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Duminica / Sundays:

Sf. Spovedanie – **12:00 pm** – *Reconciliation*
Sf. Rozar – 12:00 pm – Holy Rozary
Sfânta Liturghie – **12:30 pm** – ***Divine Liturgy***

Duminica a 5-a a Sfintelor Paşti
a Samarinencei
Fifth Paschal Sunday
Sunday of the Samaritan Woman

7 Mai / May 2023, Glas / Tone 4

La Antifonul 3: **P**e maica ta, Hristoase, care cu trup, mai presus de fire te-a născut, şi Fecioară nestricată cu adevărat şi după naştere a rămas, pe aceasta o aducem către tine spre rugăciune, Stăpâne mult milostive: dăruieşte iertare de greşeli celor ce-ţi strigă ţie totdeauna: pomeneşte-ne şi pe noi întru împărăţia ta.

Tropar (26): **Predicarea învierii cea luminată, înţelegându-o de la îngeri învăţăcelele Domnului, şi lepădând neascultarea strămoşilor, Apostolilor lăudându-se au zis: Prădatu-s-a moartea, sculatu-sa Dumnezeu, Hristos dăruind lumii mare îndurare.**

***M**ărire Tatălui şi Fiului şi Spiritului Sfânt*
şi acum şi pururea şi în vecii vecilor. Amin.

Condac: **C**u credinţă venind la fântânâ Samarineanca, te-a văzut pe tine, apa înţelepciunii: din care bând din destul, împărăţia cea de sus pentru vecie a moştenit-o, cea vrednică de laudă.

At 3rd Antiphon: **M**ost merciful Lord, we offer your mother to You in prayer, who untouched gave You birth and remained an undefiled virgin, truly, even after birth: grant forgiveness of sins to those who always cry out to You: Remember us also in Your kingdom.

Troparion: **H**aving learned the joyful proclamation of the Resurrection from the angel, and having cast off the ancestral condemnation, the women disciples of the Lord spoke to the apostles exultantly: Death is despoiled and Christ God is risen, granting to the world great mercy.

***G**lory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit now, and always, and forever and ever. Amen.*

Kontakion: **T**he Samaritan woman came to the well with faith and saw You, the Master of Wisdom: You satisfied the thirst of her soul, and she inherited the kingdom of heaven forever.

Prokimenon: **H**ow countless are your works, O Lord, all of them made so wisely! *(Ps. 104, 24)*
Verse: **B**less the Lord, my soul, O Lord, my God, how great you are! *(Ps. 104, 1)*

Epistle: **A** reading from the Acts of the Apostles: *(11, 19-30)*

In those days, those who had scattered because of the persecution that arose over Stephen travelled as far as Phoenicia and Cyprus and Antioch, but they proclaimed the message only to Jews. Some of them, however, who came from Cyprus and Cyrene, went to Antioch where they started preaching also to the Greeks, proclaiming the good news of the Lord Jesus to them. The Lord helped them, and a great number believed and were converted to the Lord. The news of them came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem and they sent Barnabas out to Antioch. There he was glad to see for himself that God had given grace, and he urged them all to remain faithful to the Lord with heartfelt devotion; for he was a good man, filled with the Holy Spirit and with faith. And a large number of people were won over to the Lord. Barnabas then left for Tarsus to look for Saul, and when he found him he brought him to Antioch. And it happened that they stayed together in that church a whole year, instructing a large number of people. It was at Antioch that the disciples were first called "Christians". While they were there some prophets came down to Antioch from Jerusalem, and one of them whose name was Agabus, seized by the Spirit, stood up and predicted that a severe and universal famine was going to happen. This in fact happened while Claudius was emperor. The disciples decided to send relief, each to contribute what he could afford, to the brothers living in Judaea. They did this and delivered their contributions to the elders through the agency of Barnabas and Saul.

Gospel: ***John 4, 5-42***

At that time, Jesus had to pass through Samaria, and on the way he came to the Samaritan town called Sychar near the land that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there and Jesus, tired by the journey, sat down by the well. It was about the sixth hour. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, "Give me something to drink." His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, "You are a Jew. How is it that you ask me, a Samaritan, for something to drink?", Jews, of course, do not associate with Samaritans. Jesus replied to her: If you only knew what God is offering and who it is that is saying to you, `Give me something to drink," you would have been the one to ask, and he would have given you living water. `You have no bucket, sir," she answered, "and the well is deep: how do you get this living water? Are you a greater man than our father Jacob, who gave us this well and drank from it himself with his sons and his cattle?" Jesus replied: Whoever drinks this water will be thirsty again; but no one who drinks the water that I shall give will ever be thirsty again: the water that I shall give will become a spring of water within, welling up for eternal life. `Sir," said the woman, "give me some of that water, so that I may never be thirsty or come here again to draw water." `Go and call your husband," said Jesus to her, "and come back here." The woman answered, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right to say, `I have no husband'; for although you have had five, the one you now have is not your husband. You spoke the truth there." `I see you are a prophet, sir," said the woman. `Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, though you say that Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship." Jesus said: Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know; for salvation comes from the Jews. But the hour is coming, indeed is already here, when true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth: that is the kind of worshipper the Father seeks. God is spirit, and those who worship must worship in spirit and truth. The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah, that is, Christ, is coming; and when he comes he will explain everything." Jesus said, "That is who I am, I who speak to you." At this point his disciples returned and were surprised to find him speaking to a woman, though none of them asked, "What do you want from her?" or, "What are you talking to her about?" The woman put down her water jar and hurried back to the town to tell the people, `Come and see a man who has told me everything I have done; could this be the Christ?" This brought people out of the town and they made their way towards him. Meanwhile, the disciples were urging him, "Rabbi, do have something to eat"; but he said, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." So the disciples said to one another, "Has someone brought him food?" But Jesus said: My food is to do the will of the one who sent me, and to complete his work. Do you not have a saying: Four months and then the harvest? Well, I tell you, look around you, look at the fields; already they are white, ready for harvest! Already the reaper is being paid his wages, already he is bringing in the grain for eternal life, so that sower and reaper can rejoice together. For here the proverb holds true: one sows, another reaps; I sent you to reap a harvest you have not laboured for. Others have laboured for it; and you have come into the rewards of their labour. Many Samaritans of that town believed in him on the strength of the woman's words of testimony, "He told me everything I have done." So, when the Samaritans came up to him, they begged him to stay with them. He stayed for two days, and many more came to believe on the strength of the words he spoke to them; and they said to the woman, "Now we believe no longer because of what you told us; we have heard him ourselves and we know that he is indeed the Saviour of the world."

Priceasna: (68) **R**idica-voi ochii mei la ceruri, de unde va veni ajutorul meu. Ajutorul meu de la Dumnezeu, cel ce a făcut cerul şi pământul. Aliluia.

Communion Hymn: **I** will lift up my eyes to the heavens, from where my help shall come. My help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth. Alleluia.

81. Vino Isuse în inima mea,

Vino Isuse în inima mea,
Vino căci ea te doreşte.
Înflăcăreaz-o cu dragostea ta
Şi foamea i-o potoleşte.

Cred că eşti, Doamne pe sfântul altar,
Ziua şi noaptea de faţă.
Tu eşti izvor de tărie şi har,
Pâine ce-mi dă mie viaţă.

Doamne, pe tine vreau să te primesc,
Tu eşti supremul meu bine;
Dar sunt nevrednic şi nu îndrăznesc
Să mă apropii de tine.

Doamne, te rog, să mă învredniceşti
De taina dumnezeiască;
Trupul şi sufletul să mi-l sfinţeşti
Cu a ta pâine cerească.

Vino în sufletul meu, aşadar,
El locuinţă să-ţi fie;
Doamne, într-nsul să-ţi faci sfânt altar
Ţi-l dăruiesc pe vecie.

Doamne, şi-n ceasul din urmă să vii,
Să mă-ntăreşti în durere;
În taina-aceasta tu iarăşi să fii,
Singura mea mângâiere.

Hristos din morţi a înviat,

1. Hristos din morţi a înviat,
   Hristos a înviat !
   Şi lumea-ntreag-a mângâiat.
   Adevarat a înviat !

2. Şi dacă El n-ar fi venit,
   Hristos a înviat !
   Nici lumea n-ar fi mântuit
   Adevarat a înviat !

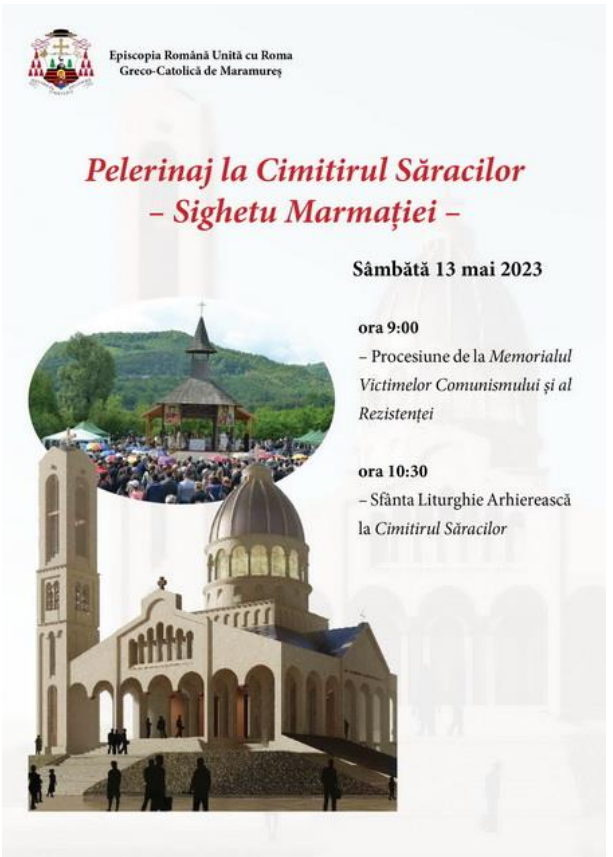
3. Hristos din morţi a înviat,
   Hristos a înviat !
   În veci să fie lăudat.
   Adevarat a înviat !

4. Fă ca din moarte să-nviem,
   Hristos a înviat !
   De Tine să ne apropiem.
   Adevarat a înviat !

PS Vasile: În sufletele noastre se așterne an de an bucuria participării la acest pelerinaj

„În sufletele noastre se așterne an de an bucuria participării la acest pelerinaj”, explica în urmă cu un an, pe 14 mai 2022, Preasfinția Sa Vasile Bizău, la finalul pelerinajului anual la Cimitirul Săracilor. În urmă cu un an, aici s-a sfințit piatra de temelie a Sanctuarului care este în construcție pe pământul în care se sădesc rugăciunile întregii Biserici Catolice, de peste 20 de ani.

„Am pus piatra de temelie a Sanctuarului Martirilor și Mărturisitorilor Români ai Secolului XX, un moment important din viața Bisericii, un moment deosebit de frumos și important din viața fiecăruia dintre noi, cei care suntem cărămizi vii în templul spiritual al Domnului. Piatra de temelie este Dumnezeu Domnul”, a afirmat atunci Ierarhul. Și a continuat: „El este stânca în care ne putem încrede, El este stânca cea tare, El este cel care ne însoțește și mereu împarte haruri, bucurii și speranța mântuirii. Stânca este și credința în Mântuitorul Hristos și astăzi se actualizează cuvintele Mântuitorului: *Tu ești Petru și pe această piatră voi zidi Biserica mea și porțile iadului nu o vor birui.*” Iar credința noastră ne îndeamnă la implicare și la asumare, acest lucru fiind explicat de Episcopul de Maramureș: „Dragi pelerini, suntem și noi pietre vii, urmașii martirilor, ai mărturisitorilor, fiii Bisericii Catolice… așa cum spunea Fericitul martir Iuliu Hossu: *Lupta mea s-a sfârșit, a voastră continuă*”. Piatra aceasta de temelie pe care azi am sfințit-o „cuprinde toată memoria trecutului, dar este și baza unui viitor, un viitor al țării noastre pe care o dorim liberă, pentru că de aici va fi o chemare la unitate, o chemare la sfințenie, o chemare la bucurie”, a afirmat Preasfințitul Vasile Bizău.



În acest an, la pelerinajul din 13 mai, este așteptat întreg Episcopatul Bisericii Catolice din România, dar și numeroși preoți, persoane consacrate și pelerini din întreaga țară. Programul de desfășurare este următorul: ora 9:00 – Procesiune de la Memorialul Victimelor Comunismului și al Rezistenței; ora 10:30 – Sfânta Liturghie Arhierească. Este primul an în care pelerinii vor putea să vadă Sanctuarul în construcție, pe pământul pe care se fac pelerinaje de mai mult de 20 de ani.

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