

Congratulations to Kostaki and Stephanie Alex
on the birth of their son, Charlie Alexander,
on Thursday, April 28th. Grandparents are Steve and
Irene Sellas; Maria Alex, and the late Alexander Alex.

Congratulations to Olga Alastanos on receiving the St.
Photios Award in absentia at the Awards Banquet in
Pittsburgh on Saturday, April 30th.

Open House 100th Birthday Party in Honor of
Ann Williams
Sunday, May 22nd 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Clarksburg Country Club
No gifts – cards appreciated
If you wish to attend, please see Maria Alex

Doubting Thomas

One single lapse labelled Thomas as a doubter and sceptic,
but, if anything, he was not. He did not love his Lord less
than the other apostles, rather, Thomas loved Him more. His
voice was not one of skepticism, but one of desire. He
desired more than anything in the world, to see His Lord
alive again. He clearly wanted to see and believe. When he
drew his line in the sand and said he would not believe
unless Christ appeared to him personally, he wanted more
than anything for it to be so. When Christ did, and offered
His risen flesh to Thomas for inspection, Thomas sank to his
knees, exclaiming, “My Lord and my God!” Here was
everything he ever wanted and nothing was more important.

Annual Food Festival – June 3-4



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Thomas Sunday; Jeremias the Prophet
Martyrs Emmanuel, Theodore, George, Michael and
George of Samothrace

Resurrectional Apolytikion

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

Apolytikion

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 bought 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.

Hymn to the Theotokos

Mother of our God, we praise you as the brightly shining
lamp, the illustrious glory of all creation, of which you are
the highest. With sacred hymns we magnify you.

Epistle: 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.