The Eighth Sunday of St. Luke November 12, 2023

John the almsgiver, Patriarch of Alexandria; Neilos the Faster of Sinai; Neilos the myrrhstreaming of the Great Lavra on Athos; Martin the wonderworker, bishop of Tours; Newmartyrs Sabbas and Nicholas of Constantinople

Troparion of the Resurrection (Tone 6)



Troparion for St. John the Almsgiver (Tone 8)

In thy patience thou hast won thy reward, O righteous father. Thou didst persevere unceasingly in prayer; thou didst love the poor, and didst provide for them in all things. Wherefore, intercede with Christ our God, O blessed John the Almsgiver, that our souls be saved.

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 the Entrance of the Theotokos (Tone 4)

The sacred treasury of God's holy glory, the greatly precious bridal chamber and Virgin, the Savior's most pure temple, free of stain and undefiled, into the House of the Lord on this day is brought forward and bringeth with herself the grace of the Most Divine Spirit; her do God's Angels hymn with songs of praise, for she is truly the heavenly tabernacle.

The Prokeimenon

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints. *What shall I render to the Lord for all that He has given me?*

The 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.

The Holy Gospel

Luke 10:25-37 At that time, a lawyer stood up to put Jesus to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus said to him, "What is written in the Law? How do you read?" And the lawyer answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." And Jesus said to him, "You have answered right; do this, and you will live." But the lawyer, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him, and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was; and when he saw him, he had compassion, and went to him and bound up his wounds,

pouring on oil and wine; then he set him on his own beast and brought him to an inn, and took care of him. And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, 'Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.' Which of these three, do you think, proved neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?" The lawyer said, "The one who showed mercy on him." And Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

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, Lauren, Rashid, Hala, Irina, Fr. Vladimir Paul, all Orthodox missionaries, the suffering believers everywhere. **Departed:**

This Wednesday, due to the dangerous events happening in the world, we will pray the Paraklesis service online at 8:00 PM from Fr Tom's chapel.

The Advent Fast begins on Wednesday (11/15). During this period, Wednesdays and Fridays are strict fast days, as usual. On other days of the week, we abstain from meat, meat products and dairy products; but fish, wine and olive oil are permitted. Eggs are not permitted on any days. During the final weeks of the Nativity fast, Dec. 13 - 24, the fast is stricter and no fish is permitted. Olive oil and wine are permitted on Saturday and Sunday. A dispensation is granted for Thanksgiving.

The Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple is celebrated on November 21. According to the tradition of the Church, the Theotokos was brought to the Temple at three years of age, where she was consecrated to God and spent her days until she was fourteen or fifteen years old; and then, as a mature maiden, by the common counsel of the priests (since her parents had reposed some three years before), she was betrothed to Joseph.

Know your faith. What is the sixth commandment?
On November 21 the Church celebrates the feast of Who
was the first apostle to become a martyr in the book of Acts? Who is
the writer of the Torah (Pentatuch)? How many churches did
Bishop Raphael establish in North America?Who succeeded David as king of
Israel? Number of books in the NT: Who led
300 men in the defeat of the Midianites in Judges 7?
Which apostle is credited with bringing the Gospel to India?
Which writer of the books of the Bible was a Gentile? What
book(s) did he write? Thanks be to God, who
gives us the through our Lord Jesus Christ (1 Cor. 15:57).
Who refused to bow down to a statue of King Nebuchadnezzar?



St. Raphael of Brooklyn Orthodox Church

Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese

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Divine Liturgy 10:30 AM

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