May 29th is the Feast of the Ascension. It is a holyday of obligation in our Byzantine Catholic Church. The liturgical schedule for both churches are as follows:

Wednesday, May 28th – 6:00 p.m. St. Michael, Hermitage Thursday, May 29th – 6:00 p.m. St. Michael, Campbell

3 Tier Auction happening – need prizes

Sunday, September 7th will be the return of our 3-Tier Auction. Your help is needed in securing new prizes. Sales are out there! Please consider donating a new item (appliance, jewelry, purse, electronics, housewares, etc.). Let's really make this auction super spectacular!



St. Michael Parish Breakfast

Pentecost Sunday June 8, 2025 12:15 p.m.

cheese quiche * scrambled eggs
sausage patties * bacon
breakfast potatoes * kona french toast
fresh fruit * assorted pastries & muffins
juice, coffee, tea

\$12 per adult; kids free

Pentecost Sunday parish breakfast			
Name:			
# Adults: # Children:			
TOTAL Payment Enclosed \$			
# seats needed at a table			
Place form with payment in collection basket or you may send it in: RSVP by Sunday, June 1st			
Cash or Checks made out to: St. Michael Church			

