

**The Ninth Sunday of Luke**  
**The Twenty Fourth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**November 19, 2023**

The Holy Prophet Obadiah; Martyr Barlaam of Antioch; Martyr Azi the wonderworker of Isauria in Asia Minor and 150 soldiers with him; Martyr Agapios of Caesarea in Palestine; Martyr Heliodoros of Magidum in Pamphylia; Venerable Abbot Barlaam of the Kiev Caves

**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 turn 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. 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**

The Lord will give strength to his people. Ascribe to the Lord, O sons of God, ascribe to the Lord honor and glory.

**The Epistle**

**Ephesians 2:14-22**

Brethren, Christ is our peace, Who has made us both one, and has broken down the dividing wall of hostility, by abolishing in His flesh the law of commandments and ordinances, that He might create in Himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the Cross, thereby bringing the hostility to an end. And He came and preached peace to you, who were far off, and peace to those who were near; for through Him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and sojourners, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the cornerstone, in Whom the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in Whom you also are built into it for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

**The Holy Gospel**

**Luke 12:16-21**

The Lord spoke this parable: "The land of a rich man brought forth plentifully; and he thought to himself, 'What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?' And he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns, and build larger ones; and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; take your ease, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul is required of you; and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God." As He said this, Jesus called out, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."



**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, 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.

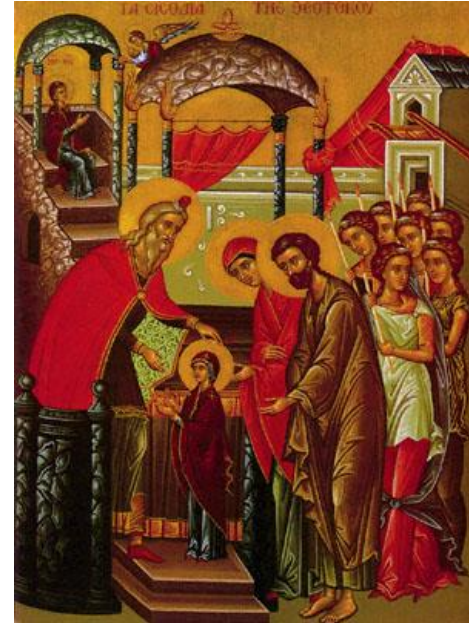
**Departed:**

**December 24**—Nativity Orthros and Liturgy (7:00 PM). Confession: see Fr Tom.

**The Advent Fast** began 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? Thou shalt not kill. On November 21 the Church celebrates the feast of the Presentation of the Theotokos in the Temple. Who was the first apostle to become a martyr in the book of Acts? James. Who is the writer of the Torah (Pentateuch)? Moses. How many churches did Bishop Raphael establish in North America? 30. Who succeeded David as king of Israel? Solomon. Number of books in the NT: 27. Who led 300 men in the defeat of the Midianites in Judges 7? Gideon. Which apostle is credited with bringing the Gospel to India? Thomas. Which writer of the books of the Bible was a Gentile? Luke. What book(s) did he write? The Gospel of Luke and The Acts of the Apostles. Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ (1 Cor. 15:57). Who refused to bow down to a statue of King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon? Daniel.



**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**

**Meeting at Compton Village**  
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