

Because of this hope, and Jesus' loving but firm manner, she realizes that He is more than any prophet. In icons the well is generally depicted like a baptismal font, or in the shape of a Greek cross, as a sign of the salvation that came to that place. The well today has an ancient baptismal font placed directly in front of it.

These three readings – **Paralytic, Samaritan Woman, Man Born Blind** – all lead us through baptism to the gifts of the Holy Spirit and Pentecost. The Holy Spirit can only dwell with us fully when we acknowledge our sins and faults, and open ourselves to God's life-giving grace. God convicts us of our sins, and we must respond with hope, thanks, acceptance, and a desire to participate in the life of the Holy Trinity. The Woman changed – as must we. The Woman introduced others to Christ – so must we. And they were so changed by His preaching to them, that they begged for Jesus and the disciples to stay with them, and when they must leave, to return to them. We should be trying to live with that desire for God's grace and presence in our own daily lives!

OUR TITHING AND GIFTS TO THE LORD'S HOLY TEMPLE

Our Stewardship for May 8

Attendance: 35. Tithes: \$370.00 & Candles: \$56.00

We depend on **you** to support our parish. We also need your time and talents to grow as disciples of the Lord and to form a Parish Family for you and your family. Thank you for your support and care for our parish.

JACOB'S WELL WAS USED as the main water source of Shechem for centuries. The well is over forty meters deep before one hits water, providing a secure and healthy source of water. It became a major place for baptisms by the Jewish and Samaritan Christians of the first three centuries, and a cross-shaped church was built over it after Christianity was legalized.



The well is enclosed today inside the Greek Orthodox monastery of Saint Jacob. The well is underground now, and is

accessed through a crypt, where one can still go down and draw up a bucket of water on the same spot where Jesus and Photina debated. It is one of the most authentic sites in the Holy Land, as it is impossible to move a well that is 40 meters deep!

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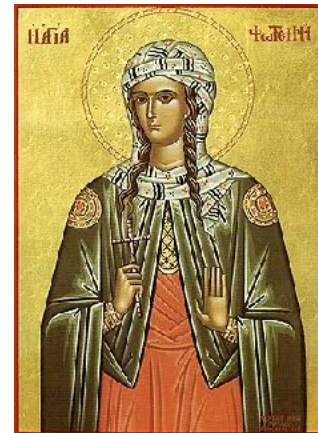
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Sunday of the Samaritan Woman

May 15, 2022

PLEASE DON'T FORGET to make your pledges to the Eparchial Appeal.

Divine Liturgies for the Week of the Samaritan Woman

SUNDAY @ 10 AM & DAILY SERVICES @ 9 AM ARE LIVE STREAMED FROM ANNUNCIATION IN ANAHEIM ACCESS IT THROUGH [facebook.com/stephen.washko](https://www.facebook.com/stephen.washko)

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14 SATURDAY, Post-festive & Martyr Isadore, p. 183

9:30 am Liturgy The Priest Timoney

HEBREW SCRIPTURES FOR SUNDAY

Exodus 24: 1-4, 9-51 & Ezechial 47: 1-9

15 SUNDAY OF THE SAMARITAN WOMAN & Post-festive of Mid Pentecost, P. 186

9:00 am Confessions behind the Altar

9:45 am Singing of the Paschal Canon (Matins)

10:00 am The Divine Liturgy. For our parish family and friends.

16 MONDAY Post-festive of Mid-Pentecost, p. 183

9:30 am Liturgy +The Priest Timoney

17 TUESDAY Post-festive of Mid-Pentecost, p. 183

9:30 am Liturgy Roberto & Theresa by John & Bar-

SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTS: We join with the Saints in heaven to pray for those in need. Request Prayers: abcc72069@gmail.com
Special Intentions: Lora Carson Lopez, Sophia Gaydus, Victor & Patricia Olmos Family, John Phillips, Sylvia Flamburse, Martha Yniquez, Paul Bruckler, Gloria Brissette, Paul Basay, Margaret Geluso, Edward Lopez, Lupe Nevaré, Beatriz Perez, for all Mothers and for the people of Ukraine.

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18 WEDNESDAY Leave-taking of Mid-Pentecost, p. 183
9:30 am Liturgy God's blessing on Canadian Truckers by Kiren MacKenzie

19 THURSDAY, Bishop Martyr Patrick, p. 383
7:00 pm Liturgy God's blessing on Kirk & Ann Mackenzie by MacKenzie

20 FRIDAY Martyrs Thaleleus & others, p. 381
9:30 am Liturgy God's blessing on John & Maria Mackenzie by Kiren MacKenzie


21 SATURDAY Constantine & Helen, Equals to the Apostles, p 370.
9:30 am Liturgy +The Priest Msgr Alairdas Olsauskas by Sturas
HEBREW SCRIPTURES FOR SUNDAY
Isaiah 42: 5-18 & Isaiah 29: 13-19

22 SUNDAY OF THE MAN BORN BLIND, P 189 & 146
9:00 am Confession
9:40 am Singing of the Paschal Canon (Matins)
10:00 am Divine Liturgy
For our parish family and friends

THE SUNDAYS OF PASCHA ARE ALL CONNECTED WITH THE THEME OF BAPTISM, and belief in Christ as Son of God. These Sundays were set up for the instruction of the newly baptized adult converts who were received into the Church at Easter.

The fifth paschal Sunday is given over to the texts of the Samaritan Woman, she who boldly bantered with a certain Jewish rabbi on a hot afternoon by the well of Shechem. Afterward, she led her townspeople to faith in Him as the Messiah. Known in Greek as Photina and Slavonic as Svetlana, or "Light", the Samaritan Woman moves from being a woman living in shame (and thus her appearance all alone at the well during the hottest part of the day), to a vibrant missionary. Recounted in John 4, this lively exchange between the woman and the Son of God is one of the most important conversations in the New Testament.

The theme of water from last Sunday – the cure at the pool of Bethesda – and Mid-Pentecost Wednesday – the cry of Jesus to all to come to Him to drink of immortal water – is continued today with the water at Jacob's Well. Here, the famous encounter takes place between Jesus and the Samaritan Woman. The Woman sought more than water, as we know by her ready questions and challenges to the Jewish teacher, and she finds fulfillment far beyond her imagination.

Photina is sometimes shown in icons unveiled, a sign of her fallen state having had husbands and now a live-in boyfriend, carrying her jar which she must bring to the well during the hottest part of the day so as to avoid the other women of the city. She lives in shame, yet when Jesus engages her in the talk which will save her soul, she emerges as a bright person who is searching, though she does not realize it, for Truth. And in Jesus she will find all that she needs! In fact, she leaves the water pot at the well, because the message she proclaims to the other Samaritans is so important. When Jesus exposed her sins, she replies that he must be a prophet, and we can tell that there is hope in her heart. Continue on back page 

Up Coming Events Mark your Calendar

Wed May 25 Thur May 26	Ascension of our Lord Holy day of Obligation 7:00 pm Vesper/Liturgy 9:30 am Divine Liturgy
Fri Jun 3 7:00 pm	Orthodox, Eastern Catholic, Roman Catholic Ecumenical Service. Yorba Linda
Sat Jun 4	5th All Souls Saturday 9:30 am Liturgy with Reading of the Names
Sun Jun 5	Pentecost Sunday Green
Jun 6-10	Clergy Conference for all Clergy <i>No Daily Liturgies this week</i>
Jun 10-12	Mother/Daughter Retreat San Diego
Jun 13-28	Apostles Fast
Sun Jun 19	Father's Day
Sun Jun 26	Peter's Pence Collection
Thu Jun 23 Fri Jun 24	Birth of John the Baptist Solemn Holy Day 7:00 pm Vesper/Liturgy 9:30 am Divine Liturgy
Tue Jun 28 Wed Jun 29	Sts Peter & Paul-Holy day of Obligation 7:00 pm Vesper/Liturgy 9:30 am Divine Liturgy