SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

<u>May 16th – Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearing Women</u> Divine Liturgy - 10:30 a.m. Memorial commemorating the six-month anniversary of the repose of Metropolitan Maximos Memorial commemorating the five-year anniversary of the repose of George Alastanos

<u>Wednesday May 12th – Zoom Bible Study – 7:00 p.m.</u> Kostaki will email log-on information.

<u>May 23rd – Sunday of the Paralytic</u> Divine Liturgy - 10:30 a.m.

<u>May 30th – Sunday of the Samaritan Woman</u> Divine Liturgy - 10:30 a.m.

Hymn to the Theotokos instead of Axion Estin

Mother of our God, we see you: a brightly shining lamp, Your conspicuous glory. You are the highest of everything created. We sing your praise and magnify you.

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May 9, 2021 Κυριακη του Θωμα – Sunday of St. Thomas

Apolytikion

Christ is Risen from the dead, by death trampling upon death, and to those in the tombs He has granted life.

Χριστος Ανεστη εκ νεκρων, θανατω θανατον πατησας, και τοις εν τοις μνημασι, ζωην χαρισαμενος.

Entrance Hymn

Bless God in the churches, the Lord from the fountains of Israel. Save us, O Son of God, risen from the dead. We sing to you, Alleluia.

Apolytikion Grave Mode

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 "Rejoice" to the Myrrhbearing women, and gave peace to Your Apostles, O Lord who to the fallen grant resurrection.

Epistle Reading: 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."

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.

