

Sunday, May 14, 2023
5th Sunday of Pascha-Tone 4
The Samaritan Woman

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Troparion:

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.

In the middle of the Feast, O Savior, fill my thirsting soul with the waters of godliness, as You did cry to all: If anyone thirst let him come to me and drink! O Christ God, Fountain of our life, glory to You!

Kontakion:

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.

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 You and faithfully cry: Grant us Your bounties, for You are the Fountain of our life!

Prokeimenon in the 3rd Tone:

Sing praises to our God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises!
(Vs.) Clap your hands, all ye people! Shout to God with loud songs of joy!

Epistle:

The reading from the Acts of the Holy Apostles. (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 Phoenicia and Cyprus and Antioch, speaking the word to none except Jews. But there were some of them, men of Cyprus and Cyrene, 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.

Alleluia Verses:

Go forth, prosper and reign, for the sake of truth, meekness and righteousness.
(Vs.) For Thou lovest righteousness and dost hate iniquity.

Gospel:

The Holy Gospel According to St. John. (Chapter 4:5-42)

At that time Jesus came to a town of Samaria called Sichar, near the field that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Now Jacob's well was there. Jesus therefore, wearied as He was from the journey, was sitting at the well. It was about the sixth hour. There came a Samaritan woman to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me to drink," for His disciples had gone away into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman therefore said to Him, "How is it that you, although you are a Jew, ask drink of me, who am a Samaritan woman?" For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.

Jesus answered and said to her, "If you only knew the gift of God, and who it is who says to you, 'Give me to drink,' you perhaps would have asked of Him, and He would have given you living water." The woman said to Him, "Sir, you have no pail, and the well is deep. Where can you get living water from? Are you greater than our father Jacob who gave us the well, and drank from it, himself, and his sons, and his flocks?" In answer Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will thirst again. He, however, who drinks of the water I will give him shall never thirst; but the water I will give him shall become in him a fountain of water, springing up unto life everlasting." The woman said to Him, "Sir, give me this water that I may not thirst, or 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 said well, 'I have no husband,' for you have had five husbands, and the man you now have is not your husband. In this you have spoken truly." The woman said to Him, "Sir, I see you are a prophet. Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, but you say Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth. For the Father also seeks such to worship Him. God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and in truth." The woman said to Him, "I know that the Messiah is coming (who is called Christ), and when He comes He will tell us all things." Jesus said to her, "I who speak with you am He." And at this point His disciples came; and they wondered that He was speaking with a woman. Yet no one said, "What do you seek?" or "Why do you speak with her?" The woman therefore left her water-jar and went away into the town, and said to the people, "Come and see a man who has told me all I have ever done. Can He be the Christ?" They went out from the town and came to meet Him. Meanwhile, His disciples begged Him, saying, "Rabbi, eat." But He said to them, "I have food to eat of which you do not know." The disciples therefore said to one another, "Has someone brought Him something to eat?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of the One who sent me, to accomplish His work. Do you not say, 'There are yet four months, and then comes the harvest'? Well, I say to you, lift up your eyes and behold that the fields are already white for the harvest. And the one who reaps receives a wage, and gathers fruit unto life everlasting, so that the sower and the reaper may rejoice together. For herein is the proverb true, '*One sows, another reaps.*' I have sent you to reap that on which you have not labored. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labors." Now many of the Samaritans of that town believed in Him because of the word of the woman who bore witness, "He told me all I have ever done." When, therefore, the Samaritans had come to Him, they begged Him to stay there; and He stayed two days. And far more believed because of His word. And they said to the woman, "We no longer believe because of what you have said, for we have heard for ourselves and we know this is in truth the Savior of the world, the Christ."