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**FIFTH SUNDAY OF PASCHA:**

**Commemoration of the Samaritan Woman (*Tone 4*)**

## SERVICES THIS WEEK

### 5TH SUNDAY OF PASCHA (*Tone 4*)

**Sunday of the Samaritan Woman**

*Saturday, 13 May (30 April, o.s.)*

6:00 PM Vigil Service; Confessions

*Sunday, 14 May (1 May, o.s.)*

8:40 AM Third and Sixth Hours

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy;

Trapeza (coffee hour)

3:00 PM Wedding of A. Straut & J. Neidig

### 6TH SUNDAY OF PASCHA (*Tone 5*)

**Holy Apostle John the Theologian**

*Saturday, 20 May (7 May, o.s.)*

6:00 PM Vigil Service; Confessions

*Sunday, 21 May (8 May, o.s.)*

9:10 AM Third and Sixth Hours

9:30 AM Divine Liturgy;

Trapeza (coffee hour)

12:30 PM Adult Study

## FASTING DAYS THIS WEEK

Day	Date	Commemoration & Type of Fast
<i>Wednesday</i>	17 May (4 May, o.s.)	Virgin Martyr Pelagia of Tarsus Fast: wine, & oil permitted
<i>Friday</i>	19 May (6 May, o.s.)	Prophet Job the Much-Suffering Fast: wine, & oil permitted

## SCRIPTURE READINGS THIS WEEK

FIFTH WEEK OF PASCHA		
<i>Su</i>	<b>Fifth Sunday of Pascha: The Samaritan Woman</b>	
	<i>7th Resurrectional Matins Gospel:</i> John §63 (20:1-10)	
	Acts §28 (11:19-26, 29-30)	John §12 (4:5-42)
<i>M</i>	Acts §30 (12:12-17)	John §32 (8:42-51)
<i>Tu</i>	Acts §31 (12:25-13:12)	John §33 (8:51-59)
<i>W</i>	Acts §32 (13:13-24)	John §18 (6:5-14)
<i>Th</i>	Acts §35 (14:20b-27)	John §35 (9:39-10:9)
<i>F</i>	Acts §36 (15:5-34)	John §37 (10:17-28)
<i>Sa</i>	Acts §37 (15:35-41)	John §38 (10:27-38)
SIXTH WEEK OF PASCHA		
<i>Su</i>	Sixth Sunday of Pascha: The Blind Man	
	<i>8th Resurrectional Matins Gospel:</i> John §64 (20:11-18)	
	Acts §38 (16:16-34)	John §34 (9:1-38)

## NAMEDAYS, BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

### Week of 7 May

**Namedays** – 7th (St Elizabeth of Constantinople): Elizaveta Efuni.

**Birthdays** – 12th: Olga Welsh.

**Wedding Anniversaries** – 8th: Reader Gregory & Claudia Maxey (1988), Deacon Stephanos & Mat. Juliana Bibas (2005).

### Week of 14 May

**Birthdays** – 15th: Katharine Bibas, Olga Chemodakov; 19th: Innokenty (Ken) Yanovsky.

**Wedding Anniversaries** – 15th: James & Olga Welsh.

## THE REST OF MAY

**Namedays** – 21st (Apostle John the Theologian): John Morrow, John (Jack) Welsh; 23rd (Blessed Thais of Egypt): Taisia Seneko; 28th (St Colman of Oughaval): Colman (Hugh) O’Beirne.

**Birthdays** – 24th: Gabriel Chemodakov; 28th: Johan Mladineo; 31st: Valentina Babitsch.

**Wedding Anniversaries** – 26th: Frank & Nina Fitzgerald (1996).

## THIS WEEK’S ANNOUNCEMENTS

**St Elizabeth’s Annual Meeting** was held last Sunday. The Rector, Church Warden, Treasurer, Auditor, Choir, and Building Committee presented year-in-review reports for the past year. The following parishioners were elected to the Parish Council for this year: Sbdcn Philip Hotz, Jennifer Hotz, Matushka Anna Komleski, Sbdcn Daniel Lieuwen, Rdr Gregory Maxey, John Morrow, and Andrew O’Brien.

**The second Sunday of May** is designated Mothers’ Day in the United States. We join our society in honoring the Mothers, Grandmothers, and Godmothers among us!

**Services this Sunday began a half hour earlier:** 8:40 a.m. Hours and 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy. This was done to allow the Straut and Neidig families to attend services before preparing for Anna and Justin’s Wedding later that afternoon at St Elizabeth’s.

**Anna Straut and Justin Neidig will be wed today** at 3 o'clock in the afternoon at St Elizabeth's Church. All parishioners are invited to attend the Wedding ceremony.

**This coming Wednesday is the Leave-taking** of Mid-Pentecost. It is the final day that we sing the troparion and kontakion of the Feast of Mid-Pentecost in the services of the church and our daily prayers at home.

**The Paschal time of 50 Days (Pentecost)** is a period of festive joy. Throughout the entire period of 50 days, from the Sunday of Pascha until the Day of Pentecost, this joy is expressed liturgically in the following manner:

- The Prayer 'O Heavenly King...' is omitted during the entire period of 50 days.
- We do not kneel or make prostrations during the entire period of 50 days.

**Pascha is not celebrated for merely one day**, or even a week like other Great Feasts of the Church, but it a 40 day Feast. Throughout the entire period of 40 days, from the Sunday of Pascha until the Feast of the Ascension of the Lord, we celebrate the Feast in the following manner:

- We use the greeting 'Christ is risen!' and the response 'Truly He is risen' throughout the entire 40 days of Pascha.
- The Paschal Troparion, 'Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and on those in the tombs bestowing life' is sung or said three times at the beginning of all Services and personal prayers for the entire 40 days of Pascha.

**St Seraphim's Orthodox Summer Camp**, will have its 21st annual camp during the week of 30 July – 6 August 2017. The camp, located in Pennsylvania's Pocono Mountains, is open to children from the third grade until 18 years old. The camp was begun with the blessing and encouragement of Metropolitan Laurus of blessed memory and continues to be one of the major activities for youth in the Russian Church Abroad. Children attend from all over America, Canada and other countries. Each day is filled with activities. The day begins with Morning Prayers and The Law of God. A number of priests (including our own Fr David) volunteer their week to be with the children and make themselves available for spiritual needs. Each day sees a wide variety of sporting activities, arts and crafts, hiking, swimming and water sports. The evenings are filled with activities and bonfires. Lastly, Evening Prayers are said together. Abundant adult supervision is drawn from parents and church representatives. The cost of the camp is \$275 until 1 July, after which it increases to \$325. Scholarships are available as well. All information is to be found on the camp website. Registration is available only online at [www.stseraphimcamp.com](http://www.stseraphimcamp.com). If you have questions, please email the Camp Director, Archpriest Alexis Duncan, at [info@stseraphimcamp.com](mailto:info@stseraphimcamp.com), or call (518) 925-9165 or (518) 577-5432.

## On This Mother's Day

To those who gave birth this year to their first child - we celebrate with you.

To those who lost a child this year – we mourn with you.

To those who are in the trenches with little ones every day – we appreciate you.

To those who stepparent – we walk with you on these complex paths.

To those who lived through driving tests, medical tests, and the overall testing of motherhood – we are better for having you in our midst.

To those who are foster mothers, mentor mothers, and Godmothers – we need you.

To those who experienced loss through miscarriage, failed adoptions, or running away – we mourn with you.

To those who walk the hard path of infertility, fraught with pokes, prods, tears, and disappointment – we walk with you. (Forgive us when we say foolish things. We don't mean to make this harder than it is.)

To those who have warm and close relationships with your children – we celebrate with you.

To those who have disappointment, heartache, and distance with your children – we sit with you.

To those who lost their mothers this year – we mourn with you.

To those who experienced abuse at the hands of their own mothers – we grieve with you.

To those who are single and long to be married and mothering your own children – we mourn that life has not turned out the way you longed for it to be.

To those who envisioned lavishing love on grandchildren - yet that dream is not to be, we grieve with you.

To those who will have emptier nests in the upcoming year – we grieve and rejoice with you.

To those who placed children up for adoption - we commend you for your selflessness and remember how you hold that child in your heart.

And to those who are pregnant with new life, both expected and surprising – we anticipate with you.

This Mother's Day, we walk with you. Mothering is not for the faint of heart and we have real warriors in our midst. We remember you.