

Proto-Martyr Thekla, Equal to the Apostles
First Sunday of Luke
September 24, 2023

Venerable Silouan of Athos

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 tum 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. Thekla, the Proto-Martyr (Tone 3)

O glorious Thekla, companion of Paul the divine, you were enflamed with the love of your Creator, by the teaching of the divine preacher. You despised the passing earthly pleasures and offered yourself to God as an acceptable and pleasing sacrifice, disregarding all suffering. Intercede with Christ your Groom to grant us His Great Mercy.

Troparion for St. Silouan the Athonite (Tone 4)

By prayer thou didst receive Christ as thy teacher in the way of humility, and the Spirit bore witness to salvation in thy heart. Wherefore, all peoples called

unto hope rejoice in this day of thy memorial, O sacred Father Silouan. Pray unto Christ our God for the salvation of 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 (Tone 2)

O Undisputed intercessor of Christians, the mediatrix who art unrejected by the Creator, turn not away from the voice of our petitions, though we be sinners. Come to us in 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.

Prokeimenon

*God is wondrous among His saints.
 Bless ye God in the congregations.*

Epistle

2 Timothy 3:10-15

Timothy, my son, you have observed my teaching, my conduct, my aim in life, my faith, my patience, my love, my steadfastness, my persecutions, my sufferings, what befell me at Antioch, at Iconium, and at Lystra. What persecutions I endured! Yet from them all, the Lord rescued me. Indeed, all, who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, while evil men and impostors will go on from bad to worse, deceivers and deceived. But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

Holy Gospel

Luke 5:1-11

At that time, Jesus was standing by the lake of Gennesaret. And he saw two boats by the lake; but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon's, he asked him to put out a little from the land. And he sat down and taught the people from the boat. And when he had ceased speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." And Simon answered, "Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets." And when they had done this, they enclosed a great shoal of fish; and as their nets were breaking, they beckoned to their partners in the other boat

to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord." For he was astonished, and all that were with him, at the catch of fish which they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; henceforth you will be catching men." And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed him.

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:

Online Bible Study will begin on Wednesday, September 27, at 8 PM. We will begin with the Book of Ruth. Ruth, a gentile, is the great grandmother of King David of Israel. There are many practical lessons that can be learned from this book. In order to get the most out of each lesson, You are encouraged to read the first chapter we will be studying prior to our Zoom session. Look for the link in your email.

Know your faith. St. Thekla was converted to Christianity through the preaching of _____. St. Silouan was born in _____. He received the blessing of St. _____ and traveled to _____, where he became a monk. In today's Epistle St. Paul says that "all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be _____." He also tells _____, as well as us: "continue in what you have _____ and have firmly _____." He also tells us that the Scriptures, the Sacred Writings, are able to instruct you for _____ through faith in Christ Jesus. In today's Gospel, what did Jesus do after he got into one of Peter's boats, and pushed away from shore? _____. After that, Jesus told Peter to cast out into the deep and let down his nets. (T/F) Peter thought this was a good idea. When the nets started to break, what did Peter do? _____. When Peter saw how many fish were in the boats, what did he say to Jesus? "Depart _____." At the end of the day the following became "fishers of _____": _____.



St. Raphael of Brooklyn Orthodox Church

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Divine Liturgy 10:30 AM

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