

# ST. PAUL THE APOSTLE ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Weekly Bulletin for Week of May 15-21, 2017

## CHRIST IS RISEN!! • INDEED HE IS RISEN!!

### TODAY'S SCRIPTURES

**EPISTLE:** In those days: 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. 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 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. (*Acts 11:19-26, 29-30*)

**GOSPEL:** 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."

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### THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S

**TODAY: 5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF PASCHA — Tone 4. Samaritan Woman.** Martyr Isidore of Chios. Ven. Isidore, Fool-for-Christ, Wonderworker of Rostov. St. Nikita, Bishop of Novgorod and Recluse, of the Kiev Caves. Martyr Maximus. Ven. Serapion of Egypt. St. Leontius, Patriarch of Jerusalem. First opening of the Relics of St. Tikhon of Zadonsk.

*Hours:* Huffman

*Epistle:* Hood

*Post-Communion:* W. Demko

*Greeters:* Murphy/Campbell

*Coffee:* Men

### FATHER JOHN RETURNS FROM VACATION MAY 18

**WEDNESDAY, May 17:** Daily Vespers, 6:30 PM; ADULT CLASS RESUMES

**THURSDAY, May 18:** Eritrean Service, 8:00 AM; NO Coffee Chat

**SATURDAY, May 20: Feeding the Homeless, 10:30 AM;** Great Vespers, 5:00 PM; CONFESSIONS

**SUNDAY, May 21: Divine Liturgy, 9:00 AM; 6<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF PASCHA — Tone 5. Blind Man.** Holy Equals-to-the-Apostles Emperor Constantine and his mother, Helen (Elena). St. Constantine and his children, Ss. Michael and Theodore, Wonderworkers of Múrom. Ven. Cassian the Greek, of Uglich. The Meeting of the VLADIMIR Icon of the Most-holy Theotokos (in commemoration of the saving of Moscow from the invasion of the Crimean Khan, Mekhmet-Girei in 1521).

*Hours:* H. Demko

*Epistle:* Wheeler

*Post-Communion:* Bitsko

*Greeters:* Stafford/Chong

*Coffee:* McAuley/Stafford

## PARISH CLERGY

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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." 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." (John 4:5-42)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### MOTHERS DAY

May God bless with Many Years all of our mothers, grandmothers, and godmothers! Memory Eternal to all of our departed mothers, grandmothers and godmothers.

### VACATION

Father John and Matushka Liz are returning Thursday, May 18. Father Stephen is handling any pastoral needs or emergencies while Father John is away. Please contact him if need arises. **There will be no Coffee Chat again until June 1<sup>st</sup>.**

### FEEDING THE HOMELESS

Our next Feeding the Homeless project will be held next Saturday, May 20. We meet at the parish hall at 10:30 AM, pack lunches and then go downtown to distribute them. We are usually done by about 1:00-1:30. Please join us!

### SPECIAL SALE

There will be a **one-time special sale of beef sambusa** next Sunday, May 21, with all proceeds helping our Project Mexico team. They will be 25 for \$10.00.

### PARISH COUNCIL

Due to Father John's vacation absence, the regular Parish Council meeting for May is **moved from May 16 to May 23.**

Council members please take note!

### PROJECT MEXICO

**You can help by using our Amazon "smile" account:**

<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/88-0242982>

**A gofundme page allows direct donations:**

<https://www.gofundme.com/stpaulmexicotrip>

### REMEMBER, O LORD...those in need of prayer

Archpriest John (Bruchok)	Peter (Jolevski)
Matushka Mary (Perez)	Nelson (Huffman)
Christopher (Elliott)	Alla (Jascolt)
Michelle (Chong)	Robert (Kuhn)
Laura (Draskovic)	Stacy (Kim)
Madeline (DeSomov)	Kathryn (Kessler)
Anita (Maresca)	Micah (Demko)
Sophie & Natasha (Zonitch)	Ann (Prochko)
Marilyn (Bassell)	Monique (Miller)
Marteen (Moore)	Child Ally (Hansen)
Christine (Sechrist)	Child Caleb (Bisaccia)
David (Poe)	

### MAN OR RABBIT? • C.S. LEWIS

'Can't you lead a good life without believing in Christianity?' This is the question on which I have been asked to write, and straight away, before I begin trying to answer it, I have a comment to make. The question sounds as if it were asked by a person who said to himself, 'I don't care whether Christianity is in fact true or not. I'm not interested in finding out whether the real universe is more like what the Christians say than what the Materialists say. All I'm interested in is leading a good life. I'm going to choose beliefs not because I think them true but because I find them helpful.' Now frankly, I find it hard to sympathize with this state of mind. One of the things that distinguishes man from the other animals is that he wants to know things, wants to find out what reality is like, simply for the sake of knowing. When that desire is completely quenched in anyone, I think he has become something less than human. As a matter of fact, I don't believe any of you have really lost that desire. More probably, foolish preachers, by always telling you how much Christianity will help you and how good it is for society, have actually led you to forget that Christianity is not a patent medicine. Christianity claims to give an account of facts -- to tell you what the real universe is like. Its account of the universe may be true, or it may not, and once the question is really before you, then your natural inquisitiveness must make you want to know the answer. If Christianity is untrue, then no honest man will want to believe it, however helpful it might be: if it is true, every honest man will want to believe it, even if it gives him no help at all.

## DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

<b>May 15: Acts 12:12-17</b>	<b>John 8:42-51</b>
<b>May 16: Acts 12:25-13:12</b>	<b>John 8:51-59</b>
<b>May 17: Acts 13:13-24</b>	<b>John 6:5-14</b>
<b>May 18: Acts 14:20-27</b>	<b>John 9:39-10:9</b>
<b>May 19: Acts 15:5-34</b>	<b>John 10:17-28</b>
<b>May 20: Acts 15:35-41</b>	<b>John 10:27-38</b>

## STEWARDSHIP 2017

<b>Stewardship 5/7:</b>	<b>\$ 4,967.00</b>
<b>Total Income 5/7:</b>	<b>\$ 5,133.00</b>
<b>Weekly income needed:</b>	<b>\$ 4,995.27</b>
<b>2017 INC GOAL (19 wks):</b>	<b>\$ 94,910.13</b>
<b>2017 INC ACTUAL:</b>	<b>\$ 126,884.71</b>
<b>Percentage of Budgeted Income:</b>	<b>133.7%</b>