

The Mosaics at Hosios Loukas

Ο ΝΙΠΤΗΡ (John 13: 1-20)

ὁ νιπτήρ -ηρος, basin for washing

Ἡ ΣΤΑΥΡΩΣΙΣ

ὁ σταυρός -ου, upright stake; the Cross

Ἰδού, ὁ υἱός σου· ἰδού, ἡ μήτηρ σου. (John 19: 26, 27)

Ἡ ΑΝΑΣΤΑΣΙΣ

ἡ ἀνάστασις -εως, setting up, evacuation, departure, resurrection

What do you think the suffix -σις means? Cf. ποιέω --> ποιήσις.

ΤΩΝ ΘΥΡΩΝ ΚΕΚΛΕΙΣΜΕΝΩΝ (John 20: 26)

τῶν θυρῶν κεκλεισμένων, within the closed doors

ἍΓΙΟΣ ἸΩΑΝΝΗΣ ΘΕΟΛΟΓΟΣ

ἅγιος -α -ον, holy, sacred, venerable

Do you think that this icon refers to John the Baptist or the Evangelist?

ἍΓΙΟΣ ΠΑΥΛΟΣ

ἸΗΣΟΥΣ ΧΡΙΣΤΟΣ

Ἐγώ εἰμι τὸ φῶς τοῦ κόσμου· ὁ ἀκολουθῶν ἐμοὶ οὐ μὴ περιπατήσῃ ἐν τῇ σκοτίᾳ, ἀλλ' ἔξει τὸ φῶς τῆς ζωῆς. (John 8: 12)

τὸ φῶς φωτός, light (cf. photography, photosynthesis)

ὁ κόσμος -ου, good order, world (cf. cosmic, microcosm, cosmopolitan)

ἀκολουθέω, follow, attend, obey (cf. acolyte)

περιπατέω, walk about, lead a life (cf. Peripatetic philosophers)

ἡ σκοτία -ας, darkness

ἡ ζωή (cf. zoology)