

July 9, 2023
Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Hieromartyr Pankratios, bishop of Taormina in Sicily; Martyrs Andrew and Probus; Venerable Dionysios the Orator, first settler of Small St. Anne skete on Athos, and his disciple Venerable Metrophanes

Little Entrance: Troparion of the Resurrection (Tone 4)



Ison Hav-ing learned the joy-ful mes-sage of the res-ur-rec-tion from the an-gel, the wom-en dis-ci-ples of the Lord cast from them their pa-ren-tal con-dem-na-tion, and proud-ly broke the news to the dis-ci-ples, say-ing, death hath been spoiled. Christ God is ris-en, grant-ing the world great mer-cy.

Troparion for St. Raphael of Brooklyn (Tone 3)

Rejoice, O Father Raphael, Adornment of the holy Church! Thou art Champion of the True Faith, Seeker of the lost, Consolation of the oppressed, Father to orphans and Friend of the poor, Peacemaker and good Shepherd, Joy of all the Orthodox, Son of Antioch, Boast of America. Intercede with Christ God for us and for all who honor thee.

Kontakion for ordinary Sundays (Tone 2)

O Undisputed intercessor of Christians, the mediatrix who is unrejected by the Creator, turn not away from the voice of our petitions, though we be sinners. Come to us with aid in time, who cry unto thee in faith; for thou art

good. Hasten to us with intercessions O Theotokos, who dost ever intercede for those who honor thee.

The Prokeimenon

*How great are Thy works, O Lord! In wisdom hast Thou made them all.
Bless the Lord, O my soul.*

Epistle

Romans 10:1-10

Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is that it may be saved. I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but it is not enlightened. For, being ignorant of the righteousness that comes from God, and seeking to establish their own, they did not submit to God's righteousness. For Christ is the end of the law, that everyone who has faith may be justified. Moses writes that the man who practices the righteousness which is based on the law shall live by it. But the righteousness based on faith says: Do not say in your heart, "Who will ascend into Heaven?" (that is, to bring Christ down) or "Who will descend into the abyss?" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart (that is, the word of faith which we preach); because, if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For man believes with his heart and so is justified, and he confesses with his lips and so is saved.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 8:28-9:1

At that time, when Jesus came to the country of the Gergesenes, two demoniacs met Him, coming out of the tombs, so fierce that no one could pass that way. And behold, they cried out, "What have we to do to Thee, O Son of God? Art Thou come here to torment us before the time?" Now a herd of many swine was feeding at some distance from them. And the demons begged Him, "If Thou castest us out, send us away into the herd of swine." And He said to them, "Go." So they came out and went into the swine; and behold, the whole herd rushed down the steep bank into the sea, and perished in the waters. The herdsmen fled, and going into the city they told everything, and what had happened to the demoniacs. And behold, all the city came out to meet Jesus; and when they saw Him, they begged Him to leave their neighborhood. And getting into a boat He crossed over and came to His own city.



Holy Bread: Kh Meleah Palke

Commemorations(Living): Fr Michael, Pr Vicki, Katherine, John, Corgie, Karen, Maher, Fabiola, Christopher, Steven, Jonathan, Jaime, Justin, George, Joan, Fr Tom, Kh Meleah, Stephen, Sagi, Sky, Carol, Natalia, Alexander, Anthony, Jim, Laura, Michael, Joel, Lisa, Danny, Asa, Cody, Max, Levi, Courtney, Nina, Kenneth, Alex, Christina, Beth, John, Dominick, Yina, Michael, Debra, Lauren, Rashid, Hala, Irina, Fr. Vladimir Paul, all Orthodox missionaries, the suffering believers everywhere.

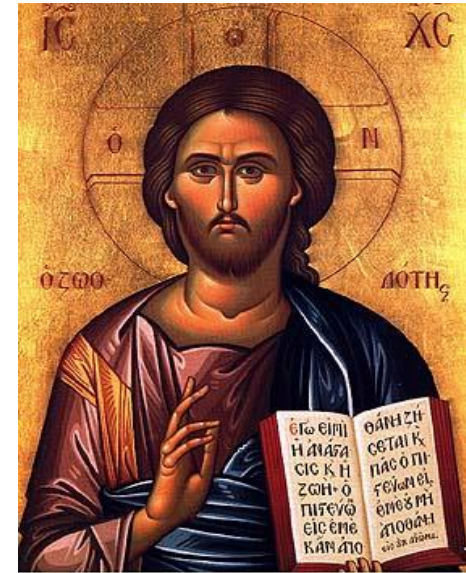
Departed:

Wednesday Zoom Bible Study will meet online this week at 8:00 PM. We will study the book of Philemon. Check your email for the link.

Know Your Faith. The prophet _____ was the cupbearer for Artaxerxes, king of _____. He asked permission of the king to journey to _____ for what purpose? _____. The tabernacle of the Old Covenant was divided into two sections: 1) _____ and 2) _____. The high priest entered the _____ once a year, on the Day of _____ (Yom Kippur) and sprinkled the blood of a spotless lamb on the top of the _____. What happened to the curtain that separated the two areas of the tabernacle? _____. When did this happen? _____. The worship of the Old Covenant was an image of what reality? _____. "If you confess with your _____ that Jesus is _____, and _____ in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be _____." The verses spoken before the reading of the Epistle are known as the _____. What king brought Abraham gifts of bread and wine? _____. What book of the NT refers to this king? _____.

Archdiocese Convention: July 24-30 in Phoenix, Arizona. At this time, Fr Tom is planning to attend during his vacation time. Fr Michael has generously offered to serve as the Celebrant for the Divine Liturgy on July 23 and 30. He has also arranged for a chanter for those liturgies in the absence of John Frantz. The following Sunday, August 6, we will celebrate the Feast of the Transfiguration of our Lord. Please let Fr Tom know if you'd like to bring the grapes for that Sunday on a platter for blessing and distribution.

Please keep Bishop Thomas in your prayers. At the conclusion of the Parish Life Conference at Antiochian Village, he fell and dislocated his elbow. He is resting at the infirmary at Antiochian Village.



St. Raphael of Brooklyn Orthodox Church Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese

**Metropolitan Saba, Primate
Bishop Thomas, Diocese of the Mid-Atlantic**

Divine Liturgy 10:30 AM

**Meeting at Compton Village
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