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Thomas Sunday

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ΧΡΙΣΤΟΣ ΑΝΕΣΤΗ! CHRIST IS RISEN!



Today we celebrate Thomas Sunday, George the Great Martyr and Triumphant Martyrs Emmanuel, Theodore, George, Michael and the other George of Samothrace Welcome to St. George Greek Orthodox Church



HYMNS OF THE DAY

Απολυτίκιον τῆς Ἐορτῆς

Έσφραγισμένου τοῦ μνήματος, ἡ Ζωὴ ἐκ τάφου ἀνέτειλας Χριστὲ ὁ Θεός, καὶ τῶν θυρῶν κεκλεισμένων, τοῖς Μαθηταῖς ἐπέστης, ἡ πάντων ἀνάστασις: Πνεῦμα εὐθὲς δι' αὐτῶν ἐγκαινίζων ἡμῖν, κατὰ τὸ μέγα σου ἕλεος.

Κοντάκιον τοῦ Πάσχα

Τῷ θρόνῳ ἐν οὐρανῷ, τῷ πώλῳ ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς, ἐποχούμενος Χριστὲ ὁ Θεός, τῶν Ἀγγέλων τὴν αἴνεσιν, καὶ τῶν Παίδων ἀνύμνησιν προσεδέξω βοώντων σοι· Εὐλογημένος εἶ ὁ ἐρχόμενος, τὸν Ἀδὰμ ἀνακαλέσασθαι.

Apolytikion of the Feast

O Life, You rose from the sepulcher, even though the tomb was secured with a seal, O Christ God. Then, although the doors were shut, You came to Your Disciples, O Resurrection of all. Through them You renew a right spirit in us, according to Your great mercy.

Kontakion of Pascha

Though You went down into the tomb, O Immortal One, yet You brought down the dominion of Hades; and You rose as the victor, O Christ our God; and You called out "Rejoice" to the Myrrh-bearing women, and gave peace to Your Apostles, O Lord who to the fallen grant resurrection.

Epistle Reading Acts 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 prought them out and said, "Go and stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this Life."

Gospel Reading 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 place 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.





Below are links from our photo gallery and also video (courtesy of George Cotzas) of Bishop Demetrios' visit.

Thank you to so many who made such offerings to the Lord this week. The flowers, the candles, the children, etc..... All was accepted by the Lord, blessed, and given back to the holy people of God.

THANK YOU for a fantastic holy week experience.

Photo Gallery: <u>https://www.saintgeorgegoc.com/photos</u>

Easter Egg Hunt - Holy Friday: The Epitaphion - The 12 Gospels and the Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ - Holy Unction- Churching of Arthur Nicholas Georgelas-Lazarus Saturday Palm Making and Youth Retreat-Hierarchical Divine Liturgy officiated by His Grace Bishop Demetrios of Mokissos-Churching of Eleni Maria Sarigiannis

Saturday of Lazarus Videos

Part A: Link <u>https://youtu.be/ROi0w77h8U4</u> Part B: Link <u>https://youtu.be/cImphevxktg</u>

See you all soon!

Respectfully,

Fr. Neofitos



