***Prokeimenon, Epistle(s), Alleluia, Gospel(s), Kontakia***

***Divine Liturgy***

**5.23.2020**

**Beginning of Divine Liturgy:**

***Priest:*** Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life! (2x)

Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death:

***Choir:*** And upon those in the tombs bestowing life!

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**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto the ages of ages. Amen.**

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**Prokeimenon**

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**Epistle**

**Acts 15:35-41**

At that time: Paul and Barnabas remained in Antioch, teaching and preaching the word of the Lord, with many others also. Then after some days Paul said to Barnabas, “Let us now go back and visit our brethren in every city where we have preached the word of the Lord, and see how they are doing.” Now Barnabas was determined to take with them John called Mark. But Paul insisted that they should not take with them the one who had departed from them in Pamphylia, and had not gone with them to the work. Then the contention became so sharp that they parted from one another. And so Barnabas took Mark and sailed to Cyprus; but Paul chose Silas and departed, being commended by the brethren to the grace of God. And he went through Syria and Cilicia, strengthening the churches.

**Alleluia**

**TONE 4**

Go forth, prosper and reign, for the sake of truth, meekness and righteousness.

*vs. For Thou lovest righteousness and dost hate iniquity.*

**Gospel(s)**

**John 10:27-38**

The Lord said unto the Jews that came to Him, “My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand. My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of My Father’s hand. I and My Father are one.” Then the Jews took up stones again to stone Him. Jesus answered them, “Many good works I have shown you from My Father. For which of those works do you stone Me?” The Jews answered Him saying, “For a good work we do not stone You, but for blasphemy, and because You, being a Man, make Yourself God.” Jesus answered them, “Is it not written in your law, ‘I said “You are gods”’? If He called them gods, to whom the word of God came (and the Scriptures cannot be broken), do you say of Him whom the Father sanctified and sent into the world, ‘You are blaspheming,’ because I said, ‘I am the Son of God’? If I do not do the works of My Father, do not believe Me; but if I do, though you do not believe Me, believe the works, that you may know and believe that the Father is in Me, and I in Him.”

Hymn to the Theotokos:

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Communion Hymns:

Praise the Lord from the heavens! Praise Him in the highest!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**After Communion:**

**Priest:** “O God, save Thy people, and bless Thine inheritance!

**Choir:** *(Instead of “We have seen the True Light…”)* Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life! *(once)*

**NOTE:** This is done on every day until the Leavetaking of Pascha (this year Wednesday, May 27 – eve of Ascension)

**Priest:** *Blessed is our God,* Always now and ever and unto the ages of ages.

**Choir:** Amen. Let our mouths be filled with Thy praise, O Lord! That we may sing of Thy glory, for Thou hast made us worthy to partake of Thy Holy Divine Immortal and Life-Creating Mysteries. Keep us in Thy holiness. That all the day we may meditate on Thy righteousness. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Dismissal:**

**Priest:** Glory to Thee, O Christ our God and our sure hope, glory to Thee!

**Choir:** Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life! (3x)

**Priest:** Gives the Resurrectional Dismissal