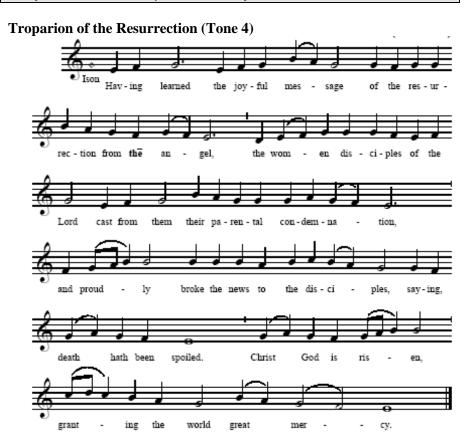
The Twenty First Sunday after Pentecost The Seventh Sunday of Luke October 29, 2023

Venerable Martyr Anastasia the Roman; Venerable Abraham and his niece Mary of Mesopotamia; New Hieromartyr Athanasios of Sparta



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.

The Kontakion (Tone 4)

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

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

The Epistle Galatians 2:16-20

Brethren, you know that a man is not justified by works of the Law but through faith in Jesus Christ. Even we have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ, and not by works of the Law, because by works of the Law shall no one be justified. But if, in our endeavor to be justified in Christ, we ourselves were found to be sinners, is Christ then an agent of sin? Certainly not! But if I build up again those things which I tore down, then I prove myself a transgressor. For I through the Law died to the Law, that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ Who lives in me; and the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, Who loved me and gave Himself for me.

The Holy Gospel Luke 8:41-56

At that time: There came a man named Jairus, who was a ruler of the synagogue; and falling at Jesus' feet he besought him to come to his house, for he had an only daughter, about twelve years of age, and she was dying. As he went, the people pressed round him. And a woman who had had a flow of blood for twelve years and had spent all her living upon physicians and could not be healed by anyone, came up behind him, and touched the fringe of his garment; and immediately her flow of blood ceased. And Jesus said, "Who was it that touched me?" When all denied it, Peter and those who were with him said, "Master, the multitudes surround you and press upon you!" But Jesus said, "Someone touched me; for I perceive that power has gone forth from me." And when the woman saw that she was not hidden, she came trembling, and falling down before him declared in the presence of all the people why she had touched him, and how she had been immediately healed. And he said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well go in peace." While he was still speaking, a man from the ruler's house came and said, "Your daughter is dead; do not trouble the Teacher anymore." But Jesus on hearing this answered him, "Do not fear; only believe, and she shall be well." And when he came to the house, he permitted no one to enter with him, except Peter and John and James, and the father and mother of the child. And all were weeping and bewailing her; but he said, "Do not weep; for she is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him, knowing that she was dead. But taking her by the hand he called, saying, "Child, arise." And her spirit returned, and she got up at once; and he directed that something should be given her to eat. And her parents were amazed; but he charged them to tell no one what had happened.

Holy Bread: Carol Ofiesh

Commemorations(Living): Fr Michael, Pr Vicki, 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, Janni, Dominick, Yina, Michael, Debra, Lauren, Rashid, Hala, Irina, Fr. Vladimir Paul, all Orthodox missionaries, the suffering believers everywhere.

Departed:

Next Sunday, November 5, we will celebrate our patronal feast in honor of St. Raphael of Brooklyn. We will have a potluck dinner that follows Liturgy. Please bring a main dish and either a side or dessert.

We will have Prayer and Bible Study on Wednesday, November 1, at 8 PM via Zoom. We will conclude our study of Gideon. Read Judges 7 and watch for the email with the agenda and Zoom link. Paraklesis services will be offered the following two Wednesdays online (11/8 and 11/15).

We will participate in the archdiocesan canned food drive. This year we will collect funds for the canned goods. If you wish to contribute, please write a check to the church with "canned goods" in the note section. Also, we will take the collection for our seminarians today.

Know your faith. On November 21 the Church celebrates the <u>Feast of the Presentation of the Theotokos in the Temple</u>. Mary was received and blessed by <u>Zacharias</u>, the priest and father of <u>John the Baptist</u>. Mary enters the temple to become the <u>birth-giver</u> of God. In the OT Jacob was given the name <u>Israel</u>. He had <u>twelve</u> sons. Which of his sons became the prime minister of Egypt? <u>Joseph</u>. He had 2 sons with his Egyptian wife, Asenath: 1) <u>Ephraim</u> and 2) <u>Manasseh</u>. Joseph saved his entire family from <u>famine</u> by having them move to <u>Goshen (in Egupt)</u>.

On December 3 we will be cleaning liturgical items during social hour in preparation for our Nativity services. Learn what the following are: diskos, aer, zeon, and thurible.



St. Raphael of Brooklyn Orthodox Church

Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese

Metropolitan Saba, Primate Bishop Thomas, Diocese of the Mid-Atlantic

Divine Liturgy 10:30 AM

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