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May 10, 2026 – 5th Sunday of Pascha
The Samaritan Woman

Schedule

Sat May 9, 2-4pm – Know Your Faith class
Sat May 9, 4pm – Great Vespers & confessions
Sun May 10, 9am – Divine Liturgy & Fellowship *(Sunday of the Samaritan Woman)* ***Blessing of graves*** *following Coffee Hour*

Sat May 16, 4pm – Great Vespers & confessions
Sun May 17, 9am – Divine Liturgy *(Sunday of the Blind Man)* Inquirer's Fellowship following Coffee Hour.

Thursday May 21 is the Great Feast of the ***Ascension*** *(the 40th Day of Pascha).*
Wed May 20, 6:00pm – Festal Great Vespers
Thurs May 21, 9am – Festal Divine Liturgy

Sat May 23, 4pm – Great Vespers & confessions
Sun May 24, 9am – Divine Liturgy *(Sunday After Ascension)*

Fri-Mon, May 22-25 – Memorial Day Pilgrimage at St Tikhon's Monastery schedule available at oca.org/news

GREAT AND HOLY PENTECOST: THE DESCENT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
Sat May 30, 4pm – Festal "Small Vigil"
Sun May 31, 9am – Festal Divine Liturgy, *followed immediately by the Kneeling Vespers of Pentecost*

Hymns of the Day

For the Resurrection (Tone 4)

When the women disciples of the Lord learned from the angel / the joyous message of Thy Resurrection, / they cast away the ancestral curse / and elatedly told the apostles: / "Death is overthrown! / Christ God is risen, // granting the world great mercy!"

Midfeast of Pentecost (Tone 8)

In the middle of the feast, O Savior, / fill my thirsting soul with the waters of piety, as Thou didst cry to all: / "If anyone thirst, let him come to Me and drink!" // O Christ God, Fountain of our life, glory to Thee!

Glory ... Kontakion for the Samaritan Woman (Tone 8)

The Samaritan Woman came to the well in faith; / she saw Thee, the Water of wisdom and drank abundantly. // She inherited the Kingdom on high, and is ever glorified!

Now & ever ... Midfeast of Pentecost (Tone 4)

Christ God, the Creator and Master of all, / cried to all in the midst of the feast of the Law: / "Come and draw the water of immortality!" / We fall before Thee and faithfully cry:// "Grant us Thy mercies, for Thou art the Fountain of our life!"

Instead of "It is truly meet"

The angel cried to the Lady full of grace: Rejoice, O pure Virgin! Again I say: Rejoice! Your Son is risen from His three days in the tomb; with himself He has raised all the dead. Rejoice, O ye people!

Shine! Shine! O New Jerusalem! The glory of the Lord has shone on you. Exult now and be glad, O Zion. Be radiant, O pure Theotokos, in the resurrection of your Son.

Announcements

THANK YOU to those who came to help distribute food at the Helping Harvest Food Distribution at Ss. Constantine & Helen this past Tuesday. It was good to see a number of St Herman's parishioners there. *"For I was hungry and you gave me food..." (Matt 25:35)*

When writing checks for donations or other purposes, the check **must** be written to "**Orthodox Church of St Herman**", not "St Herman's Orthodox Church". This is causing some checks to be rejected by the bank. We're sorry for this inconvenience, but we are limited by the bank's policies.

This summer, free lunches are available to all children and teens 18 and under in the Shillington area, through the Governor Mifflin School District's Food Service department. The program runs from Tues 5/26 through Fri 8/14 (except for Friday July 3), from 11:30-1:00, at Mifflin Park Elementary (598 Governor Drive, Shillington). Children do not need to be Governor Mifflin students, but meals must be consumed on-site.

Today's Scripture

These scriptures are given in the bulletin for anyone who has difficulty hearing during the service (and so we can read them again at home).

If you are able to hear in church, it is better to set the bulletin down and "hear with the ears" instead, so that the Scriptures may penetrate more deeply into our hearts.

Epistle: Acts 11:19-26, 29-30

In those days, those who were scattered because of the persecution that arose over Stephen traveled as far as Phoeni′cia and Cyprus and Antioch, speaking the word to none except Jews. But there were some of them, men of Cyprus and Cyre′ne, who on coming to Antioch spoke to the Greeks also, preaching the Lord Jesus. And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number that believed turned to the Lord.

News of this came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. When he came and saw the grace of God, he was glad; and he exhorted them all to remain faithful to the Lord with steadfast purpose; for he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a large company was added to the Lord. So Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul; and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. For a whole year they met with the church, and taught a large company of people; and in Antioch the disciples were for the first time called Christians.

... And the disciples determined, every one according to his ability, to send relief to the brethren who lived in Judea; 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 Samaria which is called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Now Jacob's well was there. Jesus therefore, being wearied from His journey, sat thus by the well. It was about the sixth hour.

A woman of Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give Me a drink." For His disciples had gone away into the city to buy food. Then the woman of Samaria said to Him, "How is it that You, being a Jew, ask a drink from me, a Samaritan woman?" For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans. Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is who says 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 then do You get that living water? Are You greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well, and drank from it himself, as well as his sons and his livestock?" Jesus answered and said to her, "Whoever drinks of this water will thirst again, but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting 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 and said, “I have no husband.” Jesus said to her, “You have well said, ‘I have no husband,’ for you have had five husbands, and the one whom you now have is not your husband; in that you spoke truly.”

The woman said to Him, “Sir, I perceive that You are a prophet. Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, and you Jews say that in Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship.” Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe Me, the hour is coming when you will neither on this mountain, nor in Jerusalem, worship the Father. You worship what you do not know; we know what we worship, for salvation is of the Jews. But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such 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” (who is called Christ). “When He comes, He will tell us all things.” Jesus said to her, “I who speak to you am He.”

And at this point His disciples came, and they marveled that He talked with a woman; yet no one said, “What do You seek?” or, “Why are You talking with her?” The woman then left her waterpot, went her way into the city, and said to the men, Come, see a Man who told me all things that I ever did. Could this be the Christ? Then they went out of the city and came to Him.

In the meantime His disciples urged Him, saying, “Rabbi, eat.” But He said to them, “I have food to eat of which you do not know.” Therefore the disciples said to one another, “Has anyone brought Him anything to eat?” Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to finish His work. Do you not say, ‘There are still four months and then comes the harvest’? Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look at the fields, for they are already white for harvest! And he who reaps receives wages, and gathers fruit for eternal life, that both he who sows and he who reaps may rejoice together. For in this the saying is true: ‘One sows and another reaps.’ I sent you to reap that for which you have not labored; others have labored, and you have entered into their labors.”

And many of the Samaritans of that city believed in Him because of the word of the woman who testified, “He told me all that I ever did.” So when the Samaritans had come to Him, they urged Him to stay with them; and He stayed there two days. And many more believed because of His own word. Then they said to the woman, “Now we believe, not because of what you said, for we ourselves have heard Him and we know that this is indeed the Christ, the Savior of the world.”

Prayers

The newly-departed: Fr Joseph Gallick (4/4). Stephanie Hojnicki (4/15). Vera Eckert (4/25).

For health of: Abp. Nathaniel, Abp. Alexander, Abp. Benjamin, Pani Anna Marie Slovesko, Mat. Elizabeth Meyer, Bernard Kusior, Nina Fatula, Gloria Spitko, Jessica (Philothea) Sullivan & infant Lucas, Richard Kawood.
For our Catechumens: Bradley Bosch, Brian Craig, Zaden Mershon.

And for all who are seeking the Good News of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fullness of the Orthodox Faith.

Our Diocesan Seminarians

We are blessed to have 3 seminarians from our sister parishes living and studying at our seminaries. It is a difficult life; spiritually, logistically, and financially. Seminarians usually do not have outside employment due to the intensity of their studies and other responsibilities, and many seminarian families struggle to make ends meet. We can help them with monetary gifts or gift cards sent directly to them. Even if you are unable, please add them to your daily prayers. May God grant them *good strength* and many blessed years.

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"When someone who is not Orthodox comes to the Orthodox Church he must go through a furnace of repentance, of change and regeneration of his entire way of thinking and living. This will take a long time. In order for someone's positive attitude towards Orthodoxy to become an experience of his heart, he must lead a life of asceticism and crucifixion for many years under the guidance of an experienced spiritual father. Otherwise the 'old self' will remain, with the result that unbelief and the inclination to go back to the old way of life will often occur."

– St Sophrony of Essex

CHRIST IS RISEN!

English:	Christ is risen!	*Indeed He is risen!*
Slavonic:	(C)hristos voskres(e)!	*Voistinu(i) voskres(e)!*
Greek:	Christos anesti!	*Alithos anesti!*
Arabic:	El Messieh q'ahm!	*Hakken q'ahm!*
Albanian:	Krishti U Ngjall!	*Vertet U Ngjall!*
German:	Christus ist auferstanden!	*Wahrlich, Er ist auferstanden!*
Spanish:	Cristo ha resucitado!	*En verdad ha resucitado!*
Latin:	Christus resurrexit!	*Vere resurrexit!*
French:	Le Christ est réssuscité!	*En verite il est réssuscité!*
Japanese:	Harisutos Fukkatsu!	*Jitsu ni Fukkatsu!*
Romanian:	Hristos a inviat!	*Adevărat a înviat!*
Georgian:	Kriste aghsdga!	*Cheshmaritad aghsdga!*
Irish Gaelic:	Tah Kreest asháyreeha!	*Ta shay asháyreeha guhdjévin!*

Social Hour & Church Cleanup Schedule

	Social Hour	**Church Clean-up**
May 3	Peggy Hay & Traci Weinstein	Marie Drosdak & John Waselus
May 10	Mat. Alexandra & Haven Black	Tina Gurnavage & Stephanie Drosdak
May 17	Kathy Wanenchak & Stephanie Selis	John Lorchak & Phyllis Kawood
May 24	Elaine Dougherty & Karin Holm	Marie Drosdak & Traci Weinstein
May 31	Tina Gurnavage & Marcia Lutz	Russ & Peggy Hay
June 7	Vicky McDonnell & Phyllis Kawood	Kyle & Daria Teter
	June 8 - 29: Apostles' Fast	
June 14	Marie Drosdak & Stephanie Drosdak	Eugene & Kathy Wanenchak
June 21	Karen Sichak & Becky Kauffman	Marie Drosdak & John Waselus
June 28	Daria Teter & Marina Long	Brad & Becky Kauffman

Attendance

Mon Apr 6 Bridegroom Matins: 9
Tue Apr 7 Bridegroom Matins: 5
Wed Apr 8 Unction: 11
Thu Apr 9 Holy Thursday Liturgy: 4
Thu Apr 9 Passion Gospels: 13
Fri Apr 10 Royal Hours: 5
Fri Apr 10 Burial Vespers: 13
Fri Apr 10 Holy Sat Matins: 23
Sat Apr 11 Holy Sat Liturgy: 16
Sat Apr 11 PASCHA: 26
Sun Apr 12 Paschal Vespers: 6
Tue Apr 14 Bright Tuesday Liturgy: 7

Sun Apr 19 : 28 adults, 2 children (Communion: 18 adults, 2 children)
Sun Apr 26 Liturgy: 25 adults, 0 children (Communion: 16 adults, 0 children)