

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost July 23, 2023

Hieromartyr Phocas, bishop of Sinope; Hieromartyrs Apollinaris and Vitalis, bishops of Ravenna; Martyr Apollonius of Rome; Holy Prophet Ezekiel

Little Entrance: Troparion of the Resurrection (Tone 6)

Byzantine Tone 6Basil Kazan
(1915 - 2001)

When Ma - ry stood at thy grave look - ing for thy sa - cred
bod - y, an - gel - ic pow'rs shone a - bove thy re -
vered tomb and the sol - diers who were to keep guard be -
came as dead men. Thou led ha - des cap - tive and wast not
tempt - ed there - by. Thou didst meet the Vir - gin and didst give
life to the world. O thou who art ris - en from the
dead, O Lord, glo - ry to thee.

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

O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance. Unto Thee, O Lord, will I cry, O my God!

Epistle

Romans 15:1-7

Brethren, we who are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak, and not to please ourselves. Let each one of us please his neighbor for that which is good for his edification. For Christ also did not please Himself; but, as it is written: "The reproaches of those who reproached Thee fell on Me." For whatever was written beforehand was written for our learning, that we might have hope, through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures. Now may the God of patience and comfort grant you to be of the same mind with one another, according to Christ Jesus, that with one accord and one mouth you may glorify God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, receive one another, even as Christ has also received you, to the glory of God.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 9:27-35

At that time, as Jesus passed on from there, two blind men followed him, crying aloud: "Have mercy on us, Son of David." When He entered the house, the blind men came to Him; and Jesus said to them, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?" They said to Him, "Yes, Lord." Then He touched their eyes, saying, "According to your faith be it done to you." And their eyes were opened. And Jesus sternly charged them, "See that no one knows it." But they went away and spread His fame through all that district. As they were going away, behold, a dumb demoniac was brought to Him. And when the demon had been cast out, the dumb man spoke; and the crowds marveled, saying, "Never was anything like this seen in Israel." But the Pharisees said, "He casts out demons by the prince of demons." Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness.

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Commemorations(Living): Fr Michael, Pr Vicki, Katherine, John, Corgie, Karen, Maher, Fabiola, Christopher, Steven, Jonathan, Jaime, Justin, George, Joa n, 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.

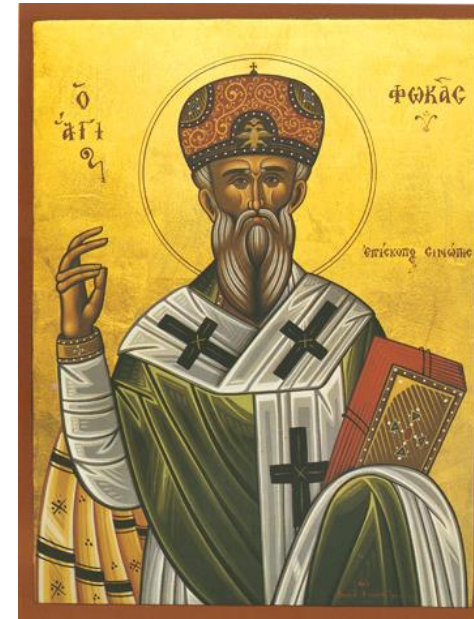
Departed:

Know your faith. The archangel Raphael is revealed to us in the Old Testament book of T_____. He assumes the form of a man and accompanies _____ to find a wife from among the people who worship the true God. His wife was S_____. The issue of the righteous undergoing suffering is the theme of the book of _____. This man lost his house, family, and all his possession. He said: “The Lord _____ and the Lord has _____ away. _____ be the name of the Lord.” Where do we find this last sentence in the Liturgy? _____ . In the parable of the Talents, how many talents did the person who was given one talent present to the Master? _____. In Luke 15 Jesus tells 3 parables: the lost _____ (leaves 99 and looks for the one), the lost _____, and the _____ son. Seven sons of _____, a Jewish chief priest, tried to perform an _____, but were attacked by the demon (Acts 19). In today’s Epistle, we are told “that with one _____ and one _____ you may glorify God. This is expressed in a similar way when the priest chants: Let us _____ one another, that with one _____ we may _____.” In today’s Gospel we learn that “Jesus went about all the cities and villages, _____ in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the _____, and curing every _____ and every _____.

We are grateful to have Fr Michael serve the Divine Liturgy today. Also, we are blessed to have John Margetis serving as our chanter this morning. Keep Fr Tom in your prayers as he travels to Arizona for the Archdiocese Convention.

THE SYNAXARION

On July 23 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the recovery of the precious relics of the holy Hieromartyr Phocas, Bishop of Sinope. On the twenty-third Phocas was borne away dead. Phocas exercised himself in all the Christian virtues from his youth. As bishop in his birthplace, the town of Sinope on the shores of the Black Sea, he strengthened the faith of the true believers by his example and divine words and converted many idol-worshippers to the true Faith. The hardhearted pagans were filled with rage against holy Phocas. Through a vision granted him by the Lord, he foresaw his martyrdom for Christ: Phocas saw a white dove fly down from heaven carrying a beautiful wreath of flowers in its beak, and lowered the wreath onto his head. He was not afraid, but with gratitude toward God prepared himself for suffering. A certain prince, Africanus, took Phocas for interrogation, and subjected him to harsh tortures, and after a time of imprisonment threw him into boiling water, where this brave soldier of Christ ended his earthly life and settled in the joy of his Lord. Phocas suffered during the reign of Emperor Trajan in 102. On this day, we also commemorate the Hieromartyrs Apollinaris and Vitalis, bishops of Ravenna; Martyr Apollonius of Rome; and the Holy Prophet Ezekiel. By the intercessions of Thy Saints, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.



St. Raphael of Brooklyn Orthodox Church

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Divine Liturgy 10:30 AM

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