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**Sunday, May 2, 2021 ~ GREAT and HOLY PASCHA**

**The reading is from Acts of the Apostles 1:1-8** In the first book, O Theophilos, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commandment through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. To them he presented himself alive after his passion by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days, and speaking of the kingdom of God. And while staying with them he charged them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, "you heard from me, for John baptized with water, but before many days you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit." So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom of Israel?" He said to them, "it is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has fixed by his own authority. But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the end of the earth."

**The Gospel according to John 1:1-17** 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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**THIS WEEK:**

**Monday, May 3**      **BRIGHT MONDAY** *Office closed*  
9:30am –at ST GEORGE CATHEDRAL, OAKLAND:  
Paschal Orthros and Divine Liturgy

**Tuesday, May 4**      **BRIGHT TUESDAY**  
7pm GOYA Meeting

**Wednesday, May 5**      **BRIGHT WEDNESDAY** *No fasting*  
4:30pm Greek School  
7pm Bible Study *via Zoom*

**Thursday, May 6**      **BRIGHT THURSDAY**

**Friday, May 7**      **BRIGHT FRIDAY** *No fasting*  
Theotokos of the Life Giving Spring  
8:30 Orthros/9:30 Div Liturgy

**Saturday, May 8**      **BRIGHT SATURDAY** *St. John the Theologian*  
8:30am Orthros/9:30am Divine Liturgy  
4pm Church School (PreK-8th grades)  
5pm Vespers



**Cultivating the Love  
of Scripture**

FR. STEPHEN DE YOUNG

Tues, 18 May 7:00–8:30 pm • via Zoom

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