

# ST. GEORGE'S DIVINE SERVICES

**Saturday, May 17** The Holy martyr Theodotus of Ancyra

Readings: Acts. 11:19-26 7 29-30; Jn. 4:5-42

**NO SERVICE** 

**Sunday, May 18** Sunday of the Samaritan Woman

Readings: Acts. 11:19-26 7 29-30; Jn. 4:5-42

9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy

God's blessing upon **Mary Siweckyj** on her birthday God's blessing upon **Fr. Igor Hohosha** on his birthday God's blessing upon **Dorothy Waslo** on her birthday

Saturday, May 24 Third Finding of the Precious Head of the Holy,

**Glorious Prophet John** 

Readings: Acts. 16:16-34; Jn. 9:1-38

11:00 A.M. Baptism

4:00 P.M. Vigil Divine Liturgy (McKees Rocks)

**Sunday, May 25** Sunday of the Man Born Blind

Readings: Acts. 16:16-34; Jn. 9:1-38

9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Supplications will be offered for+ Maria Perkun, given by children and grandchildren.

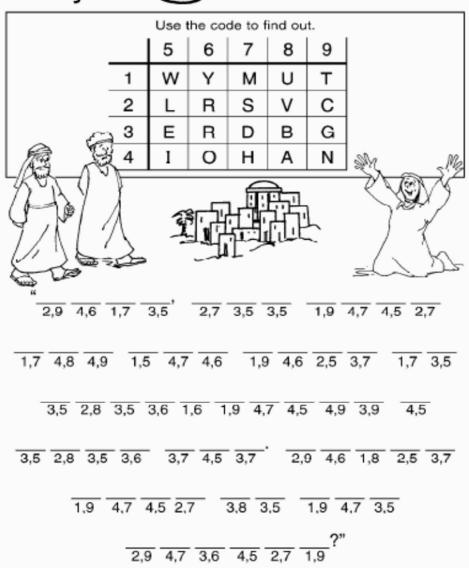
Supplications will be offered for+ Patricia Della Ragione, given by Luigi & family.

Supplications will be offered for +Kathryn Kaltreider, Olga & Frank

Mikovitz, given by Ann Kaltreider.



Then, the woman went back to the town. What did she tell the people?



## Sunday of the Samaritan Woman



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."

On this Fifth Sunday of Pascha we read in our Holy Church the Gospel of John (4:5-42) that details Christ's dealings with the Samaritan Woman. It was on account of this interaction that

the Samaritans became the first people to recognize Jesus as Savior of the world. And, it is on account of this interaction that we first realize that the Gospel of Christ is for all people!

According to an early tradition, after the Resurrection of Christ, the Samaritan Woman was baptized and given the Christian name Photini, which means "the enlighten one." Along with her two sons and five daughters she went to Carthage (northern Africa) to spread the Gospel. There they were arrested, taken to Rome under Nero, imprisoned, and later martyred. According to tradition, Saint Photini, who first met Christ beside a well, was martyred for Christ by being thrown into a well. Besides honoring the Samaritan Woman on this Sunday our Holy Church also commemorates her every year on February 26<sup>th</sup>.

For most of the faithful, Saint Photini is remembered on her feast day, yet some stewards of the Church call her to mind on a daily basis as they "enlighten" others with the Gospel of Christ. We all have that calling-vocation to be enlighteners in our households, families, schools, at work, etc.

Let us this day pray that we too, like the Samaritan Woman, may bring others to the Church, testifying like her to the Divinity of Christ, becoming reapers of that which we have not sown. Holy Mother Photini, pray to God for us!

The Samaritan Woman came to the well with faith and saw You, the Master of Wisdom. You satisfied the thirst of her soul, and she inherited the Kingdom of Heaven forever.



# May 18, 2025

Sunday of the Samaritan Woman

The Holy martyr Theodotus of Ancyra

**Festal Tone** 

<u>Changeable Part:</u> See the special insert available in the church vestibule.

# **Announcements:**

## **Today: Sunday of the Samaritan Woman**

We celebrate the Fifth Sunday of Pascha which deals with the woman of Samaria with whom Christ spoke at Jacob's Well. As we hear in the Gospel Reading for this Sunday (John 4:5-42), again the theme is the "living water" and the recognition of Jesus as God's Messiah. We are reminded today of our New Life in Him, of our own drinking of the "living water", of our own true worship of God in the Christian messianic age "in Spirit and in Truth". We see as well that salvation is offered to ALL: Jews and Gentiles, men and women, saints and sinners.

### **Scholarship**

Again this year, the Education Board of St. George's is happy to announce that students who are attending or are planning to attend Duquesne University should be aware of the availability of the Estina Franzak Perpetual Scholarship Fund. The Fund is intended to benefit students of Ukrainian ethnicity in their studies at Duquesne University. The amount of scholarship varies. Scholarships are awarded on an academic year basis. Recipients from prior years will be considered for renewal of awards, provided that they demonstrate satisfactory academic progress.

For additional details, please see Fr. Igor or Olha Perkun. Applications must be submitted to the Education Board of St. George Ukrainian Catholic Church by June 4, 2025

### **Memorial Day**

On Monday, May 26<sup>th</sup>, we will celebrate Memorial Day in our country. On this day the Blessing of graves will take place in our parish. At 10:00 a.m. a Panikhida Service followed by the Blessing of graves will take place at Highwood Cemetery. At 10:45 a.m. a Panikhida Service followed by the Blessing of graves will take place at Union Dale Cemetery. Graves in other cemeteries will be blessed by request and appointment.

### **Tuesday: PAC Meeting**

On Thursday evening, May 29th, the meeting of the Parish Advisory Council will take place in the Church hall at 6:30 p.m. This meeting is open to all parishioners. I ask all members of the PAC to please be present for this meeting.

### May Birthdays!

Happy Birthday to the following parishioners:

Shellie Geiger	5/2	Jim Kaltreider	5/2
Irene Pyptyk	5/3	Ember Hilldebrand	5/6
Nicholas Hohosha	5/7	Mary Siweckyj	5/18
Dottie Spikula	5/19	Darrell Chulack	5/27

We want to take a moment to celebrate and thank our beloved pastor, Fr. Igor, who is celebrating his birthday on May 19<sup>th</sup>. Fr. Igor continues to be a true blessing to St. George Church. We are grateful for his time, service and dedication. May God grant Fr. Igor and all of our May birthdays many happy, healthy and blessed years ahead!

We also have a milestone birthday this month! This month we celebrate Mary Siweckyj, a dear friend of St. George Church who turns 80 years young! Mary is amazing. She has overcome so much and she continues to be a wonderful parishioner and volunteer. Mary is a dedicated Pyrohy Princess and has faithfully given her time, energy and compassion to serving St. George's Pyrohy Project.

Mary helps do many tasks from bagging product, doing laundry and dishes and selling our delicious pyrohy. Mary knows quite a few customers and has a warm smile and a friendly word for everyone who walks through the doors Her kindness and dedication to St. George's are a true blessing! Happy 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday, Mary! Cheers to many more wonderful years!

## Collection- May God bless you...

The total for Sunday of May 4, 2025 was \$1,127.00 +\$320.00

(Collection: \$865.00, Loose & candles: \$18.00, Mother's Day candle: \$244.00)

Sincere thanks to all of you for your kindness and generosity!

### FATHER'S DAY

## Please light a candle in honor/memory of the following

	Living	Deceased
	Living	Deceased
	Living	Deceased
	Given By:	
Please print each name and circle the sed for the Living, White for the decease		



\* DEADLINE TO ORDER THESE CANDLES: THURSDAY, JUNE 12, 2025\*



**Deanery Pilgrimage to Celebrate Jubilee Year 2025** 

At St. John's the Baptist parish,

South Side of Pittsburgh

On the Eve of Ascension,

Wednesday, May 28, 2025, at 6:30pm

Bishop Bohdan will celebrate Divine Liturgy with local clergy, Confession will be available There will be no service at St. George for the feast of Ascension. Please mark your calendar!