

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

SUNDAY OF THE SAMARITAN WOMAN



Icon of Christ with the Samaritan Woman

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Schedule for Holy Days of Obligation: Vigil Vespers: 6:30 p.m.

Day of Feast: 10:00am and 6:30 p.m.

Confessions: See calendar or at any time by request.

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May 5, 2021

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Sunday of the Samaritan Woman

This Sunday: Epistle Acts 11: 19-30

Gospel John 4:5-42

Next Sunday: Epistle Acts 16:16-34

Gospel John 9:1-38

Weekly Liturgy Schedule

Monday 5/3

No Divine Liturgy

Tuesday 5/4

8:30am Divine Liturgy: H/S Kayla Stevens and two children

Wednesday 5/5

8:30am Divine Liturgy: H/S John Puia

Thursday 5/6

8:30am Divine Liturgy: In recognition of Nurses by Tim and Julie Shocksnider

Friday 5/7

8:30am Divine Liturgy: In thanksgiving for 15 years of priesthood by Fr. Ovi

Saturday 5/8

No Divine Liturgy

Sunday 5/9

10:00am Divine Liturgy – Mother’s Day

Church Bulletin donated in May 2021 by Amparo Adkins for health.

All scheduled services will be held and can be viewed and prayed with at <https://stgeorge.click2stream.com/>. Make sure to click on the volume to unmute at the bottom right hand corner. Also, we are every Sunday on St. George Cathedral Facebook.

Coffee hour provided by Bob and Nancy Maciag in loving memory of +Opal Junka! Thank you!

Sunday Collection: April 25, 2021

Loose	\$3.00
Sunday envelopes	\$1,525.00
Paschal Offering	\$750.00
Catholic Home Missions	\$100.00
In honor of Saige Salem Shaheen on baptism by Great Grandma Virginia Rogers	\$50.00
Candles	<u>\$48.00</u>
Total	\$2,476.00

Someone lit a candle and prayed for you last Sunday:

In memory of all Zagan Family Members	The Zagan Family
+Husband Dan Cseak and Family	Natalie Cseak
+All family members and angel +Trisha	Del and Sandy
H/S All family members	Del and Sandy
Special intention for family	Doru Jacobs
Health and Salvation	Mihai and Elena Florea
Special Intention for Family	Mihai and Elena Florea
In memory of loved ones	Mihai and Elena Florea
Special Intention	Amparo Adkins
+Jairo Morales, first cousin who died from COVID in Columbia	Amparo Adkins
+Nicholas Botean	Amelia and Mark Botean
Special Intention	Liviu and Georgeta Barcutian
Special Intention	Anonymous

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+Maria Poplacean, parents, all family members, Virgil Stroia, Jr.	Chuck Roska Family
H/S Bonnie Stroia and Family, John Puia, Aunt Alice Loop, Sheila Diotale and Jerry Donahue	Chuck Roska Family
H/S Doru Jacobs	Ann Fosnaught
+Maria Poplacean	Ann Fosnaught
+John Dragos, husband	Suzie Dragos
+Stella Lazar	Suzie Dragos
H/S All Family	Suzie Dragos
+Maria Poplacean	Suzie Dragos
H/S All Friends and Members of St. George who are ill and suffering	Suzie Dragos

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Special Announcement:

Please pray for: John Puia, Lance Downey, Scarlett Putt, Sonya Paul, Bryan Pryce, John Contini, Donna Pandullo, Missy Lawver, Carol Hoge, Veronica Maier, Sr. Agnes Scalero, End to Corona Virus attack, Clore Family, Liviu and Georgeta Barcutian, Grace Mary Fein, Barbara Greavu, Suzie Dragos, Doris Rotar, Virginia Rogers and all who need our prayers.

Sick and/or homebound: Amelia Botean (Home), Alex and Theresa Gonyias (Home), Ann Stimer (Home), Aurelia Lupsor (Canton Christian Home), Connie McAdams (Home), Natalie Cseak (St. Joseph, Louisville), Eugene Popa (St. Joseph, Louisville) and Irene Pontones (Chapel Hill Retirement Community)

For holy Baptism contact the parish office at least one month prior to the date requested.

For First Reconciliation contact the parish office when your child turns 7.

For Weddings contact the parish office at least six months prior to the date requested.

To guarantee announcements for the bulletin, they need to be given to the office by Wednesday prior to the Sunday bulletin. Thank you!

To facilitate **accurate counting**, please use separate checks/cash for the special collection, candle and Sunday collection envelopes. Thank you for your attention to this detail!

Please let the office know if you have an upcoming surgery, illness, etc., so we can put you on our prayer list. Thank you!

Altar Candelabrum for May 2021 is donated by **Carol and Denny Popa and Family in memory of +George and +Arline Alecusan's Anniversary.**

Left Iconostasis Candelabrum for May 2021 is donated by **Tim and Julie Shocksneider for a Special Intention.**

Right Iconostasis Candelabrum for May 2021 is donated by **Tony and Terry Orlando in honor of Frisina and Orlando Families.**

Blessed Virgin Mary Candelabrum for May 2021 is donated by **Rebecca Baumgartner.**

If you would like to sponsor candelabra for any month of the year in honor of a living member or in memory of any loved ones that have passed away, please get in touch with the Church office and Ann will be able to schedule it for you. Thank you for your continuous support of the Church!!!

Prescura for 2021: Amparo Adkins, Annie Collins, Suzie Dragos, Elena Florea, Ann Fosnaught, Mariana Greavu, Nancy Maciag, Maria Marcu, Debbie Murari, Virginia Rogers, Kathy Walsh, P-sa. Patricia Wendt, and P-sa. Gabriela Marginean.

Announcements

Yesterday, May 1, 2021, there was held a private family and close friend's **funeral for +Maria Poplacean**. Due to COVID-19, the family wishes to apologize to all who could not be invited at that time. However, at a later date and to be announced, there will be a memorial service done, God willing, with all the parishioners and a picnic to follow in Maria's memory. May God rest her soul in peace!

The **St. George Dinner** Financial Report is enclosed. Thank you for the workers and special thanks to our sponsor Ben and Emily Stoffer!

Thank you for your generous support of last week's **Catholic Home Missions Appeal**. We helped to strengthen the Church at home and ensure that the Gospel is spread across the United States. If you missed the appeal, it's not too late to give! Just visit www.usccb.org/home-missions.

We put in the bulletin a **request for stories about Christmas** – Nancy Maciag is the person to give the stories to, so she can put them all together – to include with our Christmas mailing. So, to jump start our next year project – if you want – please write down what meant Christmas for you **this past year**, and then, we can put all these stories together for our next Christmas!

Use Amazon Smile and choose St. George Cathedral. Amazon donates a percentage of your purchases to the charity of your choice when you go to <https://smile.amazon.com/>. As you are shopping online, you can go to choose the St. George Cathedral. Thank you!

Purchases at **GFS (Gordan Food Service)**. St. George will get points when you purchase at GFS. Share the business name “St. George Cathedral on 44th Street” when they ask or remind them that you are purchasing for a business. Thank you for your help!

Parish events:

Stewardship committee will meet on Wednesday, May 19 at 6:30pm for a regular meeting.

Pastoral Council will meet on Thursday, May 20 at 6:30pm. See Fr. Ovi for an invitation if you are interested in attending.

To Tickle Your Funny Bone 😊

A minister is walking down the street one sunny afternoon when he notices a very small boy trying to press a doorbell on a house across the street, but the doorbell is too high for the little boy to reach.

After watching the boy's efforts, the minister decides to give the lad a hand. So he crosses over and goes up to the house and gives the bell a solid ring.

Crouching down to the little boy's level, the minister smiles benevolently and asks, "And now what, my little man?"

To which the boy replies, "Now we run!"

Word of Life

"Even the weakest and most vulnerable, the sick, the old, the unborn and the poor, are masterpieces of God's creation, made in his own image, destined to live forever, and deserving of the utmost reverence and respect." USCCB Respect Life flyer quoting Pope Francis' "Day for Life Greeting" © 2013 Libreria Editrice Vaticana. Used with permission. All rights reserved.

For persons with disabilities:
May their lives always be recognized
as worth protecting and fighting for
in all circumstances;

Let us pray to the Lord, Lord have mercy.

Happy Birthday! *La mulți ani!*

Ann Fosnaught – May 3rd

**Happy 15th Ordination Anniversary to Fr. Ovi! –
May 7th *La mulți ani!***

	Mon 5/3	Tue 5/4	Wed 5/5	Thu 5/6	Fri 5/7	Sat 5/8	Sun 5/9
	Ann Fosnaught's Timothy & Maura	Pelagia, woman	+Rev. Fr. John Pavel Abstinence Irene, holy and great Cinco de Mayo	Job, the holy and	Fr. Ovi's ordination Abstinence Appearance of the	Apostle and	Prophet Isaiah Sixth Sunday of Mother's Day
9am		Liturgy: H/S Kayla Stevens and two children	Liturgy: H/S John Puia 8:30am - 9:30am	Liturgy: In recognition of Nurses by Tim and Julie Shocksneider	Liturgy: In thanksgiving for 15 years of priesthood		
10am							Divine Liturgy 10am - 11:30am
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St. George (Curbside) Patron Saint Dinner – April 25, 2021

Financial Report

Revenue

Curbside dinner sale & Sarmale (dozen) **\$2,441.00**

Donations **\$ 287.00**

Dinner Sponsor: food costs for the dinner

Ben and Emily Stoffer **\$ 1,000.00**

Total Dinner Revenue **\$ 3,728.00**

Expenses

Food & desert cost (chicken donated) \$352.47

On-line fees \$ 42.98

Supplies, Advertising & Postage \$439.87

Total Dinner Expense **\$ 835.32**

Net Dinner Revenue **\$ 2,892.68**

Thank you to our sponsor named above for donating costs associated with food & supplies for dinner, thus being our dinner sponsor. Thank you for your support to the Church!!

Stewardship

This is what happened. From earliest childhood I admired and wanted nice things. At first, pretty toys and games; later, fancy clothes and a car; then, the latest and best of household furnishings and gadgets. To get what I wanted was a very big thing in my life.

I didn't plan to be an embezzler. I didn't plan to steal. I didn't realize just what I was doing. In fact I thought I was a good Christian. Then it happened. Through our home devotions, our pastor's sermons, and our church's Every Member Visit, my eyes were really opened. I discovered that my life was badly out of line with the pattern of thankful living as a redeemed child of God. I was selfish. I was thinking too much of myself and my own pleasure.

I discovered I was buying many things without giving thought to whether it would serve me to God's glory. I was overly interested in me!

Next I discovered I had been taking money hand over fist ... not from my neighbor or friend; but, worst of all, from my God. To my amazement I actually discovered that I was not an owner at all. I was merely a manager of what God entrusted to me for a short period of time. I owned nothing. God permitted me to withdraw living expenses, but the rest I was to invest for God - this is what I learned. And anything else I spent on myself was drawn against "company" (God's) funds. No one had to tell me. I saw it for myself. I stood condemned. I had been an embezzler! ... and I didn't realize it.

My budget had revolved around the purchase and use of things - good things,

nice things, profitable things - but things, nonetheless. I would work longer hours to get one added comfort after the other, but whether my income was \$20,000 or



\$40,000, the Lord could expect my usual \$500 each year - and without thinking this through I thought this was generous. All the while, millions in the world were not hearing the message of salvation through the Savior.

There's no use kidding - I was an embezzler. But God in his grace and mercy opened my eyes. God awakened me out of my selfish stupor. Through God's Word and through my fellow Christians, God challenged me to share a first portion and a generous percentage of the financial blessings bestowed to me in the cause of his Kingdom. In love, God has chosen me to be a partner in the work of the church. No longer an embezzler, now a partner! I pray for continued grace and power that my present percentage for the

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All of us are caretakers. Nothing belongs to us; everything belongs to God. Not all men and women realize this, but Christians do and strive to please God in the use of all that God has put in their care. Yes, you are a caretaker ... God's caretaker!



Showers of Blessings

Ipulled into the parking lot and began to search for the closest parking place. I was surprised when one was available close to the front door of the grocery store. “Well, at least something is going right for a change,” I thought, as I released my seat belt.

My heart was as overcast as the day. A friend had treated me unfairly earlier that morning. I was also depressed over some family health issues. Sheets of rain were pounding down. I didn’t have an umbrella with me. Since it didn’t look like the storm would cease any time soon, I would make a run for it. I was very close to the store, so I didn’t think I would get very wet.

I glanced about two lanes over just before I opened my door. I spotted an elderly lady walking slowly through the rain. She was pushing a buggy with one hand, while trying to maneuver a worn-out umbrella with the other. The spokes of the umbrella were turned upward, accumulating water by the bucketfuls.

My heart went out to her. Without thinking, I ran through the rain toward her. “Get in your car,” I shouted. “Give me your buggy. If you will unlock the passenger door, I will put your groceries inside for you. You don’t need to get wet. You might get sick,” I shouted.

She did exactly as I asked and then got into her car. I am certain I looked like a drenched rat standing there in the rain holding onto her buggy filled with groceries. Once she got the door opened, I placed the bags of groceries on the passenger seat.

“Have a great day!” I exclaimed to her, just before I shut the door. She

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It is not a question of how reasonable it is to tithe. It is not a question of convenience. It is not a question of what God will do for us.

It is a question of faith in God as creator and owner of all things, and complete trust in God’s providential promises. Every Christian can benefit by tithing because it makes more vital that faith, which surely has been tested before.



Have you remembered the church in your Will?” Old Sam Elder asked of Ned Neighbors.

“I don’t have a Will,” replied Ned. “We have just one heir, our daughter Mary. She will get what’s left after paying our bills.”

“You have an easy situation,” said old Sam. “It’s not that simple!” Ned stated. “I can’t stand Mary getting our money after we are gone and I’m darned if I’m going to hand it to her in a Will. That girl makes me so mad! “How come, Ned ?” asked old Sam.

“Mary is a spendthrift! She spends money she doesn’t have or expect to have ... owes everybody. She sure didn’t get that from Betsy or me. Man, she would go through our modest estate like a knife through hot butter!” Ned complained. “She justifies her spending by saying that she was so deprived as a child.”

“Was she deprived?” Sam inquired.

“Never! But I know her problem. She loved horseback riding, but we couldn’t afford to give her a horse of her own,” Ned continued. “I’m tempted to leave her nothing, but Betsy says I can’t do that; I must be forgiving.”

“Betsy is right, of course,” Sam counseled. “Please see a lawyer. There are several options to give to Mary, the church, or others, the portions you desire.”

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Stewardship Prayer

O Lord, giver of life and the source of our freedom, we are reminded by the psalmist that yours is "the earth and its fullness; the world and those who dwell in it."

We know that it is in your hand that we have received all we have, and are, and will be.

Gracious and loving God, we understand that you call us to be the stewards of your abundance, the caretakers of all you have entrusted to us.

Help us always to use your gifts wisely and teach us to share them generously.

May our faithful stewardship bear witness to the love of Christ in our lives.

We pray with grateful hearts, in Jesus' name. Amen.

Steward of the Month

What a Couple!

Submitted by: Kathy, Falls City, NE

My story is about a great couple: Max and Norma Roland. They are always willing to help; holding offices, working the benefits, and sharing their time, talents and resources with many. Their Orphan Grain Train activities are many. They have time and again taken articles of clothing to the Orphan Grain Train sites in Lincoln and Norfolk, NE, and often work at the sites also.

Max is the treasurer of our church and Norma is on the Stewardship Committee. Together they help raise awareness of stewardship in our congregation. Norma makes sure that there is a basket each quarter for missions. They are very active in our church and really tell people about missions and how to help.

Max and Norma stay incredibly busy ... just as most retired folks do! They are also quite active in LifeLight Bible Study, Men's Bible Study, Adult Bible Study.

Max and Norma have both held several positions within these groups. They are never too busy to say "sure." We truly appreciate all the work these two do and I believe they deserve to sit down awhile and take a deep breath! ☩

Think of time as a priceless gift; develop an awareness of its incomparable value and examine your conscience in this light. Are you using your time according to God's plan, or are you throwing it away?

If tomorrow were never to dawn, what would you do for God today?



“The act of serving brought a ray of light to my once downcast and dreary day.”

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This is what happened...

Lord may continue to grow and grow, until some day I may be giving a truly sacrificial portion of my income for God, who is my joy and my life.

This is my story. ☩

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Showers of Blessings...

stared at me with amazement in her eyes.

“Hold on for a minute. I have never had anyone to do anything like this for me before. May God bless you abundantly,” she uttered. I smiled and slowly walked off. Since I was already soaking wet, I didn’t see much need to run to the store.

I went up to the service desk after entering the front door. Rainwater was dripping off my nose and my once-styled hair was limp in my face. The manager handed me a couple of paper towels.

“It is a horrible day, isn’t it?” he proclaimed.

“Well actually, it has turned out to be a pretty good one,” I announced. He looked at me rather strangely. I knew that he had no idea why I made that re-

mark. He didn’t respond to my positive comment, but simply went back to his work.

When I made my purchase and returned to my car, I thought about how much better I felt after helping the lady with her groceries. The act of serving brought a ray of light to my once downcast and dreary day. I made a promise to myself, as I drove the almost seventy miles home through the heavy rainfall that day. I decided that from that day forward, when I face storms in my life, I would look for someone else that had a need, which I could fill. I have found that it is through serving others that I have received tremendous blessings. That day, I received a much greater blessing than the elderly lady. I was given the opportunity to be of service to someone else. ☩

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Old Sam Elder...

“You have convinced me,” Ned told Sam. “Before I could make a Will, you had to give me the Will Power.” ☩



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