HOLY CROSS
GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

Sunday, May 12, 2024

Sunday of Thomas
St. Epiphanius, Bishop of Consantina, Cyprus
Eothinon/Orthros Gospel: First (Matthew 28:16-20)
Mode of the Week: Festal / τῆς εορτῆς

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Our Parish Hymn of the Holy Cross of Christ:
Save, O Lord, save your people and bless Your inheritance. Give victory to those who battle evil and protect us all by Your Holy Cross.

Σῶσον Κύριε τὸν λαόν σου καὶ εὐλόγησον τὴν κληρονομίαν σου, νίκας τοῖς Βασιλεῦσι κατὰ βαρβάρων δωρούμενος καὶ τὸ σὸν φυλάττων διὰ τοῦ Σταυροῦ σου πολίτευμα.

To our Visitors and Guests:
We extend a warm welcome to all worshiping with us today!

While Holy Communion, following ancient practice, is reserved for Orthodox Christians, non-Orthodox may receive the blessed bread (antidoron) offered at the conclusion of the service.

Please join us in the Parish House after the Divine Liturgy for Coffee Fellowship!

Upcoming Schedule

Today, May 12
9:15am Orthros
10:30am Divine Liturgy on the Sunday of Thomas/Anti-Pascha (Mother’s Day)

Sunday School for the Youth after Holy Communion
Coffee Fellowship after the Divine Liturgy
12:45pm Adult Greek School/Youth Greek Dance

Wednesday, May 15
5:45pm Vespers
6:30pm Adult Study Class in the Library

Saturday, May 18
5:00pm Great Vespers

Sunday, May 19
9:15am Orthros
10:30am Divine Liturgy on the Sunday of Thomas/Anti-Pascha Women
Sunday School for the Youth after Holy Communion (last Sunday for the school year)
Coffee Fellowship in the Parish House after the Liturgy
12:45pm Adult Greek School/Adult Bible Study
2:00pm Youth/GOYA Outing

Tuesday, May 21
9:30am Orthros
10:30am Divine Liturgy on the Feast of the Myrrh-bearing Women
Sunday School for the Youth after Holy Communion
Coffee Fellowship in the Parish House after the Liturgy
12:45pm Adult Greek School/Youth Greek Dance

Wednesday, May 22
5:45pm Vespers
6:30pm Adult Study Class in the Library

Sunday, May 26
9:15am Orthros
10:30am Divine Liturgy on the Sunday of the Paralytic
Coffee Fellowship in the Parish House after the Liturgy
12:45pm Adult Greek School/Youth Greek Dance

Wednesday, May 29
4:30pm Vespers
5:30pm Adult Study Class in the Library

Thursday, May 30
5:30pm Parish Council Meeting

Saturday, June 1
5:00pm Great Vespers

Sunday, June 2
9:15am Orthros
10:30am Divine Liturgy on the Sunday of the Samaritan Woman
Coffee Fellowship after the Liturgy in the Parish House
12:45pm Adult Greek School/Adult Bible Study

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Upcoming PC Member On-Duty:
(5/19) Gray Yates; (5/26) Natalia Saratsiotis; (6/2) Jim Lekas; (6/9) John A.

Upcoming Ushers:

Upcoming Video Operators:

Fellowship Hosts:
(5/19) Sarah Drouopoulos; (5/26) Maria McChuskey; (6/2) Chai Ridley; (6/9) Patty Zoumberis

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Ἐν ταῖς ἡμέραις ἐκείναις, διὰ τῶν χειρῶν τῶν ἀποστόλων ἐγένετο σημεῖα καὶ χαρά στόιχεον ἐν τῷ ὀνόματι αὐτοῦ. Μεταξὺ ἀγαθῶν καὶ κακῶν ἐδύναμον ἐν οἷς ὑπέστη οἱ μαθηταὶ αὐτοῦ, ὅτι ἐδείχθη ἔτολμα κολλᾶσθαι αὐτοῖς, ἀλλ᾿ ἂν εἰρὴν ὑμῖν. Εἶπεν εἰς τὸν Θωμᾶν οὖν αὐτοῖς ὁ Ιησοῦς: Πάντα τὰ στάσητε ἐν τῷ ὀνόματι αὐτοῦ. Ἐρώτησαν αὐτοῖς καὶ τῇ ἁμαρτίᾳ καταχωρεῖται καθὼς ἂν οἱ μαθηταὶ αὐτοῦ ὑπενεχθήν, ἢν καθὼς ἂν μηδενεσθήν. Ἐποίησεν δὲ τίρις ὁ Ἰησοῦς τῷ Θωμᾷ μετ᾽ αὐτῶν: Ἐρώτησαν αὐτοῖς εἰς τὴν πλευράν μου, καὶ μὴ γίνου ἄπιστος, ἔστη εἰς τὸ μέσον καὶ λέγει αὐτοῖς: Ἐὰς, Ἐὰς, Ἐὰς, Ἐὰς, Ἐὰς, Ἐὰς, Ἐὰς, Ἐὰς, Ἐὰς, Ἐὰς, Ἐὰς, Ἐὰς, Ἐὰς, Ἐὰς, Ἐὰς, Ἐὰς, Ἐὰς, Ἐὰς, Ἐὰς, Ἐὰς, Ἐὰς, Ἐὰς, Ἐὰς, Ἐὰς, Ἐὰς, Ἐὰς, Ἐὰς, Ἐὰς, Ἐὰς, Ἐὰς, Ἐὰς, Ἐὰς, Ἐὰς, Ἐὰς, Ἐὰς, Ἐὰς, Ἐὰς, Ἐὰς, Ἐὰς, Ἐὰς, Ἐὰς, Ἐὰς, Ἐὰς, Ἐὰς, Ἐὰς, Ἐὰς, Ἐὰς, Ἐὰς, Ἐὰς, Ἐὰς, Ἐὰς, Ἐὰς, Ἐὰς, Ἐὰς, Ἐὰς, Ἐὰς, Ἐὰς, Ἐὰς, Ἐὰς, Ἐ附属的阅读

**Epistle Reading**

*Great is our Lord, and great is His strength.*

*Verse: Praise the Lord, for the Lord is good.*

**The reading is from the Acts of the Apostles. (5:12-20)**

In those days, many signs and wonders were done among the people by the hands of the apostles. And they were all together in Solomon’s Portico. None of the rest dared join them, but the people held them in high honor. And more than ever believers were added to the Lord, multitudes both of men and women, so that they even carried out the sick into the streets, and laid them on beds and pallets, that as Peter came by at least his shadow might fall on some of them. The people also gathered from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all healed. But the high priest rose up and all who were with him, that is, the party of the Sadducees, and filled with jealousy they arrested the apostles and put them in the common prison. But at night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out and said, “Go and stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this Life.”

**The Holy Gospel Reading according to St. John (20:19-31)**

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being shut where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them: “Peace be with you.” When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I send you.” And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them: “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.” Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him: “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them: “Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and place my finger in the mark of the nails, and put my hand in His side, I will not believe.” Eight days later, His disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. The doors were shut, but Jesus came and stood among them, and said: “Peace be with you.” Then He said to Thomas, “Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side; do not be faithless, but believing.” Thomas answered Him, “My Lord and my God!” Jesus said to Him: “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe.” Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.
The Hymn of the Holy Cross is not sung today due to the feast. The Hymn of Thomas Sunday (Apr. 24) is sung with some minor adjustments to the scriptural citations. The Grace Cross is not sung at this time. The Parish Mission continues this coming Wednesday, we will continue the study of the steps of the ladder with steps 21-23. Please see your email this week for a copy of the schedule. After the Vespers this coming Wednesday, we will continue to worship and celebrate what the Lord has accomplished in our lives a very happy and blessed Mother's Day. We wish all of our mothers, Godmothers, grandmother, everyone who is like a mother to us that the Lord will send world. That is why every week Christians gather together to worship and celebrate what the Lord has done for His people. Fittingly, during the week after Pascha (Easter), called Bright Week, the Church celebrates Pascha for eight days. By tradition, babies are named on the eighth day after birth. And from ancient times, Christian baptismal fonts have been built with eight sides, indicating the newly baptized are entering the realm of the Eighth Day, the day of eternal rest (Heb. 4:11) in Christ's Heavenly Kingdom.