

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost September 3, 2023

Hieromartyr Anthimos of Nicomedia & Venerable Theoktistos, fellow ascetic with Euthymios the Great

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. Anthimos (Tone 1)

O godly-minded Anthimos, as a staunch defender of thy flock, thou eagerly sheddest thy blood for its protection. Unbending and wholly unafraid of all thine adversaries' fearful threats, thou rejoicest now in Heaven, standing before the throne of the Three-Sun Godhead. Glory to Christ Who hath given thee strength. Glory to thy manly bravery. Glory to thy patient endurance in martyrdom.

Troparion For St. Theoktistos (Tone 8)

The barren wilderness thou didst make fertile with the streams of thy tears; and by thy deep sighing thou hast given fruit through thy struggles a hundredfold. Accordingly, thou hast become a star for the universe, sparkling with miracles.

Therefore, O righteous Father Theoktistos, intercede with Christ God to save our souls.

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 of the Nativity of the Theotokos (Tone 4)

By thy holy nativity, O pure one, Joachim and Anna were delivered from the reproach of barrenness; and Adam and Eve were delivered from the corruption of death; thy people do celebrate it, having been saved from the stain of iniquity, crying unto thee, The barren doth give birth to the Theotokos, who nourisheth our life.

The Prokeimenon

O Lord, how marvelous are Thy works. In wisdom hast Thou made them all. Bless the Lord, O my soul!

The Epistle

I Corinthians 16:13-24

Brethren, be watchful, stand firm in your faith, be courageous, and be strong. Let all that you do be done in love. Now, brethren, you know that the household of Stephanas were the first converts in Achaia, and they have devoted themselves to the service of the saints; I urge you to be subject to such men and to every fellow worker and laborer. I rejoice at the coming of Stephanas and Fortunatus and Achaicus, because they have made up for your absence; for they refreshed my spirit as well as yours. Give recognition to such men. The churches of Asia send greetings. Aquila and Prisca, together with the church in their house, send you hearty greetings in the Lord. All the brethren send greetings. Greet one another with a holy kiss. I, Paul, write this greeting with my own hand. If anyone has no love for the Lord, let him be accursed. Our Lord, come! The grace of the Lord Jesus be with you. My love be with you all in Christ Jesus. Amen.

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 21:33-42

The Lord spoke this parable: "There was a householder who planted a vineyard, and set a hedge around it, and dug a wine press in it, and built a tower, and let it out to tenants, and went into another country. When the season of fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants, to get his fruit; and the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other servants, more than the first; and they did the same to them. Afterward he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.'

But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.' And they took him and cast him out of the vineyard, and killed him. When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons." Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the Scriptures: 'The very stone which the builders rejected has become the head of the corner; this was the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes?'"

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.

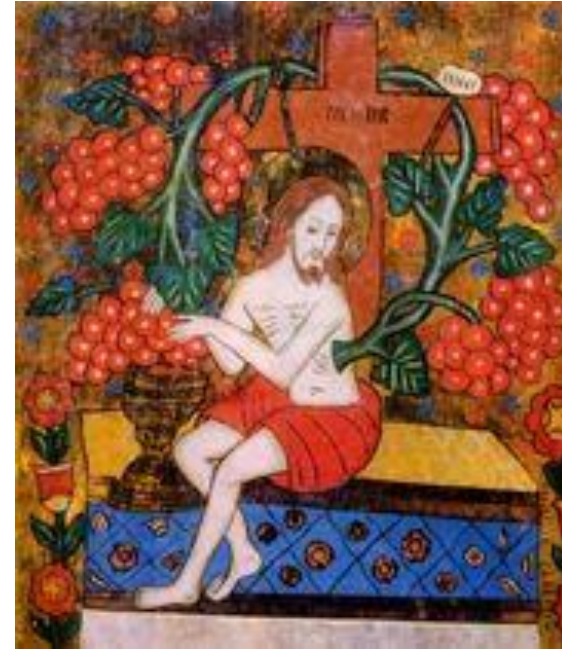
Departed:

On Thursday, September 7, at 8:00 PM, we will have online Vespers for the Nativity of the Theotokos. We will have a Vespers Divine Liturgy for the **Exaltation of the Holy Cross on Wednesday, September 13, at 7:15 PM.**

We will have a potluck lunch after liturgy on Sunday, September 10. Please bring a main course, side dish, or dessert. Drinks will be provided. Our next special luncheon will be on November 5, when we celebrate the life of our patron saint, St. Raphael of Brooklyn.

Know your faith. The Gospel, according to St. Paul, has the following two main teachings: the _____ and the _____ of Christ. To whom is the Gospel to be preached? _____ (Mark 16:15). The 10 Commandments can be summarized as our duty to _____ and our duty to _____. The Nativity of the Theotokos is celebrated on _____. (T/F) Her birth is recorded in Luke 1. Who were her parents? _____. In Matins, Mary is acclaimed as the Theotokos (the birth-giver of God) and the Mother of the _____. On November 21 we celebrate the _____. The Orthodox Church celebrates _____ major feasts during the church year. _____ of the feasts are for _____ and _____ are for _____. Is Pascha one of those feasts? (Y/N). Why? _____.

According to the tradition of the Church, the Theotokos was born of barren and aged parents, Joachim and Anna, about the year 16 or 17 before the birth of Christ. Joachim was descended from the royal line of David, of the tribe of Judah. Anna was of the priestly tribe of Levi, a daughter of the priest Matthan and Mary, his wife.



St. Raphael of Brooklyn Orthodox Church

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Divine Liturgy 10:30 AM

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