

SUNDAY OF THE SAMARITAN WOMAN

The Samaritan Woman

The Fourth Gospel, attributed to Saint John the Evangelist, is used exclusively from Easter until Pentecost for the Sunday readings. The first chapter of John's Gospel is the proclamation used for the Divine Liturgy on Easter itself. This week, we are reminded of the story of Christ's encounter with the Samaritan woman at the well of Jacob, and thereby Christ's fulfillment of the Old Testament. In one of the many unique stories of the Fourth Gospel not found in the Synoptics (Matthew, Mark or Luke), Jesus reveals himself as Messiah to this woman of Samaria and talks with her about the "water that I will give will become ... a spring of water gushing up to eternal life."

In the early days of His ministry, Jesus travels back and forth between Galilee and Jerusalem, and must pass through Samaria. The Samaritans

were outcast Jews because they were not subject to the Babylonian exile of the Israelites from other provinces. Therefore, when Jesus talks with this Samaritan woman, His disciples are surprised and in shock that He would carry on a conversation with a woman at the well, let alone a Samaritan. But as the story is explained, the woman's testimony about Jesus spreads through the nearby town, and because of her many come to hear His teachings. After hearing His word, they come to believe in Him, and proclaim Him "the Savior of the world." (Jn 4:42)

With water as the focal point of this encounter, we are once again reminded of our Baptism, and that Christ's Baptism is that of "eternal life" through "living water."

Archbishop Vsevolod of Scopelos



Icon of Christ with the Samaritan Woman

UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC NATIONAL SHRINE OF THE HOLY FAMILY
4250 Harewood Road NE Washington, DC 20017

Phone: 202-526-3737

E-mail: ucnsholyfamily@gmail.com

Webpage: www.ucns-holyfamily.org

IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY PLEASE CALL: 202-262-5040

Pastoral Care entrusted to:

Father Robert Hitchens – Administrator Father Mykola Dziurakh – Parochial Vicar

Sunday – May 3, 2026

Христос Воскрес – Воістину Воскрес Christ is Risen – Truly He is Risen

Confessions are available before the Divine Liturgies
All Services will be Live Streamed at 9:00 AM and 11:30 AM
Platform: <https://www.facebook.com/holyfamilyshrine/>

Saturday May 2 5:30 p.m.	Moleben to the Mother of God
Sunday May 3 9:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	(Blessings for Julianne Iwaskiw from Stephania) (For the Parish)
Thursday May 7 9:00 a.m.	(+Pauline Fedak from Ruth)
Friday May 8 9:00 a.m.	(+Myron Tereshchuk from Family)
Saturday May 9 5:30 p.m.	Moleben to the Mother of God
Sunday May 10 9:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	Mother's Day (Living and Deceased Mothers) (For the Parish)

LOWER CHURCH BATHROOMS RENOVATION PROJECT 2026 – STARTING IN JUNE!

At long last, we will commence with the renovation of our Lower Church Bathrooms in June. We will have a little inconvenience, but then be able to use modern, hygienic, ADA compliant, and efficient facilities. The cost of the project will amount to just under \$310,000.00. We are very hopeful that our faithful parishioners will be able to make some special donations to cover the cost of this much needed and overdue updating to our facilities. God Bless you in advance for your generosity.

2026 PROPERTY AND LIABILITY INSURANCE PREMIUM

The 2026 Property and Liability Insurance Premium for our shrine has arrived. All of the parishes and institutions of the Archeparchy are insured through the Archeparchy's insurance program. We are assessed \$33,117.00 for the year. Please keep this in consideration when making your tithe and contribution to support our shrine and our priests. God Bless you in advance for your generosity.

MOLEBEN TO THE MOTHER OF GOD FOR PEACE SATURDAYS IN MAY AT 5:30 P.M.

During the Month of May we will celebrate Moleben on Saturdays at 5:30 p.m. in lieu of vespers, as we pray for peace in our world, especially Ukraine and throughout the Holy Land and Middle East.

SUMMER LITURGY SCHEDULE BEGINNING SUNDAY MAY 24 UNTIL SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 6 - ONE BILINGUAL DIVINE LITURGY AT 10:00 A.M. РОЗКЛАД ЛІТУРГІЙ НА ЛІТНІЙ ПЕРІОД ПОЧИНАЮЧИ З НЕДІЛІ, 24 ТРАВНЯ, ДО НЕДІЛІ, 6 ВЕРЕСНЯ — ОДНА БОЖЕСТВЕННА ЛІТУРГІЯ ДВОМА МОВАМИ О 10:00 РАНКУ

As we have now entered the summer season, our parish will begin a special schedule of one Bilingual Divine Liturgy on Sunday at 10:00 a.m. beginning Sunday May 24, the Feast of Pentecost. We also hope that this will allow our entire parish family to enjoy more fully the Sunday Sabbath with prayer, recreation, and relaxation. We thank you for your understanding and hope to see you with us for the Liturgy during the summer time.

Оскільки ми вже вступили в літній період, у нашій парафії будемо мати літній розпорядок Богослужінь: одну Божественну Літургію двома мовами щонеділі о 10:00 ранку, починаючи з неділі, 24 травня — Неділі П'ятидесятниці. Це дасть нам змогу молитовно і духовно переживати Літургію, зважаючи на те, що в літній час ми маємо менше співців, які можуть провадити спів і молитву. Також ми сподіваємося, що це допоможе всій нашій парафіяльній родині повніше переживати неділю як день Господній — у молитві, відпочинку та духовному оновленні.

PRAYER LIST

Our prayer list of the sick or elderly and friends of our parish: **Theresa Aranda, Liana Arnold, Valarie Balthis, Barbara Blendy, Bluey Family, Yevhenia Borys, Terry Boyle, Taisia Bullard, Mary Connors, Veronica Cosio, Darlene Dossick, Robert Dulaine, Solomia Dutkewych and Theresa, Ruth Fedack, Bernard F, Myroslava Futey, Lilian Garland, Thomas Gutmann, H.H., Josie Hacker, Robert Harnest, Catherine Hetmansky, Vanessa Hetmansky, Bernadell Rita Higgins, Ellen Hitchens, Janet Hitchens, Fr. Robert Hitchens, Boris Hlynsky, Daniel Horeczko, Oksana Horszynska, Ihor Hulawyj, Nila Iwaskiw, Sarah Kelt, LTJG Lydia Kowalskyj USN, Dorothy Kozmoski, Suzanne Krumpelman, Mr. Marko, Melissa Martin, Paul Marynowych, Irene Nagurney, Myron Nagurney Jr, Michele Pretka Litvak, Yaroslava L., Mufada and Family, Sallie Miller, John Moeller, Deborah Pickering, Alexandra Pohorecka, Patricia Pylypec, Ron#119, Michael Joseph Radigan, Ivanna Richardson, Roman Rusynko, Chris Saboe, Lisa Schaible, Christopher Sell, Teresa Sherwood, Shliakhta Bogdana, Shliakhta Mark, Shliakhta, Andrew, Larry Sosnowich, Lindsey Sydnor, Thomas Sydnor, Lisa Pretka Turner, Gloria and Luis Vega, Fr. George Worschak, and Paul Yarrish.** If you know of someone who should be on this list, please email or call with the name of the individual. Our intercessory prayer for the sick and the aged is truly helpful and comforting. In your Christian Charity, kindly remember our sick parishioners in your prayers and perhaps a card or note.