

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."

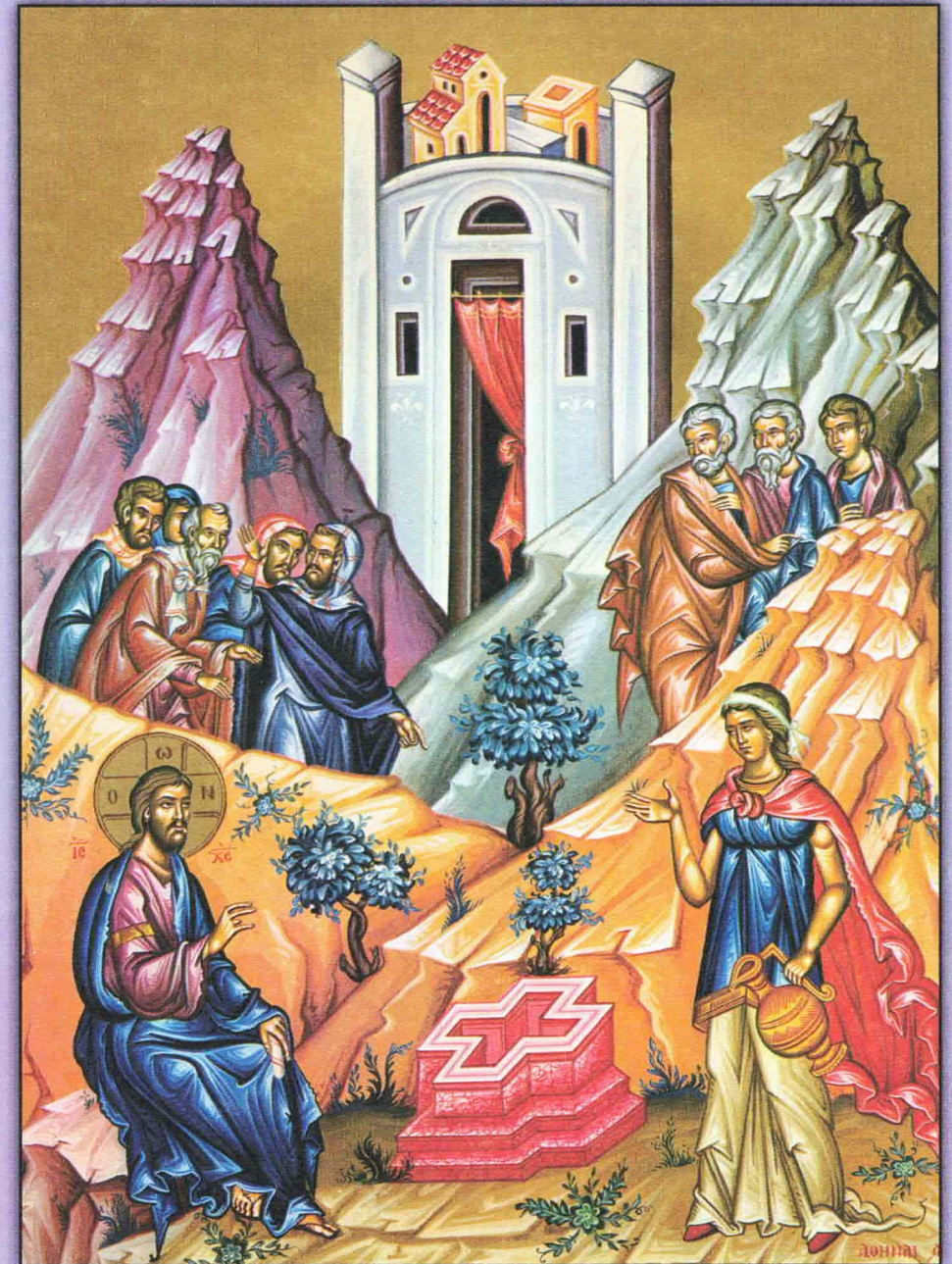
In the early days of His ministry, Jesus travels back and forth between Galilee and Jerusalem, and must pass through Samaria. The Samaritans

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."

Archbishop Vsevolod of Scopelos

SUNDAY OF THE SAMARITAN WOMAN



Icon of Christ with the Samaritan Woman



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Divine Liturgy Schedule: Saturday, May 9th, 16th, 23rd, and 30th; at 4:00pm

PATRONAGE CHURCH SERVICES SCHEDULE

Date	Time	Service	Intention
Sunday of the Samaritan Woman 5.3.2026	9:00am	Divine Liturgy	For the Repose of the Soul of: +Caroline Belensky Offered by: Joseph Belensky
Sunday of the Man Born Blind 5.10.2026	9:00am	Divine Liturgy	Special Intention for: Living and +Deceased Mothers
Ascension of Our Lord Thursday, 5.14.2026	6:00pm	Vigil Divine Liturgy Anointing/Mirovanije	For the Health and Salvation of: Parishioners

Sunday of the Samaritan Woman

Today's Propers can be found in the Pascha Liturgy booklet.

HOLY MYSTERY OF REPENTANCE: Confession is available beginning an hour before Divine Liturgy, and ending 15 minutes before the start of services.

HOLY EUCHARIST AND VISITATION OF THE SICK: Eucharist can be brought to a parishioner who is ill, in the hospital, or at home. You can request a visit by either sending our church an email, or contacting either Fr. Vasyl or Deacon Tony, personally.

Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen! Christós Voskrése! Voístinnu Voskrése!

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER: The people of Ukraine, that peace may be soon be restored to their land, our parishioners, the founders of our parish, our benefactors, those who are sick, and those who cannot make it to church. Also, Fr. Vasyl Symyon, Charlie Toth, Larissa Toth, Tony Kotlar, Jr., Mary Hrinnda, Michael Demyan, Michael Skovran, Mary Ann Ondrish, Betty Charlock, Elizabeth Hresko, John Hanyok, Ann Marie Elwell, James DeWolfe, Clara Valeika, Joe Belensky, Kay Dinko, Doris Ruszin, Veronica Ruszin, Anna Martin, Joseph Repasi, Mary Jo Kelly Wilhelm, Howard Guba, Melanie Copper, Julie Wiegand, Natalie, Edin, and +Walter Lourdes Najera Herder, Mark and Betsey Herder, our first responders, and all military service men and women throughout the world. Please help us keep our prayer list up to date. Let us know if we need to remove or add a name by sending an email to our church.

*May our Lord Jesus Christ, the Physician and Healer of souls and bodies,
grant them peace and good health for many blessed years!*

STEWARDSHIP: You honor God and our Church by continuing to tithe each week. An offertory basket is on the table in the back of our Temple for your weekly donation. You may also mail your donation to our church, or donate using Tithe.ly online at: <https://tithe.ly/give?c=2346733>. The link is also on the first page of our website. **“Remember then, it is the Lord, your God, who gives you the power to acquire wealth” (Dt. 8:18).**

GREEK CATHOLIC UNION (GCU) DONATION TO PATRONAGE CHURCH: We extend our appreciation to the GCU for their *generous donation of \$1,000.00* to our church this past week, and for their continuous support of activities in our parish throughout the year. Having a GCU “Byzantine Parish Coordinator” in our parish qualified our church for this donation.

EASTERN CATHOLIC FORMATION (ECF): Classes for children will be held after Divine Liturgy today.

ADULT ENRICHMENT: Deacon Tony will discuss, "Why are the dates different?" when it comes to Western Easter and Orthodox Pascha after Divine Liturgy today. All are welcome!

MOTHER'S DAY: Please join us next **Sunday, May 10th**. Fr. Vasyl will be having a special Intention for Mother's Day during Divine Liturgy. A form is included in the bulletin insert if you would like to submit names of living and/or deceased mothers.

THE BYZANTINE CATHOLIC LITURGICAL PRACTICE OF OBSERVING “ALL SOULS”

SATURDAYS: Please join us for our 5th and final “All Souls” service for the year, with the reading of the “Hramoty,” on **Friday, May 22nd, at 6:00pm.**

2025 BISHOP'S APPEAL: Please consider making a donation towards the Bishop's Appeal now through **June 30, 2026**. Checks must be made payable to: Eparchy of Passaic, and mailed to: 445 Lackawanna Avenue, Woodland Park, NJ 07424-2969. Please write in the memo the name of our church. You can also pledge online at: www.eparchyofpassaic.com, then click on “Giving.” Thank you to those who have already donated to support our Eparchy!

2026 GCU ANNUAL ART & PHOTO CONTEST: *The theme for 2026 is “My Favorite Place.”* Now through **June 5, 2026**, the GCU is accepting artwork and photos for this contest. For the rules and more information, visit www.gcuusa.com, and click on “Events.” You must be a GCU member for at least one year to participate.

Children's Corner

This day commemorates the encounter of Christ with the Samaritan woman at Jacob's well. Read the biblical story in John 4:5-42, and fill in the blanks with the following words:

I never me life again draw him spring
woman thirst water eternal drinks

"...Jesus said to her, 'Every one who _____
of this water will _____, but whoever
drinks of the _____ that I shall give him will
_____ thirst; the water that I shall give him
will become in _____ a _____ of water
welling up to _____.' The
_____ said to him, 'Sir, give _____ this
water, that _____ may not thirst, nor come here
to _____.'"

Special Intention for
Living and Deceased Mothers
will be Remembered at the Divine Liturgy on
Sunday, May 10, 2026

Living Mothers:

Deceased Mothers:

Your Name: _____

Donation: \$ _____

Please make checks payable to: Very Reverend Vasyl Symyon

Kindly return your Intention form by: Sunday, May 3, 2026

CARPATHO-RUSYN SOCIETY (C-RS): On May 9, 2026, beginning at 3:00pm, Dr. Paul Robert Magocsi will be visiting the C-RS Cultural Center, 915 Dickson Street, Munhall, PA, 15120, and signing copies of his new book, *Out of Nowhere: The Art of the Carpathian Rus'*. Dr. Magocsi is a renowned historian and a treasure to the Carpatho-Rusyn community, whose work spans several decades. His newest book contains artwork from dozens of artists and includes hundreds of maps, illustrations, and historical context articles. Books will be available on site for purchase. Click on the link below to register for this event.

May 9, 2026 - Dr. Magocsi book signing - C-RS Cultural Center, Munhall, PA

Dr. Magocsi Book Signing

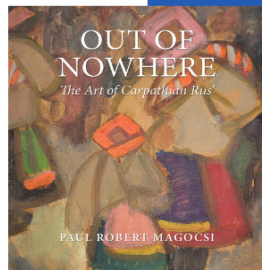
EVENT

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915 Dickson Street, Munhall, PA 15120

9 MAY, 2026

3:00 PM EST



BYZANTINE CATHOLIC SEMINARY ANNUAL LECTURE: In honor of the 380th Anniversary of the Union of Uzhhorod, our 26th annual academic lecture is to be delivered by Paul Robert Magocsi, PhD, at 7:00pm, on **Tuesday, May 12th**. Dr. Magocsi's presentation will focus on how the Byzantine Ruthenian/Greek Catholic Church has been able to survive for nearly four centuries in the face of political, social, and cultural challenges placed before it by the different societies which it has had to function in Europe and North America. All are welcome to attend this lecture virtually via the Seminary website at www.bcs.edu. The lecture can also be accessed live or at a later time from archives on the B.C.S. YouTube channel. Don't miss this informative lecture!

CARPATHO-RUSYN SOCIETY EVENT: Experience Carpatho-Rusyn sacred, folk, and classical music at the one and only Carnegie Hall in New York on **Wednesday, May 27th**, at 7:00pm! This event will sell out! Click on the following link to purchase tickets, and if you have any questions:

[May 27, 2026 - Carpatho-Rusyn Rhapsody - Carnegie Hall, New York, NY](#)

GCU SPECIAL MATCHING FUNDS FOR THE SISTERS OF ST. BASIL: The GCU Board of Directors has approved a Special \$10,000 Matching Funds Event for the Sisters of St. Basil in Uniontown's expansion at the Mount Saint Macrina House of Prayer through **May 31, 2026**. The GCU will match donations made to the Building Fund on the Sisters' website by visiting www.sistersofstbasil.org, click on "Donations," then "Building Fund." Or, you can mail a check (note that it is for the "Building Fund" in the memo) payable to: Sisters of St. Basil, 500 West Main Street, Uniontown, PA 15401. If you have any questions, please email the GCU at events@GCUUSA.com or call 800-722-4428, ext. 3924. Thank you for your support!

PILGRIMAGE PREPARATION VOLUNTEER "HELPING HANDS DAY:"

The Sisters of the Order of St. Basil the Great warmly invite you to join them in preparing for the 92nd Annual Pilgrimage (Otpust) in September in Uniontown, PA. Your service will help transform the grounds into a place of welcome and peace, ready to embrace pilgrims with beauty and grace. Volunteers are needed on the following dates:

1. **Saturday, May 30th** (sponsored by the GCU): volunteers are asked to please meet in the Trinity Center for coffee and donuts at 9:30am, followed by a brief prayer service. Work will begin at 10:00am. Bring lawn tools (including brooms, rakes, weed whackers, etc.) for outside work. Bring brooms, mops, dush pans, etc., for any indoor cleaning. Lunch will be served. To register or for additional information, please contact Sr. Joanne at 724-438-4940, or the GCU at 800-722-8644.
2. **Saturday, August 22nd**: another organized preparation day, with a **rain date set for Saturday, August 29th**. Volunteers are asked to meet at the Trinity Center at 9:30am. Please bring brooms, weed whackers, blowers, weeding tools, rakes, and clippers. Lunch will be provided. For further information, please contact Sr. Joanne.

HOLY ANNUNCIATION MONASTERY "HELPING HANDS DAY:" The GCU is returning to Holy Annunciation Monastery, 403 West Country Road, Sugarloaf, PA 18249, for Helping Hands Day on **Saturday, June 13, 2026**, from 9:00am – 1:00pm. A Liturgy will be also be held that day beginning at 8:00am. Whether you enjoy being outdoors tending gardens or prefer lighter, indoor tasks like assembling bakery boxes, there's a place for you here. All ages and skill levels are welcome. Following a morning of teamwork, we will enjoy lunch as a group. For more information, please contact Kevin Yurkanin at 570-956-4517 or tyurkanin@gcuusa.com.

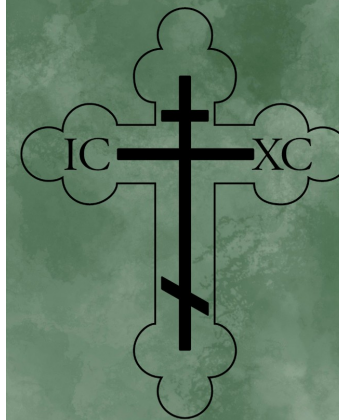
PATRONAGE CHURCH'S 3RD ANNUAL PICNIC: Everyone is invited to join us on **Sunday, May 17th**, at Holy Trinity (Cathedral Gardens) pavilion, 6480 Elbank Drive, Elkridge, MD 21075 (it is only a few miles from our church). Divine Liturgy will begin at 11:00am, followed by our picnic which includes food, games, "Baba's Auction," and lots of parish fellowship. Please note the following:

1. This year we have added an electronic signup at [Sign Up Genius Parish Picnic](#), so that you can RSVP for the picnic with how many people from your household will be attending, as well as food/drink sections where you can add what dish you will be bringing, as well as other sign up categories for games, volunteer help, etc. Please RSVP no later than Sunday, May 10th, so that there is ample time to purchase items needed for our picnic.
2. To help offset the cost of our parish picnic, we are asking each household to donate an item or two (or how many items you would like to donate) for "Baba's Auction." Auction item ideas can be gift cards; religious, handmade, household, or garden items; toys; games; plants; or anything else you can think of – be creative!
3. Sarah Jane Roberts will be available after Liturgy today to help you sign up for our picnic, if you need assistance.
4. If you have any questions about our picnic, please contact Sharon Kotula. You can also access picnic information by scanning the following QR Code:



2026 BYZANTINE CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULT CONVOCATION: This summer, encounter "The Heart of the God-Bearer," on **July 31st to August 2nd**, at St. Mary's Byzantine Catholic Church in Hillsborough, New Jersey. **Young adults ages 18-35** will gather for fellowship, communal praying of the Liturgy of the Hours, and talks from speakers like Mother Natalia of *Christ the Bridegroom Monastery* and co-host of the *What God Is Not* podcast and Very Rev. Paul Varchola West, MFA, MDiv of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Levittown, PA; host of the "Building Athosin Our Hearts Podcast;" and "Spiritual Father of the Springs in the Desert ministry." Join us for three days of faith, friendship, and transformation. For more information and regular updates, go to <https://www.heartofthegodbearer.org/>. Online registration is open from now until June 30th! Not a young adult? Contact us if you're interested in helping sponsor scholarships to help the young adults in our Church grow and share their faith!

EPARCHY OF PASSAIC SUMMER CAMPS: Parents, please contact Fr. Vasyl as soon as possible if your child is interested in attending any of these camps!



Eparchy of Passaic is offering two summer camps in Carpathian village. Reserve your spot to make sure your child can have a few days of fun!



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Altar Server Congress
July 19-23

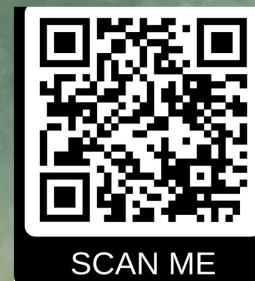
Ages: Boys 6-17

Cost: Free for currently serving altar servers.

For more information, please email

passaicservercongress@gmail.com

Camp Theotokos
August 19-23
Ages: 6-17
Cost: \$175
Register here



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For more information,
please email
camptheotokos@gmail.com

GREEK CATHOLIC UNION (GCU) – KENNYWOOD SUMMER DISCOUNT TICKETS: The 2026 Summer Season at Kennwood Amusement Park, 4800 Kennywood Blvd. West Mifflin, PA, has begun! Discounted tickets for GCU members are available for \$32/person. Non-members are \$39/person. More info can be found at www.gcuusa.com, or call (855) 306-0607.

WELCOME TO OUR PARISH: We are glad that you have chosen to participate in the Divine Liturgy with us today, and we pray that it will be a spiritually nourishing experience. All Catholics may receive the Eucharist if you are in good standing and prepared. We receive the Body and Blood of Christ in our mouth by spoon. Please DO NOT stick out your tongue. ***If you would like to become an active part of our parish community, be added to our email list, and register as a parishioner,*** please complete a “Census” form. Forms are located on the bookrack in the Narthex, or on our website, and can either be mailed to our church, or placed in the offertory basket in the back of our Temple. On-line donation information can be found under “Stewardship” in this bulletin.

“My house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples” (Isaiah 56:7).