

**May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2026**  
**Sunday of the Samaritan Woman**

**SUNDAY, 5/3**      **9:00 am** Divine Liturgy (English) for all parishioners  
                         **10:30 am** Divine Liturgy (Ukrainian) for special intention

**MONDAY, 5/4**      **7:30 am** Divine Liturgy for special intention

**TUESDAY, 5/5**      **NO** Divine Liturgy

**WEDNESDAY, 5/6**      **6:15 pm** Divine Liturgy for special intention

**THURSDAY, 5/7**      **NO** Divine Liturgy

**FRIDAY, 5/8**      **7:30 am** Divine Liturgy for special intention

**SATURDAY, 5/9**      **5:00 pm** Typica Service

**SUNDAY, 5/10**      **9:00 am** Divine Liturgy (English) for all parishioners  
                         **10:30 am** Divine Liturgy (Ukrainian) for special intention

**Announcements**

**1-Pastor Away from Parish: May 11–19**

Please note that the pastor will be away from the parish from **May 11 through May 19**.

During this time, **Fr. Kevin Bezner** will be substituting for the **Sunday Divine Liturgy on May 17**, which is planned for **10:00 AM**.

*Upcoming Events  
in Parish & Eparchy*  
May 14<sup>th</sup> – Ascension  
May 24<sup>th</sup> – Pentecost

On **Saturday, May 16**, we will have a **Typica service**, led by **Fr. Deacon Michael**.

**Reflection for the Sunday of the Samaritan Woman**

On the Sunday of the Samaritan Woman, Christ meets a woman at Jacob’s well and asks her for water. At first, it seems like Jesus is the one who is thirsty. But very quickly we see that He is the One who offers the true water, the living water, the grace of God that renews the human heart.

The Samaritan woman comes to the well carrying more than an empty jar. She carries wounds, confusion, shame, and a thirst that ordinary water cannot satisfy. Christ does not avoid her, condemn her, or shame her. He speaks to her personally. He gently reveals the truth of her life, not to destroy her, but to heal her.

This Gospel reminds us that God often meets us in the ordinary places of life. The well can be our work, our family struggles, our loneliness, our mistakes, or our questions. Christ waits for us there. He knows our whole story, and still He desires to speak with us.

The Samaritan woman becomes a witness. After encountering Christ, she leaves her water jar behind and runs to tell others: “Come and see.” Her shame is transformed into courage. Her thirst becomes mission.

As we continue the Paschal season, we are reminded that the Risen Christ comes not only to the righteous, but also to the wounded, the searching, and the spiritually thirsty. May we come to Him honestly, allow Him to heal us, and become witnesses of His living water in our families, our parish, and the world.

**Reflection on the Importance of Families as the Domestic Church**

The family is often called the **domestic church** because it is the first place where faith is learned, practiced, and lived. Before a child understands theology, prayers, or church traditions, he or she first experiences faith through the love, patience, forgiveness, and example of the family.

In the home, children learn how to make the sign of the cross, how to pray before meals, how to forgive after an argument, and how to trust God in difficult moments. A Christian home becomes a small church when Christ is welcomed not only in words, but in daily life.

The domestic church does not mean that every family is perfect. Every home has struggles, tiredness, misunderstandings, and burdens. But when a family turns back to prayer, love, and forgiveness, the home becomes a place of healing. Holiness begins not only in monasteries or churches, but also around the kitchen table, during bedtime prayers, in family sacrifices, and in small acts of kindness.

Today, families face many distractions and pressures. That is why it is so important for parents and children to pray together, attend Divine Liturgy together, and support one another in faith. A family that prays together becomes stronger, not because life becomes easy, but because Christ becomes the center.

May our families become places where faith is passed on, love is protected, forgiveness is practiced, and God is honored. When the family becomes a domestic church, the parish becomes stronger, the children grow with deeper roots, and the light of Christ shines more brightly in the world.

**THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROSITY**

**Sunday collections for the weekend of 5/26/26, including envelope offerings - \$641, donations -\$942, candle -\$54, online - \$40**  
**Weekly budget: \$1500, Income \$1677**

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**Confession before or after Divine Liturgy.**

Confession is recommended as a regular monthly practice. The graces received from confession are an excellent way to help us become closer to Jesus.

***THE CHURCH WAS A MOTHER TO YOU IN LIFE, PROVIDING FOR YOUR SPIRITUAL NEEDS;  
PLEASE REMEMBE YOUR PARISH AND THE EPARCHY OF SAINT JOSAPHAT IN PARMA IN  
YOUR LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT.***