

the same holy crucified and resurrected body of Christ, obeying the word of the Master and great high priest Christ, who once for all preached in the Mystical Supper breaking and distributing his own self and saying “do this in the remembrance of me”.

So, let us make, brethren, the decision that the Resurrection of Christ comprise the first fruits for our arising from the passions and our weaknesses and for our waking up from the darkness of our choices far from God, and embracing one another with true Christian love let us shout: Christ is risen! Truly the Lord is risen!

Archim. A. A.

**SUNDAY, APRIL 24 2022 GREAT AND HOLY PASCHA**

*Elizabeth the Wonderworker, Savvas the General of Rome, Nicholas the New Martyr of Magnesia, Melitus, Archbishop of Canterbury*

**TONE OF THE WEEK :**

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**EPISTLE READING :** *Acts of the Apostles 1:1-8*

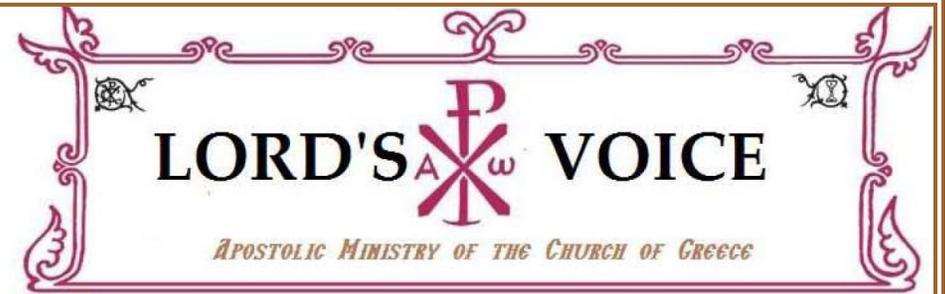
**GOSPEL READING :** *John 1:1-17*

**SUNDAY, MAY 01, 2022 THOMAS SUNDAY ,Martyrs**

*Emmanuel, Theodore, George, Michael and the other George of Samothrace , Jeremias the Prophet ,New Martyr Maria of Fournna, Mirabella in Crete Tamara (Tamar), Queen of Georgia Nikiforos the Monk of Chios Synaxis of the Three New Righteous Martyrs of the Holy Mountain, Euthymius, Ignatius, and Acacius Asaph, Bishop of Wales*

**EPISTLE READING :** *Acts of the Apostles 5:12-20*

**GOSPEL READING :** *John 20:19-31*



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**A FEAST THROUGHOUT TIME**

“Now everything is filled with the light, heaven and earth and the underworld”. Brethren everywhere in the universe, Christ is risen! Today is the feast of feasts and celebration of celebrations, “the Day which is chosen and holy, Day One of the Sabbaths. It is the queen-day, the Lord's Day,” and according to the canon “The wave of the sea” in the sacred All-night vigil, but also according to the canon “The day of Resurrection” in the Matins, and with all the chants and the hymns of today's day, we glorified- and for forty days, by exception in relation to all the other feasts of the Lord, we will celebrate -the resurrected Deliverer. We hymned the majesty of the love of God the Father who granted us the recreation with the incarnation of his Word, and salvation with the resurrection of his Son.

**The victor of death**

We heard during the Divine Liturgy, the gospel narration from the beginning of the gospel of the holy glorious apostle and evangelist John the Theologian. In a few lines of this passage, the entire majesty of the divine economy is summarized, described by his very theological pen and offered today, together with the Catechetical Homily of the sacred Chrysostom, as the most beautiful and most fragrant and most nourishing spiritual treat in

## THE SUNDAY GOSPEL (JOHN 11-17)

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God; all things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came for testimony, to bear witness to the light, that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to bear witness to the light. The true light that enlightens every man was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world knew him not. He came to his own home, and his own people received him not. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God; who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth; we have beheld his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father. (John bore witness to him, and cried, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks before me, for he was before me.'") And from his fullness have we all received, grace upon grace. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ

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the festive table of today's unsetting day. Its beginning and refers to the existence of the Word, of our Lord Jesus Christ, "who was born of the Father before all ages", as we confess in the second article of the Symbol of our Faith, proclaiming his godhead. Our holy Church, with her inexhaustible wisdom and experience, knows well the battle which, throughout the ages, the devil and his instruments undertake, disputing the godhead of the one of the Holy Trinity, of the Son and Word of God. And for this

reason, in the most sacred moment of her liturgical year, she chooses evangelically, the specific manner in order to proclaim her joy. Christ is the joy of the Church, according to the word of Athanasius the Great. The reference follows to the creation of the world from nothing "through him", but also to the capability of fallen man, after his self-exile from Paradise, to again see the face of God.

### The light of the world

The shadow of the Law of the Old Testament illumined the light from the preaching of the Prophets, mainly however, the par-excellence lantern of the divine light, the precious Forerunner, the greatest of the Prophets. He, even though, he himself was not the light, which he was nevertheless "full of light" and therefore, he was able to preach, to impart and to show who is the light. The light, of course, is Christ, He, who with his incarnation descended to the world that he created and to his creatures, to his own children. Unfortunately, however, many of his children did not accept him. He kept company with everyone, he embraced everyone, he received everyone well, he benefactored everyone, he addressed everyone with love without favoritism, opening his embrace paternally. He did not exempt anyone from his calling, he conversed with sinners, he kept company with prostitutes, he visited publicans, he granted health to people who were physically and spiritually ill, he cast out demons, he resurrected the dead, he worked night and day, his delivering work, "in order to save the world".

The feast of the Resurrection pervades and continues the action, the life, the preaching and the worship of the Church. The Orthodox liturgist, celebrating the Divine Liturgy even the most mere, daily, day without a memory, she celebrates Pascha, for the Church. Both the clergymen, as well as the lay people, commune