About that time, Herod the king laid violent hands upon some who belonged to the church. He killed James the brother of John with the sword; and when he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded to arrest Peter also. This was during the days of Unleavened Bread. And when he had seized him, he put him in prison, and delivered him to four squads of soldiers to guard him, intending after the Passover to bring him out to the people. So Peter was kept in prison; but earnest prayer for him was made to God by the Church.

The very night when Herod was about to bring him out, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains, and sentries before the door were guarding the prison; and behold, an angel of the Lord appeared, and a light shone in the cell; and he struck Peter on the side and woke him, saying, "Get up quickly." And the chains fell off his hands. And the angel said to him, "Wrap your mantle around you and follow me." And he went out and followed him; he did not know that what was done by the angel was real, but thought he was seeing a vision. When they had passed the first and the second guard, they came to the iron gate leading into the city. It opened to them of its own accord, and they went out and passed on through one street; and immediately the angel left him. And Peter came to himself, and said, "Now I am sure that the Lord has sent his angel and rescued me from the hand of Herod and from all that the Jewish people were expecting."
Κατ’ ἐκείνον τὸν καιρὸν ἐπέβαλεν ὦρῷ δόφις ὁ βασιλεὺς τὰς χεῖρας κακῶσα τῶν ἀπὸ τῆς ἐκκλησίας. Ανείλε δὲ Ἰάκωβος τὸν ἄδελφον τῷ Ἱωάννου μαχαίρᾳ. Καὶ ἰδοῦ ὁ Ἰακώβος τὸν αδελφὸν τοῦ Ἰωάννου μαχαίρᾳ προσέθετο συλλαβεῖν καὶ Πέτρον ἤσαν δὲ αἱ ἡμέραι τῶν ἀζύμων· οὐ καὶ πιάσας ἔθετο εἰς φυλακήν, παραδοὺς τέσσαρας τετραδίοις στρατιωτῶν φυλάσσειν αὐτόν, βουλόμενος μετὰ τὸ Πάσχα ἀναγαγεῖν αὐτὸν τῷ λαῷ. Ὁ μὲν οὖν Πέτρος ἐτήρειτο ἐν τῇ φυλακῇ· προσευχὴ δὲ ἦν ἐκτενὴς γινομένη ὑπὸ τῆς ἐκκλησίας πρὸς τὸν Θεόν ὑπὲρ αὐτοῦ. ὁ δὲ Ἐυαγγελος Κυρίου ἐπέστη καὶ φῶς ἔλαμπε διὰ τῆς θύρας ἐν τῷ οἰκήματι· πατάξας δὲ τὴν πλευράν τοῦ Πέτρου ἤγειρεν αὐτὸν λέγων· ἄναστα ἐν τάχει. καὶ ἐξέπεσον αἱ ἁλύσεις ἐκ τῶν χειρῶν αὐτοῦ· ἐποίησε δὲ ὁ Ἀγγελὸς πρὸς αὐτὸν· περιβάλο ὑπὸ τὰ σανδάλια σου· καὶ λέγει αὐτῷ· περιβαλεῖ σανδάλια σου καὶ ἀκολούθει μοι. ὁ δὲ Ἐυαγγελος ἐποίησε διὰ τῆς ἐκκλησίας πρὸς τὸν Θεόν ὑπὲρ αὐτοῦ. ὁ δὲ Ἐυαγγελος ἐποίησε διὰ τῆς ἐκκλησίας πρὸς τὸν Θεόν ὑπὲρ αὐτοῦ.
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.
Θομάς Σάββατο

Ἐκ τοῦ Κατὰ Ἰωάννην 20:19-31

Εὐαγγελίου τὸ Ἀνάγνωσμα

Ὅσης ὄψις τῇ ἠμέρᾳ ἐκείνῃ τῇ μιᾷ τῶν σαββάτων, καὶ τῶν θυρῶν κεκλεισμένων ὅπου ἦσαν οἱ μαθηταὶ συνηγμένοι διὰ τῶν φόβων τῶν Ἰουδαίων, ἦλθεν ὁ Ἰησοῦς καὶ έστη εἰς τὸ μέσον, καὶ λέγει αὐτοῖς· Εἰρήνη ὑμῖν. Καὶ τούτο εἰπὼν έδειξεν αὐτοῖς τὰς χεῖρας καὶ τὴν πλευράν αὐτοῦ· ἐχάρησαν οὖν οἱ μαθηταὶ ἰδόντες τὸν Κύριον. Εἶπεν οὖν αὐτοῖς ὁ Ἰησοῦς πάλιν· Εἰρήνη ὑμῖν, καθὼς ἀπέσταλκέ με ὁ πατήρ, κἀγὼ πέμπω ὑμᾶς. Καὶ τούτο εἰπὼν ενεφύσησε καὶ λέγει αὐτοῖς· Λάβετε Πνεῦμα Ἅγιον. Ἄν τινων ἀφῆτε τὰς ἁμαρτίας, ἀφιένται αὐτοῖς, ἄν τινων κρατῆτε, κεκράτηνται. Ὁ Θωμᾶς δὲ, εἰς ἐκ τῶν δώδεκα, ἐλέγετο ὁ λεγόμενος Δίδυμος, οὔκ ἦν μετ’ αὐτῶν ὁτὲ ἦλθεν Ἰησοῦς· ἔλεγεν οὖν αὐτῷ οἱ ἄλλοι μαθηταί· Ἑωράκαμεν τὸν Κύριον. Ὁ δὲ εἶπεν αὐτοῖς· Ἐὰν μὴ ἤδη ἐν ταῖς χερσίν αὐτοῦ τὸν τύπον τῶν ἥλων, καὶ βάλω τὸν δάκτυλόν μου εἰς τὸν τύπον τῶν ἥλων, καὶ βάλω τὴν χεῖρά μου εἰς τὴν πλευράν αὐτοῦ, οὐ μὴ πιστεύσω. Καὶ μεθ’ ἠμέρας τῆς Παρασκευῆς ἔλεγεν σοι ὁ Μαθητής τῶν Ἰουδαίων· Ἐρχεσθαι ὁ Ἰησοῦς τῶν θυρῶν κεκλεισμένων, καὶ έστη εἰς τὸ μέσον καὶ εἶπεν· Εἰρήνη ὑμῖν. Εἶτα λέγει τῷ Θωμᾷ· φέρε τὸν δάκτυλόν σου φίλε, καὶ ἴδε τὰς χεῖρας μου. καὶ φέρε τὴν χεῖρά σου καὶ βάλε εἰς τὴν πλευράν μου, καὶ μὴ γίνου ἄπιστος ἄλλα πιστός. Καὶ ἀπεκρίθη οὓς ὁ Θωμᾶς, καὶ εἶπεν αὐτῷ· ὁ Κύριος μου καὶ ὁ Θεὸς μου. Λέγει αὐτῷ ὁ Ἰησοῦς· Ὅτι ἠὁρακας καὶ πιστεύσας ἔσω ὁ Θεός ἐστιν καὶ ὁ Χριστὸς ὁ υἱὸς τοῦ θεοῦ, καὶ ἔσω ἐκεῖνος ὁ Θεὸς καὶ ὁ Χριστὸς ὁ υἱὸς τοῦ θεοῦ.
JOIN US TODAY FOR COFFEE HOUR

Members Volunteering To Serve Coffee Hour

A special thank you to the following members of our community who have volunteered to donate their time to serve coffee today:

Vasiliki Mihou & Garyfallia Papageorge
TODAY

GOYA PITA SALE

GOYA is selling Spanakopita and Tiropita and donating the profits to High School Sunday School Teacher, Michael Shepherd.

Single slices of Pita are available for purchase TODAY during the coffee hour for $5.00 per piece.
Father David Smith will be starting a ten session class Orthodoxy 101 this spring. Please let Father David know if you are interested so we can arrange a time that is good for everyone.

We will ask the questions:

Where did we come from?

Where are we now?

Where are we going?
MARK YOUR CALENDARS

2023
GREEK FESTIVAL

Thursday, June 8th
Friday, June 9th
Saturday, June 10th
Sunday, June 11th
2023 GREEK FESTIVAL

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WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!!

BAKLAVA WILL BE MADE ON :

Monday—May 22
8 AM to Noon & 5 PM to 8 PM

Tuesday—May 23
8 AM to Noon & 5 PM to 8 PM

Wednesday—May 24
8 AM to Noon & 5 PM to 8 PM

Thursday—May 25
8 AM to Noon & 5 PM to 8 PM

AND IF NEEDED.....

Friday—May 26
8 AM to Noon & 5 PM to 8 PM

All are Welcome!
Training will be provided for those new at making Baklava!
See you then!
Greek Festival
Yiayia’s Jewelry Shop

Ladies….Check your jewelry boxes and consider making a donation of costume jewelry to Yiayia’s Jewelry Shop.

In preparation for the upcoming Greek Festival, Philoptochos is now collecting costume jewelry items.

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