

THOMAS ' SUNDAY AT THE PATRIARCHATE

On Sunday 26 April/ 9 May 2021 the Patriarchate celebrated according to the Book of Pentecostarion Thomas' Sunday. On this Sunday the Church commemorates that eight days after His Resurrection the Lord appeared to His Disciples while the doors were locked in the Upper Room when Thomas was also with them. The Lord told Thomas "Reach hither thy finger, and behold my hands, and reach hither thy hand, and thrust it into my side: and be not faithless, but believing" and "blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed" (John 20:26-29).

This feast was celebrated as a "Paressia" at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre with Great Vespers on Saturday afternoon at the Catholicon and the Divine Liturgy at the All-Holy Tomb on Sunday morning, officiated by His Eminence Metropolitan Isychios of Kapitolias. Co-celebrants to His Eminence were the Master of Ceremonies Archimandrite Bartholomew and Hierodeacon Patrikios, under the chanting of Mr Gotspoulos' choir with the attendance of faithful Christians from Jerusalem. Pilgrims are still not allowed to travel.

After the Divine Liturgy, the Episcopal Entourage returned to the Patriarchate Headquarters where His Eminence wished everybody the joy of the Resurrection.

From Secretariat-General