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MAY 10, 2026 – 5TH SUNDAY OF PASCHA

SAMARITAN WOMAN

<u>Scripture Readings</u>	<u>Services</u>
<p>MONDAY, MAY 11 Acts 12:12-17 John 8:42-51</p> <p>TUESDAY, MAY 12 Acts 12:25-13:12 John 8:51-59</p> <p>WEDNESDAY, MAY 13 Acts 13:13-24 John 6:5-14</p> <p>THURSDAY, MAY 14 Acts 14:20-27 John 10:39-10:9</p> <p>FRIDAY, MAY 15 Acts 15:5-34 John 10:17-28</p> <p>SATURDAY, MAY 16 Acts 15:35-41 John 10:27-38</p> <hr/> <p><i>All services will also be streamed online via Facebook Live as follows:</i> https://www.facebook.com/Holy-Ghost-Russian-Orthodox-Greek-Catholic-Church-681248091936330/</p> <p>Reminder: The schedule of services can be found on the front page of our website, https://holyghostbpt.com/ The schedule is recorded on the Google Calendar of the church's acct. You can add it to your own Google Calendar by clicking the + sign on the bottom right corner of the calendar window.</p>	<p>TUESDAY, MAY 5 Bible Study.....6:30 p.m.</p> <p>WEDNESDAY, MAY 6 <i>Mid-feast of Pentecost</i></p> <p>SATURDAY, MAY 9 Great Vespers.....4:00 p.m.</p> <p>SUNDAY, MAY 10, 5th Sunday of Pascha Samaritan Woman Baptismal Divine Liturgy.....9:00 a.m. Baptism – Mary Simone Roosien Chrismation – Ira Olga Klitzke Special “<i>Second Sunday</i>” Brunch!</p> <div style="text-align: center;"> </div> <p>TUESDAY, MAY 12 Bible Study.....6:30 p.m.</p> <p>SATURDAY, MAY 16 Great Vespers.....4:00 p.m.</p> <p>SUNDAY, MAY 17, 6th Sunday of Pascha, Blind Man Icon of the Mother of God “of the Passion” Divine Liturgy.....9:00 a.m. Parish Council Meeting.....11:45 a.m.</p>

SUNDAY OF THE SAMARITAN WOMAN

The Holy Martyr Photina (Svetlana) the Samaritan Woman, her sons Victor (named Photinus) and Joses; and her sisters Anatola, Phota, Photis, Paraskevė, Kyriake; Nero's daughter Domnina; and the Martyr Sebastian: The holy Martyr Photina was the Samaritan Woman, with whom the Savior conversed at Jacob's Well (John. 4:5-42).



During the time of the emperor Nero (54-68), who displayed excessive cruelty against Christians, Saint Photina lived in Carthage with her younger son Joses and fearlessly preached the Gospel there. Her eldest son Victor fought bravely in the Roman army against barbarians, and was appointed military commander in the city of Attalia (Asia Minor). Later, Nero called him to Italy to arrest and punish Christians.

Sebastian, an official in Italy, said to Saint Victor, "I know that you, your mother and your brother, are followers of Christ. As a friend, I advise you to submit to the will of the emperor. If you inform on any Christians, you will receive their wealth. I shall write to your mother and brother, asking them not to preach Christ in public. Let them practice their faith in secret."

Saint Victor replied, "I want to be a preacher of Christianity like my mother and brother." Sebastian said, "O Victor, we all know what woes await you, your mother and brother." Then Sebastian suddenly felt a sharp pain in his eyes. He was dumbfounded, and his face was somber.

For three days he lay there blind, without uttering a word. On the fourth day he declared, "The God of the Christians is the only true God." Saint Victor asked why Sebastian had suddenly changed his mind. Sebastian replied, "Because Christ is calling me." Soon he was baptized, and immediately regained his sight. Saint Sebastian's servants, after witnessing the miracle, were also baptized ...

... In an impotent rage Nero gave orders to flay the skin from Saint Photina and to throw the martyr down a well. Sebastian, Photinus and Joses had their legs cut off, and they were thrown to dogs, and then had their skin flayed off. The sisters of Saint Photina also suffered terrible torments. Nero gave orders to cut off their breasts and then to flay their skin. An expert in cruelty, the emperor readied the fiercest execution for Saint Photis: they tied her by the feet to the tops of two bent-over trees. When the ropes were cut the trees sprang upright and tore the martyr apart. The emperor ordered the others beheaded. Saint Photina was removed from the well and locked up in prison for twenty days.

After this Nero had her brought to him and asked if she would now relent and offer sacrifice to the idols. Saint Photina spit in the face of the emperor, and laughing at him, said, "O most impious of the blind, you profligate and stupid man! Do you think me so deluded that I would consent to renounce my Lord Christ and instead offer sacrifice to idols as blind as you?"

Hearing such words, Nero gave orders to again throw the martyr down the well, where she surrendered her soul to God (ca. 66).

On the Greek Calendar, Saint Photina is commemorated on February 26.

To continue reading: <https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2026/05/10/39-sunday-of-the-samaritan-woman>

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

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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.

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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.

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And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number believed and turned to the Lord.

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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.

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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.

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For he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a great many people were added to the Lord.

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Then Barnabas departed for Tarsus to seek Saul.

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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.

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Then the disciples, each according to his ability, determined to send relief to the brethren dwelling in Judea.

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This they also did, and sent it to the elders by the hands of Barnabas and Saul.

Romans 6:3-11*(Epistle)*

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Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death?

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Therefore, we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

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For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection,

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knowing this, that our old man was crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin.

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For he who has died has been freed from sin.

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Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him,

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knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, dies no more. Death no longer has dominion over Him.

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For the death that He died, He died to sin once for all; but the life that He lives, He lives to God.

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Likewise, you also, reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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So, He came to a city of Samaria which is called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob gave to his son Joseph.

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Now Jacob's well was there. Jesus therefore, being wearied from His journey, sat thus by the well. It was about the sixth hour.

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A woman of Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give Me a drink."

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For His disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.

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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.

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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."

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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?"

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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?"

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Jesus answered and said to her, "Whoever drinks of this water will thirst again,

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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."

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The woman said to Him, "Sir, give me this water, that I may not thirst, nor come here to draw."

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Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here."

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The woman answered and said, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You have well said, 'I have no husband,'

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for you have had five husbands, and the one whom you now have is not your husband; in that you spoke truly."

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The woman said to Him, "Sir, I perceive that You are a prophet.

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Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, and you Jews say that in Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship."

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Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe Me, the hour is coming when you will neither on this mountain, nor in Jerusalem, worship the Father.

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You worship what you do not know; we know what we worship, for salvation is of the Jews.

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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.

John 4:5-42

(Gospel Cont'd.)

24

God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.”

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The woman said to Him, “I know that Messiah is coming” (who is called Christ). “When He comes, He will tell us all things.”

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Jesus said to her, “I who speak to you am He.”

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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?”

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The woman then left her waterpot, went her way into the city, and said to the men,

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Come, see a Man who told me all things that I ever did. Could this be the Christ?

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Then they went out of the city and came to Him.

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In the meantime, His disciples urged Him, saying, “Rabbi, eat.”

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But He said to them, “I have food to eat of which you do not know.”

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Therefore, the disciples said to one another, “Has anyone brought Him anything to eat?”

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Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to finish His work.

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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!

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And he who reaps receives wages, and gathers fruit for eternal life, that both he who sows and he who reaps may rejoice together.

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For in this the saying is true: ‘One sows and another reaps.’

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I sent you to reap that for which you have not labored; others have labored, and you have entered into their labors.”

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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.”

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So, when the Samaritans had come to Him, they urged Him to stay with them; and He stayed there two days.

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And many more believed because of His own word.

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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.”

Matthew 28:16-20*(Gospel)*

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Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, to the mountain which Jesus had appointed for them.

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When they saw Him, they worshiped Him; but some doubted.

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And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.

19

Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

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teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age. Amen."

CANDLES/DONATIONS

- Two large crosses in loving memory of Mary G. Jaques from Bill Jaques and Natalie Hunn.
- A \$500 donation in loving memory of his grandparents Elizabeth & Alex Carol from Joseph LaPut.
- Lampatki over Royal Doors for the health & salvation of my son Dave Zujewski on his birthday, from Barb Dulin & family.
- For the health and safety of Abigail Barbara Smith celebrating her 24th Birthday on May 14th. May God grant her many years!! With lots of love from Mom
- In loving memory of Cathy Kutniewsk on the 4th anniversary of her passing (May 11th) Memory Eternal!! From the Tabak-Smith Family.
- In loving memory of Steven Tyler Smith from Mom. Memory Eternal!!

CANDLE DESK DUTY

May 10 – Tim Savisky

May 17 – Daria Ploski-Slavin

COFFEE-HOUR CLEAN-UP CREW ... This week's cleanup crew is Group P through Z. If this is your week to help, please see crew chief Daria Ploski-Slavin.

FUNDRAISING TEAM: KICKOFF MEETING THURSDAY, MAY 7 ... After a great exploratory fundraising session last Saturday, we are ready to assemble our Holy Ghost Fundraising Team! If you want to be part of the Team (even if you couldn't make the exploratory session), come to the Holy Ghost rectory at 6:30PM on **Thursday, May 7.**

HOLY GHOST PARK WORK PARTY SCHEDULED ... for **Friday, May 8 at 9:00 a.m.** at the Shelton property. If anyone would like to help get the park ready for the busy summer season, please see either Dave Lepesko or Mike Pasick. Thank you!

BAPTISM / CHRISMATION SCHEDULED ON "SECOND SUNDAY" ... On **May 10th**, baby Mary Simone Roosien will be baptized; and Ira Olga Klitzke will be chrismated! It is also Mother's Day and "*Second Sunday*," so we are planning on a nice brunch! Please sign up downstairs or contact Ruth Sencio. Thanks in advance for your delicious donation(s)!

SECOND FUTURE PLANNING MEETING ... Prior to the start of Great Lent, we had a brainstorming session, ‘pizza and conversation,’ to discuss the future of Holy Ghost. Round 2 is now scheduled for **Monday eve, May 11th** at 6:00 p.m. Please join us! Pizza will be served.

THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ... is scheduled for **May 17th**.

RETREAT AT HOLY GHOST MAY 23rd ... Save the date! We will have a spiritual retreat here at Holy Ghost on Saturday, May 23 from 12:00-3:30. Food will be provided. Requested donation \$25 for all participants. Please **RSVP by May 20** to holyghostbpt1894@gmail.com

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES FOR FOCUS BRIDGEPORT ... Please see the attached document listing opportunities to volunteer for FOCUS this month.

SAVE THE DATE ... for Holy Ghost's Annual Summer Camp, **August 10 - 14**, at HGP in Shelton!

BEHIND-THE-SCENES: ONGOING BUILDING MAINTENANCE

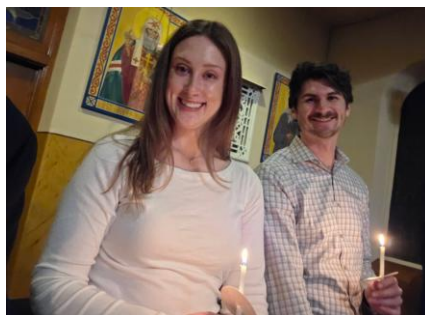


Pictured here is VP Jerry Kopko repairing the Pearl Street gate and lubricating the bells of the church.

MAY 2 & 3 VESPERS AND DIVINE LITURGY



Mat Claire's mom, Kathryn, with Mary



George Kasper's granddaughter, Jessica with boyfriend, Rob from Florida, who attended Nocturn/Pascha services.

PARISH METRICS (MAY 10 THRU MAY 16)

BIRTHDAYS

Abigail B. Smith May 14th (24 years old); David C. Zujewski, May 14th; Maddison June Kirkman, May 16th (3 years old)

ANNIVERSARIES

Katherine & Alexander Cisero, May 11th (35 years); Brian & Ruth Sencio, May 15th (15 years)

God Grant them Many Years!

Многая лета!

DEPARTED FROM THE PARISH METRICS

MAY 10 – Vikenty Desh, 1933 (50); Martha Bobko, 1940 (71); Anna Tkacs, 1946 (21); Martha Charak, 1951 (80); Charles Kuba, 1970 (54); John Ostrowsky, 1982 (69); Cyril Matthew Pishtey, 1990 (84); John Garlinsky, 2000 (85); Michael Fedor, 2004; Walter (“Andrus”) Andruschkevich, 2007 (69)

MAY 11 – Adolph Beniash, 1946 (57); Alexandra Dubos, 1952 (56); Samuel Labosky, 1956 (51); John Koltton, 1973; Nadezhda (“Nettie”) Chitek, 1991 (70)

MAY 12 – Alexander Ladutko, 1925 (39); Katherine Babey, 1940 (68); Helen Dzvonchik Coba, 1979 (69); Stephen Chisarik, 1982 (65); John Koltko, 1983 (81); Anne Tomek, 2008 (96)

MAY 13 – Mary Katrenich, 1946 (72); Anastasia Tarasewicz, 1959; Cyril Lanosy, 1964 (54); Vladimir (Walter) Vanagel, Sr., 1975 (80); Thomas Plytnik, 1977 (81); Viola Kuhta Kranyak, 1994 (78); Anna Soltis Barker, 1998 (81)

MAY 14 – Helen Barick, 1908 (45); Catherine Papach, 1909 (30); Nikita Lesichin, 1923 (31); Paul Sperin, 1929 (18); Anna Wolchko Ysroschak, 1961 (87); Wasil Borodko, 1977; Natalie August, 1985 (60); Mary M. Bakos, 1989 (87); Jane Karczakowski, 1999 (81); Stella Chiserik, 2001 (83)

MAY 15 – Gregory Pavlovsky, 1922 (19); Elia Lukachik, 1949 (65); Mary Kaladish Havanec, 1958 (62); Stephen Mizek, 1980 (63); Cyril Pistey, 1990; John Malsky, 2001 (80)

MAY 16 – Matthew Gulick, 1943 (41); Vladimir Kondrasky, 1965 (70); John Kotrady, 1969 (80); Robert Phillips, 1988; Mary Pistey, 2003 (92)

Memory Eternal!

Вечная память!

