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Sunday Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m. – Weekdays Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.

General Confession 1st Sunday of month

Private Confession every Sunday 9:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. or upon request

Epistle Act 11:19-26; 29-30 32-42

Gospel: John 4: 5-42

**Sunday, May 17, 2020**

**CHRIST IS RISEN! TRULY HE IS RISEN!**

**XPNECTOC BOCKPECE! VOISTINNU VOSKRES!**

**SAMARITAN WOMAN – Fifth Sunday of PASCHA**

**TODAY, MAY 17<sup>TH</sup> 2020 – FR. TIMOTHY & MATUSHKA SHERRY  
ARE CELEBRATING THEIR 51<sup>ST</sup> WEDDING ANNIVERSARY. MANY YEARS!**

**PRAYERS FOR THE HEALTH:** Please pray for the following: Stephanie Kennedy, Drake Kennedy, Wellington Kennedy, Conrad Kennedy, Pat Federonko, Gloria Wheeler, Doris Sprague, Gregory Harvilla, Judy Wadysz, Barbara Sapick, Paul Sapick, Mildred Cislo, Anna Hagopian, Reader Gary (Paul) Repella, Michael Gaujanian, Marion Kurtyka, Alice Caddy, William Harvey, Daniel Moran, Brian Kurtyka, Ryan Kerrigan, and Frances Munaco.

Father Timothy and Matushka are continuing with services. If you can, pray with them at the time the services are scheduled. Please continue to pray for those who are afflicted with this disease, as well as those who put their lives on the line administering to the sick, and also for those who serve our communities – police, emergency personnel, fireman, government officials, and those working to provide necessities for us.

**REMEMBERED AT LITURGY:** Last Sunday Fr. Timothy prayed for the repose souls of: *Anna Saxby* and *Anna Marie Telep* offered by Bill Saxby. Memory Eternal!

**REMEMBERED AT LITURGY: TODAY, during Divine Liturgy Fr. Timothy prayed for the following repose souls:**

*Julian Woytowich* (15<sup>th</sup> year of his falling asleep in the Lord on May 17th, 2005) offered by Woytowich family

*Alexander Telep* (14<sup>th</sup> year of his falling asleep in the Lord on May 2nd, 2006) offered by Telep family

*Marvin Dominick* (4th year of his falling asleep in the Lord on March 30th, 2016) offered by Dominick family

*Anna Marie Telep* (1<sup>st</sup> year of her falling asleep in the Lord on April 14th, 2019) offered by Telep Family

*Archimindrite Ilya* (5<sup>th</sup> year of his falling asleep in the Lord on May 8th, 2015) offered by Barna Family

**MEMORY ETERNAL!**

**THANK YOU:** I wish to thank our parishioners for their continued support of St. Michael's. We will come through this uncertain time with your love and support.

**I also wish to thank Chris Muzzin and his son Matthew** for their technical support in getting St. Michael's on line to live-stream services. There are many parishioners who take advantage of this service. We thank Chris and Matt for volunteering their hard work to make this possible.

View services at: [youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com) go to search section: **Saint Michael the Archangel Orthodox Church Redford**

**From The ORTHODOX WEEKLY BULLETIN ...Vestal, Cliffwood, New Jersey**

**"IF ANYONE THIRSTS, COME UNTO ME AND DRINK"**

Thirst is a natural human experience. Simply stated, we could not survive for any length of time without a regular intake of liquids. It is not surprising, then, that Christ would draw an analogy between Himself and water, for indeed, He is our unquenchable source of life. What IS surprising, however, is the method deployed by our Lord to accent this divine truth.

Much of today's Gospel on this, the Sunday of the SAMARITAN WOMAN, centers around what appears to be an innocent conversation between Christ and a stranger. What is intriguing about this dialogue is that Christ would engage in such a conversation with a woman (unheard of in those days) and a Samaritan, who were natural enemies of the Jews, in the first place! Their words begin with a discussion of a material nature: "Give me something to drink," asks our Lord. It leads to matters of enormous spiritual and theological significance. "Whoever drinks of this water will thirst again," He reminds the Samaritan Woman, "but whoever drinks of the waters that I shall give him will never thirst. For the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life." As their talk continues, Jesus ultimately reveals to her that He is the Messiah: the One Who can satisfy our every need.

The Gospel concludes, with a message from the townspeople to the Samaritan woman: "Now we believe, not because of what you have said, for we ourselves have heard Him." It is important that we realize that we must, of our own accord, come unto that 'Living Water' and drink! We must believe in Christ out of a personal, inner experience of faith.