Sunday, May 5, 2024
Great and Holy PASCHA
The Holy Great Martyr Irene
Eothinon/Orthros Gospel: Festal (Mark 16:1-8)
Mode of the Week: Festal / τῆς εορτῆς

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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.

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This is the day the Lord made; let us greatly rejoice and be glad therein. 

Verse: Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; for His mercy endures forever. (Ps. 117)

In the first book, O Theophilos, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commandment through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. To them he presented himself alive after his passion by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days, and speaking of the kingdom of God. And while staying with them he charged them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the end of the earth."

Epistle Reading

The Holy Gospel Reading according to St. John (1:17)

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