St. Nicholas Antiochian Orthodox Church

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Tone 4 — **May 10, 2026** — Eothinon 6

Fifth Sunday of Pascha
Sunday of the Samaritan Woman &
After-feast of Mid-Pentecost

Apostle Simon the Zealot; Venerable Laurence of Egypt

Today's Reader: Jay Roudebush

Next Sunday – May 17, 2026

Reader for May 17, 2026: **Evelyn Clay**

Commemorations and Bread Offering: **Roger, Krystal and Sophia Cantley**

Luncheon for Next Sunday will be prepared by the Clay, Greko, Keith & Athey Families

Bread for the Holy Oblation is Offered by the Thomas Family for the health and salvation of Suresh, Anna, Sunil, Kuryan, Ansu, Praveen, Ajay, Alex, Anupa, Alisha, Thommy, Kuryan, Suzanne, Reji, Sara, Matthew, Anju, Eldo, Susan and all the members of the Thomas and Kuryan Families.

It is also offered in loving memory of PT Thomas, Kamala, CT Kuruvilla, Mariamma Kuruvilla, KE Eappen. Anna Eappen. and the deceased members of the Thomas and Kuryan Families.

"the Disciples were first called Christians in Antioch" (Acts 11:26)

Please note that Holy Communion is reserved for members of the Holy Orthodox Church who have prepared themselves through prayer, fasting and confession. However, all are welcome to partake of the blessed bread at the dismissal.

Please join us during our fellowship at the Coffee Hour immediately after the Divine Liturgy.

Important Announcements . . .

Important Schedule Notes

- **The Parish Council Meeting has been *rescheduled* to take place on Sunday, May 17 at 1:30 pm. If any Parish Council member is unable to attend, please seen Sdn. James at today's Coffee Hour Luncheon.**
- **Today we will honor our Mothers — the Luncheon has been prepared and will be served by the Men's Fellowship of St. Seraphim of Sarov.**

Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!

Christos Anesti! Alethos Anesti! (Greek)
Al-Maseeu qam! Haqqan qam! (Arabic)
Christos Vokrese! Voistinu Voskrese! (Slavonic)

"Blessings Box" Collection Update

Beloved in Christ,
This year, we are collecting non-perishable food for our new BLESSING BOX! PLEASE KEEP BRINGING FOOD so that we may continue to stock our shelves and have food to stock adequately. We need to continue our efforts in providing food for those who are truly Hungry. God bless everyone for your holy efforts!

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Troparion of the Resurrection, *in the Fourth Tone*

Having learned the joyful message of the Resurrection from the angel, the women disciples of the Lord cast from them their parental condemnation. And proudly broke the news to the Disciples, saying, Death hath been spoiled; Christ God is risen, granting the world Great Mercy.

Troparion for Mid-Pentecost, *in the Eighth Tone*

In the midst of this Feast, O Savior, give Thou my thirsty soul to drink of the waters of true worship; for Thou didst call out to all, saying, Whosoever is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink. Wherefore, O Christ our God, Fountain of life, glory to Thee. the Great Mercy.

Troparion of St. Nicholas, *in the Fourth Tone*

Thy righteous acts have manifested thee to thy flock as a model of faith, a reflection of humility, and a teacher of abstinence, O Father Bishop Nicholas. Therefore, through humility thou hast achieved exaltation, and through poverty riches. Intercede thou with Christ to save our souls.

Kontakion of Pascha, *in the Eighth Tone*

Though Thou didst descend into the grave, O Immortal One, yet didst Thou destroy the power of Hades, and didst arise as victor, O Christ God, calling to the myrrh-bearing women, Rejoice, and giving peace unto Thine Apostles, O Thou Who dost grant resurrection to the fallen.

Epistle

Acts 11:19-30

Prokeimenon: How great are Thy works, O Lord! In wisdom hast Thou made them all. Verse: Bless the Lord, O my soul!

In those days, when the apostles were scattered because of the tribulation that arose over Stephen, they traveled as far as Phoenicia and Cyprus and Antioch, speaking the word to no one, except to Jews only. But there were some of them, men of Cyprus and Cyrene, who upon coming to Antioch spoke to the Hellenists also, preaching the Lord Jesus. And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number that believed turned to the Lord. The report concerning them reached the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent out Barnabas, to go as far out as Antioch. When he came and saw the grace of God, he was glad; and he exhorted them all, that with purpose of heart they should cleave to the Lord; for he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a great multitude was added unto the Lord. Then Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul; and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. For a whole year, they were gathered together in the church, and they taught a great multitude of people, and the disciples were called Christians first in Antioch. Now in these days prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. And one of them named Agabos stood up and signified by the Spirit that there would be a great famine over the whole world; and this took place in the days of Claudius Caesar. And the disciples, every one according to his ability, determined to send relief to the brethren who dwelt in Judaea; and they did so, sending it to the elders by the hand of Barnabas and Saul.

Gospel

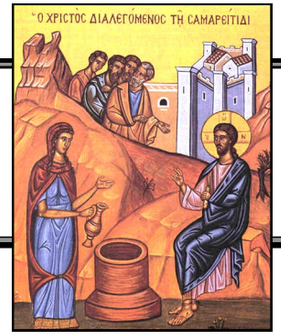
John 4:5-42

At that time, Jesus came to a city of Samar'ia, called Sy'char, near the field that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and so Jesus, wearied as he was with his journey, sat down beside the well. It was about the sixth hour. There came a woman of Samar'ia to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samar'ia?" For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans. Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying 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 do you get that living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well, and drank from it himself, and his sons, and his cattle?" Jesus said to her, "Every one who drinks of this water will thirst again,

Gospel *con't on following insert*

Gospel *Cont.*

but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst; the water that I shall give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal 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 him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, `I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and he whom you now have is not your husband; this you said truly." The woman said to him, "Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. Our fathers worshiped on this mountain; and you say that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for such the Father seeks to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ); when he comes, he will show us all things." Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am he." Just then his disciples came. They marveled that he was talking with a woman, but none said, "What do you wish?" or, "Why are you talking with her?" So the woman left her water jar, and went away into the city, and said to the people, "Come, see a man who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?" They went out of the city and were coming to him. Meanwhile the disciples besought him, saying, "Rabbi, eat." But he said to them, "I have food to eat of which you do not know." So the disciples said to one another, "Has any one brought him food?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me, and to accomplish his work. Do you not say, `There are yet four months, then comes the harvest'? I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see how the fields are already white for harvest. He who reaps receives wages, and gathers fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, `One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor; others have labored, and you have entered into their labor." 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 for ourselves, and we know that this is indeed the Savior of the world."



Sunday of the Samaritan Woman

One of the most ancient cities of the Promised Land was Shechem, also called Sikima, located at the foot of Mount Gerazim. There the Israelites had heard the blessings in days of Moses and Jesus of Navi. Near to this town, Jacob, who had come from Mesopotamia in the 19th century before Christ, bought a piece of land where there was a well. This well, preserved even until the time of Christ, was known as Jacob's Well. Later, before he died in Egypt, he left that piece of land as a special inheritance to his son, Joseph (Gen. 49:22). This town, before it was taken into possession by Samaria, was also the leading city of the kingdom of the ten tribes. In the time of the Romans it was called Neapolis, and at present Nablus. It was the first city in Canaan visited by the Patriarch Abraham. Here also, Jesus of Navi (Joshua) addressed the tribes of Israel for the last time. Almost three hundred years later, all Israel assembled there to make Rehoboam king.

When our Lord Jesus Christ, then, came at midday to this city, which is also called Sychar (John 4:5), He was wearied from the journey and the heat, and sat down at this well. After a little while the Samaritan woman mentioned in today's Gospel passage came to draw water. As she conversed at some length with the Lord and heard from Him secret things concerning herself, she believed in Him; through her many other Samaritans also believed.

We ask God to Richly Bless
Our beloved Parish Son

Francis Deighan

As he takes up a
New Home and Life in Alaska

May God Protect Him
Guide Him
Grant Him Peace, Health and Salvation!

God Grant you Many Years, Francis!

We look forward to Your Return One Day
To Visit Your Home at St. Nicholas!

Mothers in God's Service

Whether we are aware of it or not, we are all called to serve God. Whatever talents He has given us, we should choose to use in the service of His glorification. One such talent is the ability of a woman to care for the children she bears. She takes care of their physical needs and also tries to promote what she herself perceives as a need to know God. To women, God has given the wonderful mission of raising children, of building little temples for Him, raising another generation inspired to praise God.

Orthodox Christians understand just how exalted motherhood is. Has God not willed to be incarnate of a woman – Mary, the blessed offspring of aged Joachim and Anna? She was found worthy to take part in the mystery of the incarnation, having perfected in her soul purity, humility, obedience, silence, simplicity and a gentle disposition. She knew that such is precious in the sight of God (**I Pet. 3:4**). And in the environment of her purity of mind and speech, as well as her quiet comportment, she raised her holy Son with gentle love and care. While she is unique in her holiness, she is absolutely beautiful in her humanity. Perhaps every woman cherishes the wish in her heart to have the special grace that renders the Mother of God the saint of saints and the model of purity and silence.

To all who are called by God to motherhood, may it be granted not only to be worthy servants of His chosen flock, but also to take part in raising that God-glorifying generation. While God entrusts the leading to spiritual growth and development of virtues to many people, including priests and godparents, He chooses women to serve Him in motherhood, and we ought to understand that it is a holy calling. A woman worthy of being called "mother" is also worthy of being deemed "martyr" because raising children is a great sacrifice of self. Do not underestimate the serious and holy service you render when you accept from God to raise the little ones He gives you.

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Calendar: April-June 2026

5/10/2026 (Sun)		Sunday of the Samaritan Woman
5/17/2026 (Sun)		Sunday of the Blindman
5/20/2026 (Wed)		Leave-taking of Pascha
5/20/2026 (W/ed)	6:00 pm	Divine Liturgy for the Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord
5/21/2025 (Thu)		Feast of the Ascension
5/24/2026 (Sun)		Sunday of the Holy Fathers of the 1st Ecumenical Council
5/30/2026 (Sat)	10:00 am	Divine Liturgy for All Souls Saturday
5/31/2026 (Sun)		Holy Pentecost
6/1/2026 (Mon)		Holy Spirit Day
6/7/2026 (Sun)		All Saints Day
The Apostle's Fast 6/8/2026 - 6/28/2026		
6/24/2026		Feast of the Nativity of the Forerunner John the Baptist
6/29/2026 (Mon)	10:00 am	Feast of Sts. Peter and Paul
6/30/2026 (Tue)		Synaxis of the 12 Apostles

Calendar for the Week of May 10, 2026	Great & Holy Week
Sunday—May 10, 2026 Sunday the Samaritan Woman 9:25 am - Orthros 9:30 am - High School 10:00 am – Youth Ministry 10:30 am - Divine Liturgy After Liturgy- Junior &Youngsters Church School **Happy Mother's Day!**	The Apostle Simon the Zealot
Monday— May 11, 2026	The Martyr among Priests Mucius
Tuesday—May 12, 2026	Epiphanius Bishop of Cyprus Germanus of Constantinople
Wednesday—May 13, 2026 **Note: We will not be serving the Midweek Vespers until further notice.**	Glyceria the Martyr
Thursday—May 14, 2026	Isidore who was Martyred in Chios
Friday—May 15, 2026	Pachomius the Great; Archillius
Saturday—May 16, 2026 **5:00 pm Great Vespers** **Confessions afterward**	The Righteous Theodore the Sanctified
Sunday—May 17, 2026 Sunday the Blind Man **9:25 am - Orthros** **9:30 am - High School 10:00 am – Youth Ministry** **10:30 am - Divine Liturgy** **After Liturgy- Junior &Youngsters Church School** **1:30 pm - Parish Council Meeting**	The Apostles Andronicus and Junia of the Seventy

Please note that Confessions are heard at the time noted above in the coming week's schedule, or by appointment by calling Fr. Samuel at: (304) 254-0470, (304) 562-9129, or (304) 541-8550.