

**The Thirteenth Sunday of Luke**  
**The Twenty Fifth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**November 26, 2023**

Venerable Alypius the Stylite of Adrianople; Nikon the preacher of repentance; Venerable Stylianos of Paphlagonia; New-martyr George of Chios; repose of Innocent, first bishop of Irkutsk

**Troparion of the Resurrection (Tone 8)**

Byzantine Tone 8

Basil Kazan  
(1915 - 2001)

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From the heights thou didst de - scend, O Com - pas - sion - ate

One; and thou didst sub - mit to the three - day bur - i -

al, that thou might de - liv - er us from pas - sion.

Thou art our Life and our Res - ur - rec - tion.

O Lord, glo - ry to thee.

**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 Preparation of the Nativity of Christ (Tone 3)**

The Virgin cometh today to the cave to give birth, ineffably to bring forth the Word eternal. Therefore, rejoice, O earth at the message; with the angels

and shepherds give glory to Him who shall appear by his own will as a young child, He who is from eternity God.

**The Prokeimenon**

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

**The Epistle**

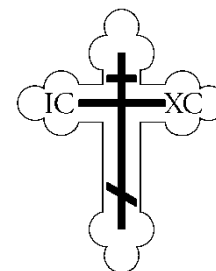
**Ephesians 4:1-7**

Brethren, I, a prisoner for the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all lowliness and meekness, with patience, forbearing one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of us all, Who is above all and through all and in all. But grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ's gift.

**The Holy Gospel**

**Luke 18:18-27**

At that time, a man came testing Jesus and asking, "Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" And Jesus said to him, "Why do you call Me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: 'Do not commit adultery. Do not kill. Do not steal. Do not bear false witness. Honor your father and mother.'" And the man said, "All these I have observed from my youth." And when Jesus heard it, he said to him, "One thing you still lack. Sell all that you have and distribute to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me." But when the man heard this he became sad, for he was very rich. Jesus, seeing him sad, said, "How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God! For it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." Those who heard it said, "Then who can be saved?" Jesus said, "What is impossible with men is possible with God."



**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:**

**December 24**—Nativity Orthros and Liturgy (7:00 PM). Confession: by appointment.

**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. Olive oil and wine are permitted on Saturday and Sunday. Prayer, meditation, and repentance is the essential preparation for our Lord's Nativity. A dispensation was granted for Thanksgiving.

**The Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple** was 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.** “So then you are no longer strangers and sojourners, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the \_\_\_\_\_ of God, built upon the foundation of the \_\_\_\_\_ and prophets, \_\_\_\_\_ Himself being the cornerstone.” (Ephesians 2). The prophet Obadiah was a servant of the prophet \_\_\_\_\_, nearly 900 years before Christ. (T/F) Obadiah wrote one book in the Old Testament. He also hid and fed 100 prophets in two caves during the persecution of the wicked Queen \_\_\_\_\_. In Luke 12, Jesus said to the rich man, “today your \_\_\_\_\_ is required of you.” The same will happen to those who lay up \_\_\_\_\_ for themselves and are not rich toward God. The prophet \_\_\_\_\_ revealed the birth of our Savior in Bethlehem. John’s Gospel begins with “in the beginning was the \_\_\_\_\_, and the \_\_\_\_\_ was with God, and the \_\_\_\_\_ was God.” Jesus’ lineage can be traced to the tribe of \_\_\_\_\_. (T/F) The Gospel of Mark gives details of the birth of Jesus. (T/F) Isaac was an ancestor of Jesus. Jesus said, “What is impossible with \_\_\_\_\_ is possible with \_\_\_\_\_.” “One Lord, one \_\_\_\_\_, one \_\_\_\_\_, one God and \_\_\_\_\_ of us all.” (Ephesians 2).



## 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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