

MAY 6, 2018
SUNDAY OF THE SAMARITAN WOMAN

Righteous Job the Long-Suffering

The righteous Job (whose name means “persecuted”), God’s faithful servant, was the perfect image of every virtue. The son of Zarah and Bossorha (Job 42), Job was a fifth-generation descendent of Abraham. He was a truthful, righteous, patient and pious man who abstained from every evil thing. Job was very rich and blessed by God in all things, as was no other son of Ausis (his country, which lay between Idoumea and Arabia). However, divine condescension permitted him to be tested.



Job lost his children, his wealth, his glory, and every consolation all at once. His entire body became a terrible wound covered with boils. Yet he remained steadfast and patient in the face of his misfortune for seven years, always giving thanks to God.

Later, God restored his former prosperity, and he had twice as much as before. Job lived for 170 years after his misfortune, completing his earthly life in 1350 B.C. at the age of 240. Some authorities say that Job’s afflictions lasted only one year, and that afterwards he lived for 140 years, reaching the age of 210.

Job’s explanations are among the most poetic writings in the Old Testament book which bears his name. It is one of the most edifying portions of Holy Scripture. Job teaches us that we must endure life’s adversities patiently and with trust in God. As Saint Anthony the Great (January 17) says, without temptations, it is impossible for the faithful to be saved.

The Orthodox Church reads the book of Job, the first of the seven wisdom books of the Old Testament, during Holy Week, drawing a parallel between Job and Christ as righteous men who suffered through no fault of their own. God allowed Satan to afflict Job so that his faithfulness would be proven. Christ, the only sinless one, suffered voluntarily for our sins. The Septuagint text of Job 42:17 says that Job “will rise again with those whom the Lord raises up.” This passage is read on Great and Holy Friday, when the composite Gospel at Vespers speaks of the tombs being opened at the moment the Savior died on the Cross, and the bodies of the saints were raised, and they appeared to many after Christ’s Resurrection (Mt.27:52).

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CHRIST IS RISEN!

Tone 4

Eothion 7: St. John 20:1-10

Epistle: Acts 11:19-30

Gospel: St. John 4:5-42

**CHRIST IS RISEN FROM THE DEAD, TRAMPLING DOWN DEATH
BY DEATH, AND UPON THOSE IN THE TOMBS BESTOWING LIFE.**

RESURRECTION TROPARION - Tone 4 - Having learned the joyful message of the Resurrection from the angel, the women disciples of the Lord cast from them their parental condemnation and proudly broke the news to the Apostles, saying, “Death hath been spoiled! Christ-God is risen, granting to the world the great mercy!”

TROPARION FOR MID-PENTECOST - Tone 8 - In the midst of this Feast, O Saviour, give thou my thirsty soul to drink of the waters of true worship; for thou didst call out to all, saying, Whosoever is thirsty, let him come to me and drink. Wherefore, O Christ our God, Fountain of life, glory to thee.

TODAY: Orthros, 8:45 am & Divine Liturgy, 10 am
Coffee Hour, Sunday School, and Teens after Liturgy
Women of St. Philip’s, 12 pm
Graduation Open House for Julian Bushelli, 1 pm

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Fr Noah & Fr James are available for hospital visits. If you or anyone you know is in the hospital or homebound and would like a visit, please call the church office.

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Weekly Ministries & Stewards:

	This Week:	Next Week (May 13):
PROSPHORA BREAD:	Mary Lynne B.	Tadesse
EPISTLE READER:	Raja Kyriakos	Sdn David Hyatt
ALTAR CANDLES:	Bushellis	Tinjale
GREETERS:	Angela Drăghici	Jim & Doris Eggers
CLEANING TEAM:	Sdn John & Maxine	Hyatt Family
COFFEE HOUR:	Collins	Men of St. Philip

* IT IS TIME TO RETURN OUR FOOD FOR HUNGRY PEOPLE OFFERINGS.
Thank you for remembering the needs of others.



Mark Your Calendar:

Services for Ascension

** Held at Holy Ascension Church, West Chester **

Wednesday, May 16 - Vigil & Artoklasia 4:45 pm, Liturgy 6:30 pm

Pentecost

Sunday, May 27 - Kneeling Prayers, 1 p.m.

Blood Drive

Wednesday, May 30, 2-7pm

Apostles' Fast

June 4-29

High School Graduate Recognition

Sunday, June 10

Parish Life Conference

June 27 - July 1

2018 Sacred Music Institute at Antiochian Village

July 11-15, 2018

International Food Festival

September 21-22

Pray For:

Living	Departed
James E	Zafer
Vladimir R	Dumitru
Christine S	Claudiu
Angela G	
Mary K	
R Maxime	
Michael I	
John D	
Lasha B	
Otari B	
Daniel H	
Elizabeth D	
Gloria	<u>St. Nina's List</u>
Mat. Linda D	Catechumens
Mark L	
Stephanie	Expectant
Helen	Mothers
R Herman E	Couples
M. Emiliani	engaged
Mebrat	
Yorgo	Joseph G.
	Faith
Ethiopia, Syria	Mary
& unstable lands	Michael

Everyday Evangelist

"As the Father has sent me, so I send you." (Jn 20:21)

Bring a neighbor flowers and offer to help with spring clean-up.

DURING THE PASCHAL SEASON:

- ✦ We say or sing the Resurrection Troparion every day with our devotions.
- ✦ We continue to share the good news with the greeting, "Christ is risen!"
- ✦ We read the Book of Acts and the Gospel of John in our family Bibles.
- ✦ There is a relaxed fast on Wednesdays and Fridays. (Communion fast continues as usual.)
- ✦ In honor of the Resurrection, there is no kneeling, in Church or at home, until the Pentecost Kneeling Prayers.

This Week:

- Monday, May 7: SIXTH HOUR, 12 noon
- Tuesday, May 8: Matushka Olga Sewing Club, 11 a.m.
SIXTH HOUR, 12 noon
- Wednesday, May 9: SIXTH HOUR, 12 noon
COMPLINE & Chant workshop, 7 p.m.
- Thursday, May 10: SIXTH HOUR, 12 noon
- Friday, May 11: SIXTH HOUR, 12 noon
- Saturday, May 12: Bible Study: Sacrifice in Scripture, 4:30 p.m.
VESPERS at 6 p.m.,
Missionary Visit & Presentation (Manuel Family),
7 p.m.
- Sunday, May 13: SUNDAY OF THE BLIND MAN
ORTHROS 8:45 a.m., Divine LITURGY 10 a.m.
Sunday School, Teens, & Coffee Hour.

OUTREACH COLLECTION: Skin Care Products.

WISDOM FROM FATHER B.: Count your blessings everyday. I do.

ATTENDANCE: At Vespers on April 28: 44 Divine Services on April 29: 195
OFFERINGS: Candles, \$198. Collections, \$126.58. Youth, \$23. Book Shelf, \$44. Cemetery Fund, \$100. Needy Fund, \$5,070. Pastoral discretion, \$100. One-time gift, \$3,200. Stewardship, \$9,530. Total received: \$18,391.58.

THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY