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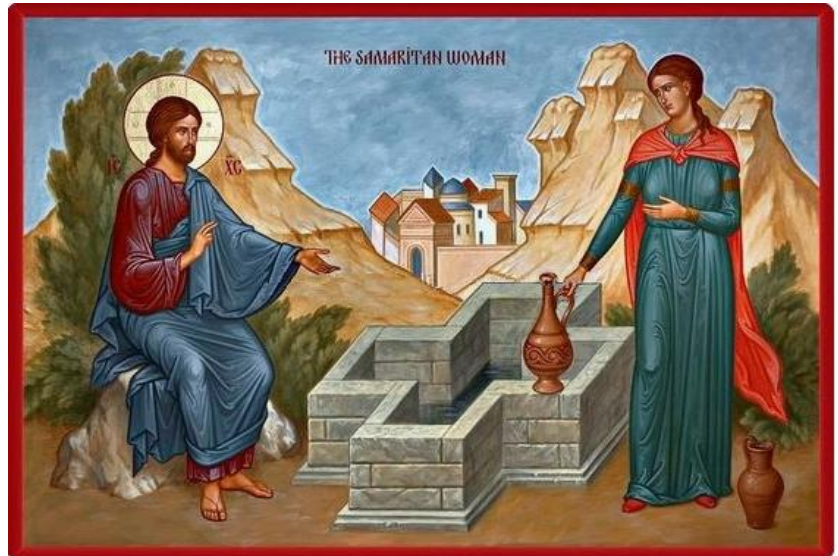
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Diocese of Chicago and the Midwest***

MAY 3, 2026

**FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PASCHA
SUNDAY OF THE SAMARITAN WOMAN**

EPISTLE: Acts 11:19-26, 29-30

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



Christ and the Samaritan Woman



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.

GOSPEL: John 4:5-42

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.”



LITURGICAL SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

- MON. May 11** Hieromartyr Mocius; Acts 12:12-17, Jn 8:42-51
TUE. May 12 Saint Epiphanius, Bishop of Cyprus; Acts 12:25-13:12, Jn 8:51-59
WED. May 13 Virgin Martyr Glyceria; Acts 13:13-24, Jn 6:5-14
THU. May 14 Martyrs Isidore and Myrope of Chios; Acts 14:20-27, Jn 9:39-10:9
FRI. May 15 Venerable Pachomius the Great; Acts 15:5-34, Jn 10:17-28
SAT. May 16 Venerable Theodore the Sanctified; Acts 15:35-41, Jn 10:27-38

4:00 PM VESPERS

SUN. May 17 **6th SUNDAY AFTER PASCHA, *BLIND MAN, Tone 5***

9:10 AM HOURS

9:30 AM DIVINE LITURGY Followed by Coffee Hour



FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Tina Rindfleisch & Tony Monastra, 2119 Willow Cove Marblehead, OH 43440; **Greg Twarek**, 117 Lucien Drive, Marblehead, OH 43440 **Patti Owens**, 311 Woodbridge Road Vermilion, OH 44089; **Irene Vangeloff**, 3580 Shaw Ave., Apt. 305, Cincinnati, OH 45208 Tel.: (513) 376-9693

PRAYER LIST

Parishioners & Family: Tom Sitzler / Valerie Schutt / Hayden Issler / Roger Pinta Jr. / Greg Twarek / Amber Twarek / Richard Williams / Christine Twarek / Tony Monastra / Alvin Foland / Delaine Ward (Ron Royhab’s sister) / Danielle and her unborn baby / Nikki and her unborn baby / Kristen Cassell / Laura DeKemper / Tom Hileman / Cliff & Kathy Ruggles / Sandra / Renee Haynal / Sharon Shaheen (Patti Owen’s sister) / Heidi Golob / Ron & Bobbie Royhab / Rodney Clevenger / Jennifer Heffernan /

Pam / Jim Twarek / Ed Garrity / Patti Owens / Barbara Wroblewski / Michal Tomáš / Helena Tomášová / Ruth Sheller / Carol / David Martin / Fred Soski / Irene Vangeloff / Sonja Rose / James Bargdill / Carole Conaway/ Gary Conaway / Sharon Dietrich / Michael Glovinsky / Shirley Gresh / Betty Kovach / Child Stella Miller / William Pipenur / Helen Jean Rofkar / George Royhab / Marianne Royhab / Kathy Jacob / the child Bodhi Cassell / Gleice, Sophie & Chloe / Carol / Nora.

Other Requests: TomVirostek / Bob Stephenson / Jim Rinaldo / Roy / Greg / Patty Wandover / Russ M. / Suzeann / Laura Engler / Robin (Niece of Kathy Ruggles) / Catechumen Sessely / Catechumen Daniel / Catechumen Adam / Catechumen Joshua / Catechumen Stephanie / Catechumen Max / Catechumen Michael / Catechumen Sharon / Steve Rohweder / Nicole Williams / John Couture / Ann Turinsky / Marcia / Catechumen Blake Shoemaker / Linkoln Paull / Matushka Melania / Sharyn Osborne / Amy / Bill Byrnes / Susanne / Charles Schlett / Kathy Debevits / Anthony / Archpriest Ján Čížmár / Archpriest David Lis / Archpriest Emilian Hutnyan / Archpriest John Adamcio / Matushka Laryssa Hutnyan / Donald Gresh / Mark Ludvik / Robert Piznar / William / Rick Rowe / Chris.

Military: Craig Cassell / Jake Ellithorpe / Jordon Fulton / Justin Issler / Tikhon / Nicholas / & All Military



MAY REPOSED

Julia Onyock (1921) No date provided; Andrew Onyock (1922) No date provided; Christos Karniotis (1992) No date provided; **1-**Donald Cholcher (2020); **4-** Norman Anthony Glovinsky (2016); **8-** Brad Bauer (2019); **14-** Stanley Lis (2019); **15-**George Glovinsky (1986); **21-** Anna Mazurik (2008); **22-** Mary Opritza (2011); **24-** Helen Greshko (1980); **25-** Anna Mazurak (1966); **25-** Philip Timko (2021); **27-** John Gresko- (2008); **30-** Anna Elchisco (1977)



VIGILS FOR May 3

Susan Guzy 1 Special Intentions

Jean Hileman 1 Special Intentions

Laura Kovach 3 For health and/or healing of Bob C., Paul W., Robin L., Margi & Joe, Heidi & Wayne G., Lindsay & Janet, Jerry Z., Patti O., Deb F., Tony M., Russ M, Burt K., Bobbie & Ron R., Peggy S., Brenda T., Betty K., Margaret M., Mark M., Dana M., Bodi C.

Safe travels for family & friends

Special Intentions

Sandy Martin 1 Special Intentions

David & Roddie Mazurik 3 Special Intentions

Natalie Twarek 10 In loving birthday remembrance of Dad and grandpa George(5/3) and Dad and grandpa John(5/6), Birthday blessings to Missy and Laura(5/8), Health & recovery of Fr John, Safe travel for Jean & family, For the health of Nikki and unborn baby, For the health of Fr Peter & Matushka Michelle, For the health of Fr John & Matushka Melania, Health and recovery of Greg, Amber, Tina and Dina, Claire & Laura Arnold, For the health and recovery of Mary, Rodney & Carol, Ken, Bob, Richard, Patty, Patti, Laura, Kathy & Cliff, Irene, Ron & Bobbie, Betty, Kayla, Heidi, Wayne, Peggy, Marcia, Health and healing for Father's parents Michal & Helena and Matushka's mom Barbara & Walter, For the health of Mimi, Elaine, Christine, Jen, Tony, Father David, Carole, Gary, Sharon, Sonya, Margi & Joe, MaryAnn & Bob, Bodhi, Stella, Jake, Pat



MAY CANDLE SPONSORS

Altar Candles: Fr. Peter and Mat. Michelle, For Health and God's Blessings for Barbara Wroblewski, and Michal & Helena Tomáš (**\$50**); **Chandelier:** Valerie Schutt, Birthday

Blessings for Joe (**\$50**); **Eternal Light & Icon Screen:** Available (**\$25**); **Candles at the Cross:** Laura Kovach, Birthday blessings to Michael (**\$20**); **Candles at St. Tikhon Icon:** Available (**\$20**)



READERS LIST

Sunday May 10 – Joe
Sunday May 17 – Tim



ATTENDANCE

05/03 Divine Liturgy, **34** attending (5 guests)



MAY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

16 – David & Sandy Martin Anniversary (46); **17** – Tony & Tina Monastra Anniversary (34); **17** – Mike Cole; **20** – Joe & Valerie Schutt Anniversary (9); **26** – Quincy Kowal*



SUNDAY OFFERING

Sunday, May 3, 2026

Tithe	\$1,597.00
Donations	\$ 91.00
Candles	\$ 60.00
Vigils	\$ 75.00
Holy Day Donation	\$ 5.00
Joyful Connections (May)	\$ 10.00
Chandelier	\$ 50.00
Building Restoration	\$ 780.00
Total:	\$2,668.00

May the Lord reward you for your financial and spiritual support!



CHARITY OF THE MONTH

“Joyful Connections” is the charity we donate to for the month of May.

UP-COMING EVENTS IN OUR PARISH – MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- May 11th** Baking Day – 8:00 AM (*Monday*)
- May 12th** Baking Day – 8:00 AM (*Tuesday*)
- May 18th** Baking Day – 8:00 AM (*Monday*)
- May 19th** Baking Day – 8:00 AM (*Tuesday*)
- May 21st** Ascension of Our Lord 9:30 AM (*Thursday*)
- May 23rd** First Market Day of the season 8:00 AM (*Saturday*)
- May 26th** Baking Day – 8:00 AM (*Tuesday*)
- May 30th** Memorial Saturday Div. Liturgy 9:30 (*Saturday*)
- May 31st** HOLY PENTECOST (*Sunday*)





COFFEE HOUR SPONSOR LIST

- May 10 - Sessely & Dan
- May 17 - Available
- May 24 - Available
- May 31 - Available

Please sign up to host coffee hour. Signup sheet is located in the Social Hall



CLEANING SCHEDULE

- May 11, Jean
- May 18, Stephanie
- May 25, Greg
- June 1, Roddie & David



ANNUAL VISIT TO MIDDLE BASS ISLAND

Once again this year, we are very grateful to Debby and Subdeacon John (Roger) Pinta for their generous invitation for the Annual Pilgrimage and Annual Lake Erie cruise to the Middle Bass Island. In their loving kindness and great hospitality they invite every parishioner and friends of our parish to come to their home for the Molieben of thanksgiving at St John the Baptist Chapel, which they built on their property, and for very generous and delicious Debby's foodfest! The Pilgrimage will take place on Thursday, **June 4th at 12:30 pm**. This fare and the feast are FREE of charge to any participant and the Ferry sails from Catawba at **10:45 AM**. Roger will meet us there. Please text Debby **(216) 676-9531** or Roger **(419) 285-5200** if you plan to attend, so they can make sure they have enough ferry tickets and enough food for everyone.



BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN

You are invited to participate in the Annual Baby Bottle Campaign sponsored by Ottawa County Pregnancy Services. Please take a Baby bottle which you will find in the vestibule and fill it with loose change, cash or check made out to Ottawa County Pregnancy. Please return the bottle on or before Father's Day.



PRAYER FOR MOTHERS

O Lord, our God, look down with merciful eyes upon our humble and earnest petition which we fervently offer to You today in behalf of all of our mothers. Shower Your heavenly graces upon them. Grant that they may always behold the joy of their children and their children's children. Fill them with that same maternal love that our most holy Lady, the Blessed Theotokos, and ever-Virgin Mary showed to Your Only-Begotten Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ. And, grant that all of our mothers may ever be sustained in the image of our heavenly mother, the Most Pure Virgin Mary. We pray to You, O heavenly Master, on this special day honoring our mothers to graciously hear us and have mercy on them.



Sunday of the Samaritan Woman

Commemorated on May 10

The Holy Martyr Photina (Svetlana) the Samaritan Woman, her sons Victor (named Photinus) and Joses; and her sisters Anatola, Phota, Photis, Paraskev , 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.

Reports of this reached Nero, and he commanded that the Christians be brought to him at Rome. Then the Lord Himself appeared to the confessors and said, "Fear not, for I am with you. Nero, and all who serve him, will be vanquished." The Lord said to Saint Victor, "From this day forward, your name will be Photinus, because through you, many will be enlightened and will believe in Me." The Lord then told the Christians to strengthen and encourage Saint Sebastian to persevere until the end.

All these things, and even future events, were revealed to Saint Photina. She left Carthage in the company of several Christians and joined the confessors in Rome.

At Rome the emperor ordered the saints to be brought before him and he asked them whether they truly believed in Christ. All the confessors refused to renounce the Savior. Then the emperor gave orders to smash the martyrs' finger joints. During the torments, the confessors felt no pain, and their hands remained unharmed.

Nero ordered that Saints Sebastian, Photinus and Joses be blinded and locked up in prison, and Saint Photina and her five sisters Anatola, Phota, Photis, Paraskev  and Kyriake were sent to the imperial court under the supervision of Nero's daughter Domnina. Saint Photina converted both Domnina and all her servants to Christ. She also converted a sorcerer, who had brought her poisoned food to kill her. Three years passed, and Nero sent to the prison for one of his servants, who had been locked up. The messengers reported to him that Saints Sebastian, Photinus and Joses, who had been blinded, had completely recovered, and that people were visiting them to hear their preaching, and indeed the whole prison had been transformed into a bright and fragrant place where God was glorified.

Nero then gave orders to crucify the saints, and to beat their naked bodies with straps. On the fourth day the emperor sent servants to see whether the martyrs were still alive. But, approaching the place of the tortures, the servants fell blind. An angel of the Lord freed the martyrs from their crosses and healed them. The saints took pity on the blinded servants, and restored their sight by their prayers to the Lord. Those who were healed came to believe in Christ and were soon 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.

