

Metropolitan Anthony Bloom on the Samaritan Woman

The Samaritan woman came to the well without any spiritual purpose; she came, as she came daily, to fetch water – and she met Christ. Each of us may meet our God at any turn in our life, when we are about our most homely tasks, if our hearts are turned in the right direction, if we are prepared to receive a message, to listen; indeed – to ask questions! Because the Samaritan woman asked a question of Christ, and what she heard transcended her question in such a way that she recognised in Him a prophet, and later – the Christ, the Saviour of the world. But the light must not be pushed under a bushel. Having discovered that the Light had come into the world, that the word of divine truth was resounding now amidst men, that God was among us, she left behind all concerns and ran to share the joy, the wonder of what she had discovered with others. She brought her fellow-citizens to Christ. She told them first why she believed; and when perhaps curiosity, or the convincing power of her words, and the change that had occurred in her brought them to Christ, they saw for themselves and said to her, It is no longer because of what you say that we believe – we have seen, we have heard. And this is what the Samaritan woman teaches all of us: be open at every moment of life, while we are busy with the simplest things, to receive the divine word, to be illumined by the divine light, to be cleansed by His purity, to receive it in the depths of our souls, receive it with all our life, so that people seeing what we have become may believe that the light has come into the world. Let us pray to the Samaritan woman to teach us, to guide us, to bring us to Christ in the way in which she came, and to serve Him in the way in which she served Him, being the salvation of all who were around her.

“Let us Attend!”



CHRIST IS RISEN! INDEED HE IS RISEN!

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Sunday of the Samaritan Woman

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5th SUNDAY OF PASCHA — Tone 4. Samaritan Woman. Apostle Simeon the Zealot (1st c.). St. Simon, Bishop of Vladimir and Suzdal' (Kiev Caves–Near Caves—1226). Martyrs Philadelphus, Cyprian, Alphius, Onesimus, Erasmus, and 14 others, in Sicily (3rd c.). Martyr Hesychius of Antioch (4th c.). Bl. Isidora the Fool, of Tabenna in Egypt (4th c.). Bl. Thais (Taisia) of Egypt (5th c.).

Epistle: Acts 11:19–26, 29–30; **Gospel:** John 4:5–42

Our souls and minds are strengthened and fortified by the regular reading of the Holy Scriptures. Daily readings can be found on the parish's wall calendar, or online by visiting the OCA's daily reading page <https://www.oca.org/readings>.

Weekly Schedule

- **Wednesday, 13 May 2026, 9AM Akathist to the Resurrection. 6pm Educational Series. 6PM Educational Series Part 2.**
- **Saturday, 16 May 2026, 5–5:45PM Fr. Paul Available for Confession; 6PM Great Vespers.**
- **Sunday 26 May 2025. Sunday of the Blind Man. 9:30AM Joint Divine Liturgy with Archbishop Mark at St. Nicholas Church followed by Catered Luncheon at St. Nicholas Parish Hall.**

~ We welcome all those who join us today. Please come downstairs and enjoy fellowship together. We have place waiting for you.

~ This Wednesday we will continue of educational series: “Being and Making Disciples”. Please join us for mixture of education, food, and fellowship. Potluck dishes are welcome.

~ Next Sunday we will travel up the hill to St. Nicholas to join His Eminence, Archbishop Mark for Liturgy at 9:30AM. In the spirit of the early Church that gathered where the bishop was present, please plan on joining His Eminence for the celebration of the Liturgy. A free catered luncheon is being held after liturgy. If you plan on attending the lunch, please sign the sheet on the candle desk before leaving Church today.

~ The Parish is holding parish Pre-order Food Sale on Friday, 5 June from 11AM–4PM. Help will be needed for food sale preparation. Please see Ann Schlasta for details.

~ Fr .Paul is planning on sending a parish Newsletter / Reminder to families that have not attended All Saints in some time. The Newsletter will share the various activities that are taking place at All Saints, and extending an open invitation to join us or support our ongoing ministry. If you know of a family who might benefit from a newsletter, please provide a listing of addresses to David Getz.