

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 1, 2023

Apostle Ananias of the Seventy, first bishop of Damascus & Righteous Father Romanos the Melodist

Little Entrance: Troparion of the Resurrection (Tone 8)

Byzantine Tone 8

Basil Kazan
(1915 - 2001)

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From the heights thou didst descend, O Com - pas - sion - ate
One; and thou didst submit to the three - day bur - i -
al, that thou might deliver us from pas - sion.
Thou art our Life and our Res - ur - rec - tion,
O Lord, glo - ry to thee.

Troparion for St. Ananias (Tone 3)

O holy Apostle Ananias, intercede with our merciful God to grant our souls forgiveness of sins.

Troparion for St. Romanos the Melodist (Tone 8)

Through thee, the divine likeness was securely preserved, O father Romanos; for thou didst carry the cross and follow Christ. By example and precept thou didst teach us to ignore the body, because it is perishable, and to attend to the concerns of the undying soul. Therefore, doth thy soul rejoice with the angels.

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

Make your vows to the Lord our God and perform them. God is known in Judah; His Name is great in Israel.

Epistle

2 Corinthians 6:16-7:1

Brethren, we are the temple of the living God; as God said, "I will live in them and move among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. Therefore, come out from them, and be separate from them," says the Lord, "and touch nothing unclean; then I will welcome you, and I will be a father to you, and you shall be My sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty." Since we have these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit, and make holiness perfect in the fear of God.

Holy Gospel

Luke 6:31-36

The Lord said: "As you wish that men would do to you, do so to them. If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High; for He is kind to the ungrateful and the selfish. Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful."

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.

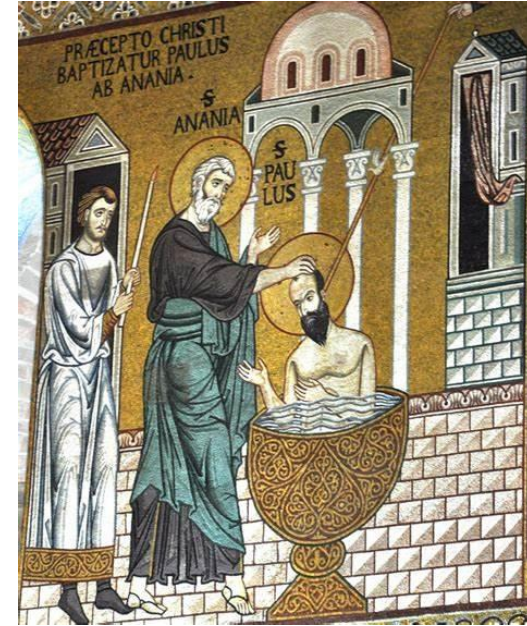
Departed:

We will have Prayer and Bible Study on Wednesday, October 4 at 8 PM via Zoom. We will continue our study of Ruth. Read Ruth 2 and watch for the email with the agenda and Zoom link.

Know your faith. St. Thekla was converted to Christianity through the preaching of St. Paul. St. Silouan was born in Russia. He received the blessing of St. John of Kronstat and traveled to Mt. Athos, 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 persecuted." He also tells St. Timothy, as well as us: "continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed." He also tells us that the Scriptures, the Sacred Writings, are able to instruct you for salvation 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? Taught the people. 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? Fell down before Jesus. When Peter saw how many fish were in the boats, what did he say to Jesus? "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man." At the end of the day the following became "fishers of men": Peter, Andrew, John, and James.

We become what we contemplate. Eve fixed her eyes on the fruit of the forbidden tree and contemplated its beauty. In the way a painting or sunset can mesmerize a person, or a beautiful woman dumbfound a man, Eve was caught up in a worshipful spell when she contemplated the apple. From the eyes, to the heart, to the soul. What do we spend our time looking at, listening to, touching, or tasting – God, nature, art, television, video games, pictures? We become what we contemplate. What we contemplate becomes our worship. What we worship, determines our eternity. (Fr. Peter Kavanaugh)

Prayer for perilous times. O Lord, Master of times and seasons, thou seest the plight of thy people. In thy mercy help them to endure and to thank thy goodness. They are in thy hands, have mercy on them according to thy will. O God give strength to thy people and bless them with peace. Support them by thy mighty hand, helping them to bear this cross, that through it they might attain to the incomparable joy of the resurrection. Through the prayers of thy Mother, our Lady the Theotokos; by the might of thy precious and life-giving Cross; through the protection of thy archangel Michael; through the prayers of thy holy saint Athanasius, and of all thy saints. Amen.



St. Raphael of Brooklyn Orthodox Church

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Divine Liturgy 10:30 AM

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