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BULLETIN – 5TH SUNDAY OF PASCHA; SUNDAY OF THE SAMARITAN WOMAN

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Christ is risen! Indeed, he is risen!

Cristo ressuscitou! Em verdade ressuscitou!

Xristosi banuytashtch'ey! Gheli banuytashtch'ey!

Many Years – Birthday

Roger Sack	May 18
Daniel Peabody	May 20
Sh. Karla Newberry	May 22

DIVINE SERVICES ONLINE

To see the list of links for accessing online services, please go here:

<https://www.antiochian.org/dashboard?name=COVID-19>

NEEDS & SURPLUS

If you have a surplus of

- **bleach, household cleaners, hand sanitizer, toilet paper, water, canned and jarred food (especially vegetables), frozen foods, diapers, paper towels**

and want to share with others in our parish who need these items, please bring them to the parish hall **on Saturdays from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm**. If you have a need, please call Marilyn Spurgeon at (831) 345-5448 or email her at mlspurgeon64@gmail.com. The Kindness Ministry Team will then work out a time/place for items to be distributed to those in need.

MORE ONLINE RESOURCES

The Department of Homeschooling and other Archdiocese ministries are offering learning opportunities, support, and curriculum resources for all ages. Go here for more info: <https://www.antiochian.org/regulararticle/622>

ONLINE DONATING

To donate online, go to <https://ssppaoc.org/#>. When the home page comes up, at the top right, you will see “Support Our Parish”. Select “Donate Online” and that will take you to a page with a list of possible donations and a place to pay tithes.

THE WORD MAGAZINE

The May 2020 edition of The Word magazine is now available online on the archdiocese website. Go here to access the magazine: <https://antiochian.org/regulararticle/656>

This Week @ Ss. Peter & Paul–May 18-24, 2020

5/23 Sat	Great Vespers
5/24 Sun	Orthros followed by Divine Liturgy – Paralytic – 6 th Sunday of Pascha

Looking Ahead –

Services will be conducted similarly to what is listed above until further notice from the Antiochian Archdiocese and the County of Santa Cruz. Please remember to pray at home.

Many Years!

May 19 Connie Naomi Le Roux

Orthodox Tidbits

“Think nothing and do nothing without a purpose directed to God. For to journey without direction is wasted effort.”

St. Mark the Ascetic

The question that an Orthodox Christian should ask when making mundane decisions throughout the day is often not what should I do, but for whom should I do it. Many of the every day tasks of life, our jobs, school work or housework are neither good nor evil in and of themselves, but we make them either worship for our Lord by dedicating them to Him or we make them into idols, by seeking to serve ourselves.

Christ’s salvific work on the Cross made it possible so that anything that we do, we can do as an offering of worship to God. This is what the sacramental life is—turning the most mundane tasks into prayer, by devoting them to God. How do we do this? By constantly remembering Him, by asking His guidance in all we do, by constantly giving thanks for all of the wonderful things that He does for us and by making sure that any praise that is given to us is redirected to Him. In doing this, we offer ourselves as living sacrifices, pleasing and acceptable to God, for His glory, not for our own.

**In Christ,
Fr. Nathan**

5th Sunday of Pascha

Coming to obtain corruptible water, O woman, Thou drawest living water, wherewith thy soul’s stains thou washest.

The Samaritan woman—the holy and glorious Great-martyr Photeini—met Jesus at midday at Jacob’s Well, which was located in the city of Sychar. And being tired from travel and the heat, Jesus sat at Jacob’s Well. A little after, the Samaritan woman came to draw water, and had a long conversation with Him (it is the longest recorded discourse between Christ and a single person

in the entire Bible). Photeini did not want to talk to Jesus, because the Samaritans did not have any dealings with Jews; Jews considered her people heretics because Samaritans kept only the first five books of the Old Testament. However, the Lord talked with her anyway, read her heart, revealed her secrets and gave her to drink of the “Living Water”—the grace of the Holy Spirit that leads to eternal life and flows to all humanity. Photeini immediately ran throughout the city to proclaim Christ. Through her, many other Samaritans believed in Jesus.

By the intercessions of Thy Martyr, Photeini, O Christ God, have mercy on us. Amen.

“...Shall we not serve the Lord Who by nature loves mankind, risk our lives and get rid of superfluous possessions in order to acquire heavenly riches? Shall we not endure dishonor from men, usually scoundrels, so as to attain to divine glory, exchanging the mortal for the immortal? Shall we not be hungry in moderation and thirsty, that we may eat the Bread of Life which came down from heaven (Jn. 6:51) and drink the true living water, whosoever is worthy to eat and drink of, which shall never hunger or thirst (Jn. 4:10, 14)? Should we not cleanse the eye of our soul, abstaining ‘from all defilement of the flesh and spirit’ (II Cor. 7:1), in order that we may see the light which preceded the sun, or rather, that we become children of that light (Eph. 5:8), and other lights ourselves, through sharing in His light, holding forth the word of life (cf. Phil. 2:15-16)?”

St. Gregory Palamas