

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 Babylonian 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." (Jn 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."

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Icon of Christ with the Samaritan Woman

ST. HARALAMBOS SUNDAY BULLETIN

May 10, 2026

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Orthros 9:00 a.m.: Divine Liturgy immediately following the Orthros.

MAY		
SUN MAY 10	†Sunday of the Samaritan Woman	9:00 a.m.
TUE MAY 12	Silver Liners' Luncheon @ Holy Trinity	12:00 p.m.
	Father Nick's Bible Study	3:30 p.m.
	Greek School Pizza Party	5:30 p.m.
THU MAY 14	Hellenic Beginner Dancers	4:30 p.m.
	Hellenic Intermediate Dancers	5:00 p.m.
	Hellenic Training Seniors Dancers	5:45 p.m.
	Hellenic Senior Dancers	6:15 p.m.
	Dancers & Parents Mtg. & Election	7:00 p.m.
	Alumni Dancers	7:30 p.m.
SUN MAY 17	†Sunday of the Blindman General Assembly Sunday School Celebration Jr GOYA meeting	9:00 a.m.
TUE MAY 19	Orthodox Book Study	4:00 p.m.
WED MAY 20	GreekFest Committee Meeting	7:00 p.m.
THU MAY 21	†Ascension of Our Lord	9:00 a.m.
	Hellenic Beginner Dancers	4:30 p.m.
	Hellenic Intermediate Dancers	5:00 p.m.
	Hellenic Training Seniors Dancers	5:45 p.m.
	Hellenic Senior Dancers	6:15 p.m.
	Alumni Dancers	7:30 p.m.
SUN MAY 24	†Fathers of the 1st Ecumenical Council	9:00 a.m.
	AHEPA Memorial Coffee Hour	
MON MAY 25	Memorial Services @ the cemeteries Forest Hill @ 9:00 a.m. North Lawn @ 10:00 a.m. Sunset Hills @ 11:00 a.m.	



2026 Canton Greek Fest Meeting Dates

Wednesday, May 20, 2026
Wednesday, June 3, 2026

All Meeting begin at 7pm
in the Youth Room



ALTAR BOY SCHEDULE

May 10, 2026 - TEAM B

UPCOMING TRISAGION MAY 30, 2026

40-Day Trisagion:
Monk Agapios Panopulos



GENERAL ASSEMBLY

MAY 17, 2026

KRASSAS EVENT CENTER



BIBLE STUDY WITH FATHER NICK

MAY 12, 2026 ~ 3:30 - 4:30 P.M.
TRI- ROOM



Silent Auction 2026

We are once again asking for
donations or items for this
year's Silent Auction.

Please consider donating a basket or get
together with a friend to create one.

Thank you for your
continuous Support!!!

Deadline May 26th

Contact Marcia 330-309-3428
with any questions.



AHEPA FAMILY MEMORIAL COFFEE HOUR MAY 24, 2026

The May 24th Coffee Hour will be
sponsored by the AHEPA #59 and DOP
Chloris #40.

AHEPA always welcome new members, so
applications will be available in the
lobby for anyone interested in joining
AHEPA Chapter 59.

MOTHER'S DAY COFFEE HOUR



PLEASE JOIN US THIS SUNDAY
AFTER DIVINE LITURGY IN THE
TRI-ROOM FOR A SPECIAL
COFFEE HOUR HONORING THE
MOTHERS OF THE CHURCH.

This coffee hour is sponsored by the Parish Council.



Michael & Dolly Sousaris Memorial Scholarship

Two (2) \$1,000 scholarships will be
awarded to graduating high schools
seniors or students presently enrolled
in a higher education program.

Deadline: Sunday, May 31, 2026

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## Harry Thomas Memorial Scholarship

Two (2) \$2500 scholarships are  
available;  
one for a graduating high school  
senior,  
one for an undergraduate student.  
Applicant's family must be members in  
good standing to obtain an  
application.

Deadline: June 26, 2026



## ORTHODOX BOOK STUDY GROUP

Join us for a spiritual book study  
and fellowship.

Tuesday, May 19th & May 26th  
4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Tri-Room

ALL ARE WELCOME!

If you would like to participate,  
please contact the church office @  
330-454-7278.

May 10, 2026: Fifth Sunday of the Paschal Season, The Samaritan Woman; Sunday after Mid-Pentecost; Commemoration of the Patriarchs of Constantinople; Simon the Zealot, of the Twelve Apostles; Righteous Laurentios.

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Ἀπολυτίκιον Ἀναστάσιμον Ἦχος δ΄  
Τὸ φαιδρὸν τῆς ἀναστάσεως κήρυγμα, ἐκ τοῦ Ἀγγέλου μαθοῦσαι αἱ τοῦ Κυρίου Μαθήτριάι,  
καὶ τὴν προγονικὴν ἀπόφασιν ἀπορρίψασαι, τοῖς Ἀποστόλοις καυχώμεναι ἔλεγον·  
Ἑσκύλευται ὁ θάνατος, ἡγέρθη Χριστὸς ὁ Θεός, δωρούμενος τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

Ἀπολυτίκιον τῆς Ἑορτῆς Ἦχος πλ. δ΄  
Μεσοῦσης τῆς ἑορτῆς, διψῶσάν μου τὴν ψυχὴν, εὐσεβείας πότισον νάματα· ὅτι πᾶσι Σωτὴρ  
ἐβόησας· Ὁ διψῶν, ἐρχέσθω πρὸς με καὶ πινέτω. Ἡ πηγὴ τῆς ζωῆς, Χριστὲ ὁ Θεός, δόξα  
σοι.

Τοῦ Ναοῦ  
Ὡς στῦλος ἀκλόνητος, τῆς Ἐκκλησίας Χριστοῦ, καὶ λύχνος αἰφώτος, τῆς οἰκουμένης  
σοφέ, ἐδείχθης Χαράλαμπες· ἔλαμψας ἐν τῷ κόσμῳ, διὰ τοῦ μαρτυρίου. ἔλυσας καὶ  
εἰδώλων τὴν σκοτόμαιναν μάκαρ· διὸ ἐν παρρησίᾳ Χριστῷ. Πρέσβευε σωθῆναι ἡμᾶς.

Κοντάκιον τοῦ Πάσχα Ἦχος πλ. δ΄  
Εἰ καὶ ἐν τάφῳ κατήλθες Ἀθάνατε, ἀλλὰ τοῦ ἄδου καθεῖλες τὴν δύναμιν· καὶ ἀνέστης ὡς  
νικητής, Χριστὲ ὁ Θεός, γυναιξὶ Μυροφόροις φθεγζάμενος, Χαίρετε, καὶ τοῖς σοῖς  
Ἀποστόλοις εἰρήνην δωρούμενος, ὁ τοῖς πεσοῦσι παρέχων ἀνάστασιν.

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Resurrectional Apolytikion Mode 4  
When the women disciples of the Lord heard the Angel joyously proclaim the  
resurrection, they cast aside the ancestral verdict, and boasting in glory they said to the  
Apostles, “Death has been despoiled! Christ God has risen, granting the great mercy to  
the world!”

Apolytikion of the Feast Mode pl. 4  
O Lord, midway through the feast, give drink to my thirsty soul from the living waters of  
right belief. You, O Savior, proclaimed to everyone, “Let whoever is thirsty come to Me  
and drink.” You are the fountain of life, O Christ our God. Glory to You!

Hymn of the Church  
As a pillar unshaken of Christ’s holy Church, and lamp ever-burning to all the world you  
emerged, O wise Haralambos; in all the world you shined, with the martyrdom you  
suffered, you dispelled the dark night, of the idols, O blessed; whence, with courage do  
intercede, to Christ that we may be saved.

Kontakion of Pascha Mode pl. 4  
Though You went down into the tomb, O Immortal One, yet You brought down the  
dominion of Hades; and You rose as the victor, O Christ our God; and You called out  
“Rejoice” to the Myrrh-bearing women, and gave peace to Your Apostles, O Lord who  
to the fallen grant resurrection.

May 10, 2026 Fifth Sunday, of the Samaritan Woman

Acts 11:19-30

## Epistle

The reading is from Acts of the Apostles.

In those days, the apostles who were scattered because of the persecution that arose over Stephen traveled as far as Phoenicia and Cyprus and Antioch, speaking the word to none except Jews. But there were some of them, men of Cyprus and Cyrene, who on coming to Antioch spoke to the Hellenists also, preaching the Lord Jesus. And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number that believed turned to the Lord. News of this came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. When he came and saw the grace of God, he was glad; and he exhorted them all to remain faithful to the Lord with steadfast purpose; for he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a large company was added to the Lord. So Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul; and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. For a whole year they met with the church, and taught a large company of people; and in Antioch the disciples were for the first time called Christians. Now in these days prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. And one of them named Agabos stood up and foretold by the Spirit that there would be a great famine over all the world; and this took place in the days of Claudius. And the disciples determined, every one according to his ability, to send relief to the brethren who lived in Judea, and they did so, sending it to the elders by the hand of Barnabas and Saul.

May 10, 2026 Prayer of the Gospel

John 4:5-42

## Gospel

The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to John.

At that time, Jesus came to a city of Samaria, called Sychar, near the field that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and so Jesus, wearied as he was with his journey, sat down beside the well. It was about the sixth hour. There came a woman of Samaria to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans. Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying 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 do you get that living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well, and drank from it himself, and his sons, and his cattle?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will thirst again, but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst; the water that I shall give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal 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 him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and he whom you now have is not your husband; this you said truly." The woman said to him, "Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. Our fathers worshiped on this mountain; and you say that Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for such the Father seeks 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 the Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ); when he comes, he will show us all things." Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am he." Just then his disciples came. They marveled that he was talking with a woman, but none said, "What do you wish?" or, "Why are you talking with her?" So the woman left her water jar, and went away into the city and said to the people, "Come, see a man who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?" They went out of the city and were coming to him. Meanwhile the disciples besought him, saying "Rabbi, eat." But he said to them, "I have food to eat of which you do not know." So the disciples said to one another, "Has anyone brought him food?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me, and to accomplish his work. Do you not say, 'There are yet four months, then comes the harvest'? I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see how the fields are already white for harvest. He who reaps receives wages, and gathers fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor; others have labored, and you have entered into their labor." Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony. "He told me all that I ever did." So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of your words that we believe, for we have heard ourselves, and we know that this is indeed Christ the Savior of the world."