

July 30, 2023
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Apostles Silas, Silvan, Crescens, Epenetos and Andronikos of the Seventy

Troparion of the Resurrection (Tone 7)

Byzantine Tone 7

Basil Kazan
(1915 - 2001)

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Thou didst shat - ter death_ by thy Cross; thou didst
o - pen par - a dise_ to the thief; thou didst turn the
sad - ness of the oint - ment - bear - ing wo - men in - to
joy, and didst bid thine A - pos - tles pro -
claim a warn - ing that_ thou_ hast_ ris - en, O
Christ, grant - ing to the world the 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 the Transfiguration (Tone 7)

Thou wast transfigured on the mount, and thy Disciples, in so far as they were able, beheld thy glory, O Christ our God: so that, when they should see thee crucified, they would remember that thy suffering was

voluntary, and could declare to all the world that thou art truly the effulgent Splendor of the Father.

Prokeimenon

The Lord will give strength to His people. Ascribe to the Lord, O sons of God, ascribe to the Lord honor and glory.

The Epistle

I Corinthians 1:10-17

Brethren, I appeal to you, by the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree and that there be no dissension among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there is quarreling among you, my brethren. What I mean is that each one of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispos and Gaius; lest anyone should say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas. Beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the Gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 14:14-22

At that time, when Jesus went ashore he saw a great throng; and he had compassion on them, and healed their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to Him and said, "This is a lonely place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They said to Him, "We have only five loaves here and two fish." And He said, "Bring them here to Me." Then He ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass; and taking the five loaves and the two fish, He looked up to Heaven, and blessed, and broke and gave the loaves to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children. Then Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, while He dismissed the crowds.



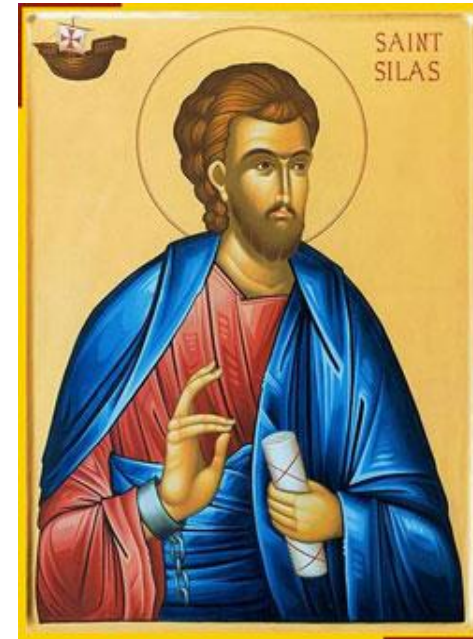
Commemorations(Living): Fr Michael, Pr Vicki, Katherine, John, Corgie, Karen, Maher, Fabiola, Christopher, Steven, Jonathan, Jaime, Justin, George, Joa n, Fr Tom, Kh Meleah, Stephen, Sagi, Sky, Carol, Natalia, Alexander, Anthony, Jim, Laura, Michael, Joel, Lisa, Danny, Asa, Cody, Max, Levi, Courtney, 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 (from last week). The archangel Raphael is revealed to us in the Old Testament book of **Tobit**. He assumes the form of a man and accompanies **Tobias (Tobit's son)** to find a wife from among the people who worship the true God. His wife was **Sarah**. The issue of the righteous undergoing suffering is the theme of the book of **Job**. This man lost his house, family, and all his possession. He said: "The Lord gives and the Lord has **taken** away. **Blessed** be the name of the Lord." Where do we find this last sentence in the Liturgy? **After the prayer behind the ambon at the end of the Liturgy ("Blessed be the Name of the Lord")**. In the parable of the Talents, how many talents did the person who was given one talent present to the Master? **One**. In Luke 15 Jesus tells 3 parables: the lost **sheep** (leaves 99 and looks for the one), the lost **coin**, and the **prodigal** son. Seven sons of **Sceva**, a Jewish chief priest, tried to perform an **exorcism**, but were attacked by the demon (Acts 19). In today's Epistle, we are told "that with one **accord** and one **mouth** you may glorify God. This is expressed in a similar way when the priest chants: Let us **love** one another, that with one **accord** we may **confess**." In today's Gospel we learn that "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**."

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 Church observes the Dormition fast from August 1 to August 14. The full traditional fasting is observed on all days of the fast from August 1st to 14th. Wine and oil are permitted on Saturdays and Sundays, and fish, wine and oil are permitted on the Great Feast of the Transfiguration.



St. Raphael of Brooklyn Orthodox Church

Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese

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Divine Liturgy 10:30 AM

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