

**Tone 4 Troparion** (*Resurrection*)

When the women disciples of the Lord learned from the angel the joyous message of Thy Resurrection, they cast away the ancestral curse and elatedly told the apostles:  
“Death is overthrown!  
Christ God is risen, //  
granting the world great mercy!”

**Tone 8 Troparion** (*Midfeast*)

In the middle of the feast, O Savior, fill my thirsting soul with the waters of piety, as Thou didst cry to all:  
“If anyone thirst, let him come to Me and drink!” //  
O Christ God, Fountain of our life, glory to Thee!

**Tone 3 Troparion** (*St. Matthew*)

From the tax desk you eagerly followed the call of Christ the master, Who of His goodness, revealed Himself on earth to man.  
You appear as a chosen apostle and eloquent proclaimer of the Gospel to the universe!  
Wherefore, we revere your honorable memory, O Divinely speaking Matthew //  
Pray to the merciful God that He will grant remission of sins to our souls.

**Glorify... Tone 8 Kontakion** (*Pentecostarion*)

The Samaritan Woman came to the well in faith; she saw Thee, the Water of wisdom and drank abundantly. //  
She inherited the Kingdom on high, and is ever glorified!

**Now and Ever... Tone 4 Kontakion** (*Midfeast*)

Christ God, the Creator and Master of all, cried to all in the midst of the feast of the Law:  
“Come and draw the water of immortality!”  
We fall before Thee and faithfully cry: //  
“Grant us Thy mercies, for Thou art the Fountain of our life!”

**Church Cleaner.....  
Becker - week of 5/14/23 for 5/21**



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**May 14, 2023**

**5th Sunday of Pascha**

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

In those days, 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.

## John 4:5-42 (Gospel)

At that time, Jesus 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."

## SMOC News and Events Schedule

- **Book Study/Bible Study** is meeting every **Tuesday at 10:30 am**.
- **Adult Education class** is meeting every **Wednesday** after Daily Vespers at **6:00 pm**.
- **Sunday School** class will be held today, Sunday, May 14, and on **Sunday, May 21**.
- **Kaine** (Nicholas) **Bernarde and Evelyn** (Nina Rebekah) **Kizewski** will be married at St. Matthew's on **Saturday, May 20, at 1:00 pm**. Congratulations to them! Parishioners of St. Matthew's who attend the wedding are asked to go to the balcony, so that the families may be on the main level.
- **Adult Choir practice** will be held on **Sunday, May 21**.
- **Sunday School Singing** will be held on **Sunday, May 28**.
- **Vacation Church School:** The dates for Vacation Church School, the summer day program for the parish children ages 5-14, are now set. There will be a two-day session in June and a three-day session in July. The June dates will be Thursday, June 29 - Friday, June 30, and the July dates will be Monday, July 24 - Tuesday, July 25 - Wednesday, July 26. This program is free to attend for the children, so donors would be appreciated to help cover costs. And if you would like to volunteer at the program, please reach out to Fr John. More information to come.

### Received into the Church by Baptism

Congratulations and blessings to Elizabeth and Peter Parry on the baptism of their daughter, Antonina, yesterday, Saturday, May 13. May God grant you many years!

**Coffee Hour:** Our coffee hour is made possible by your donations of food to share every Sunday morning. We can always use help with the clean up after Coffee hour is over. Want to help? Stay until the end of coffee hour and we will find a task for you to do.

### Liturgical Schedule

Wednesday, May 17, 6:00 PM Daily Vespers

Saturday, May 20, 5:00 PM Great Vespers

Sunday, May 21, 8:30 Matins, 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy

Wednesday, May 24, 6:00 PM Great Vespers & Divine Liturgy  
(The Ascension of our Lord)

Saturday, May 27, 5:00 PM Great Vespers

Sunday, May 28, 8:30 Matins, 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy

Wednesday, May 31, 6:00 PM Daily Vespers

### From Father John:

- **Free Online Courses now available from St. Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminary:** St. Vladimir's Seminary in New York announced the launching of free online courses beginning this summer. There is one course in Patristics in June, and one in the Old Testament in July. You can find more information at <https://www.online.svots.edu/>
- **Visiting Graves:** It is an Orthodox custom to bless the graves of the departed during the Paschal season. If you would like a local grave blessed, please reach out to Fr. John.

### Ministry Team - May Focus - Benevolence Fund

This month we are asking you to participate in an act of benevolence. Please consider an act of kindness and give a generous gift to the Benevolence Fund. Your benevolent act of kindness will stay right here in our church family and/or community. Cash or a check made out to St. Matthew with "Benevolence fund" noted will be greatly appreciated. These may go to Tom Julian, Treasurer. Thank you!