

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
October 8, 2023

Righteous Mother Pelagia the penitent of Antioch; Martyr Pelagia the Virgin of Antioch;
Venerable Thais of Egypt

Troparion of the Resurrection (Tone 1)

Byzantine Tone 1

Basil Kazan
(1915 - 2001)

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While the stone was sealed by the Jews, and the soldiers were
guarding thy most pure body, thou didst arise on the
third day, O Saviour, granting life to the
world; for which cause the heavenly powers cried a-
loud unto thee, O Giver of life:
Glory to thy resurrection, O Christ! Glory to thy
kingdom! Glory to thy providence,
O thou who alone art the Lover of mankind.

Troparion for the Righteous St. Pelagia (Tone 8)

Through thee, the divine likeness was securely preserved, O mother Pelagia;
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.

Prokeimenon

Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us. Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous.

Epistle

2 Corinthians 9:6-11

Brethren, he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows
bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must do as he has made up
his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful
giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so
that you may always have enough of everything and may provide in
abundance for every good work. As it is written, "He scatters abroad, he
gives to the poor; his righteousness endures forever." He who supplies seed
to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your resources and
increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every
way for great generosity, which through us will produce thanksgiving to
God.

Holy Gospel

Luke 7:11-16

At that time, Jesus went to a city called Nain, and many of His disciples and
a great crowd went with Him. As He drew near to the gate of the city,
behold, a man who had died was being carried out, the only son of his
mother, and she was a widow; and a large crowd from the city was with her.
And when the Lord saw her, He had compassion on her and said to her, "Do
not weep." And He came and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still.
And Jesus said, "Young man, I say to you, arise." And the dead man sat up,
and began to speak. And Jesus gave him to his mother. Fear seized them
all; and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has arisen among us!"
and "God has visited His people!"

Holy Bread: Kh Meleah Palke

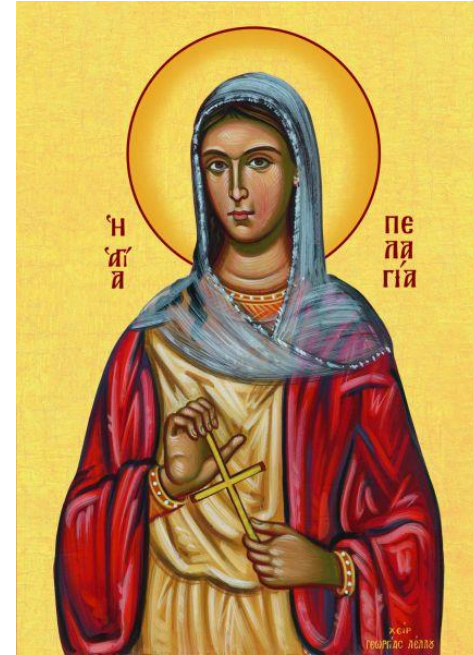
Commemorations(Living): Fr Michael, Pr Vicki, John, Corgie, Karen, Maher, Fabiola, Christopher, Steven, Jonathan, Jaime, Justin, George, Joan, Fr Tom, Kh Meleah, Stephen, Sagi, Carol, Jim, Laura, Michael, Joel, Lisa, Danny, Asa, Cody, Max, Levi, Courtney, Nina, Kenneth, Alex, Christina, Beth, John, Dominick, Yina, Lauren, Fr. Vladimir Paul, all Orthodox missionaries, the suffering believers everywhere.

Departed:

We will have Prayer and Bible Study on Wednesday, October 11 at 8 PM via Zoom. We will continue our study of Ruth. Read Ruth 3 and watch for the email with the agenda and Zoom link.

The Synaxarion. On October 8 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate our Righteous Mother Pelagia the Penitent of Antioch, the former courtesan. She was born to pagan parents in Antioch. Pelagia used her beauty to become wealthy, but to the destruction of her own soul and those of others. Once, while walking past the Church of the Holy Martyr Julian, in which Bishop Nonnus was preaching, she stopped in and heard a sermon on the Dread Judgment and the punishment of sinners. Those words so shook her and changed her that she immediately felt revulsion for herself, acquired true fear of God, repented of all her sins and fell down before St. Nonnus with the plea that he baptize her, which he did. Pelagia was keenly aware of the multitude of her sins and decided on a great ascetic labor. She left her enormous, sinfully gained wealth to the poor, and secretly went to Jerusalem as the monk Pelagius. There, she shut herself up in a cell on the Mount of Olives, and began the difficult asceticism of fasting, prayer and all-night vigils. Pelagia entered into rest in 461. Thus, this formerly terrible sinner pleased God by her repentance and labor, was forgiven of her sins, and became sanctified. On this day, we also commemorate the Martyr Pelagia the Virgin of Antioch; and Righteous Mother Thais of Egypt. By the intercessions of Thy saints, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.

Know your faith. In today's Epistle, St. Paul affirms that "he who sows sparingly will also reap _____." And, "God loves a _____ giver." In today's Gospel, the _____ was part of a procession in which her _____ was being carried to be _____ at the cemetery. When Jesus encountered her, He said to her "Do not _____" How did Jesus restore him to life? _____. Before her conversion, Mother Pelagia was a _____. She was converted through the preaching of _____. In Romans 10, St. Paul says that "faith comes by _____, and _____ by the Word of God." In our patronal feast we honor _____. The feast is on the first Sunday in _____, What are the names of the writers of the three liturgies of the Orthodox Church? _____



St. Raphael of Brooklyn Orthodox Church

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