

**The Tenth Sunday of St. Luke**  
**The Twenty-seventh Sunday after Pentecost**  
**December 10, 2023**

Martyrs Menas, Eugraphos & Hermogenes of Alexandria; Venerable Thomas Dephourkinos of Bithynia; Blessed Angelina Brancovich and her son, Blessed John, king of Serbia; Joasaph, bishop of Belgorod

**Troparion of the Resurrection (Tone 2)**

Byzantine Tone 2

Basil Kazan  
(1915 - 2001)

When thou \_\_\_\_\_ didst sub - mit thy - self un - to  
 death, O thou death - less and im - mor - tal One,  
 then thou didst de - stroy hell with thy God - ly pow'r, and when  
 thou didst raise the dead from be - neath the earth,  
 all the pow'rs of heav - en did cry a - loud un - to thee:  
 O Christ, thou Giv - er of life, glo - ry to thee.

**Troparion for Martyrs Menas, Eugraphos & Hermogenes (Tone 8)**

Since they had slain through their abstinence and struggle the fiery ragings and fierce motions of the passions, the staunch Martyrs of Christ God laid hold on the graces to drive off the pains and illnesses of the sick and work wonders both while living and after death. Strange indeed is the miracle: that these bare bones should pour forth such overflowing streams of cures. Glory be to our only God.

**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**

*The Lord is my strength and my song. With chastisement hath the Lord chastened me.*

**The Epistle**

**Ephesians 6:10-17**

Brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we are not contending against flesh and blood, but against the principalities, against the powers, against the world rulers of this present darkness, against the spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. Therefore, take the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand, therefore, having girded your loins with truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and having shod your feet with the equipment of the gospel of peace; besides all these, taking the shield of faith, with which you can quench all the flaming darts of the evil one. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God

**The Holy Gospel**

**Luke 13:10-17**

At that time, Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. And there was a woman who had had a spirit of infirmity for eighteen years; she was bent over and could not fully straighten herself. And when Jesus saw her, He called her and said to her, "Woman, you are freed from your infirmity." And He laid His hands upon her, and immediately she was made straight, and she praised God. But the ruler of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath, said to the people, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be healed, and not on the Sabbath day." Then the Lord answered him, "You hypocrite! Does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his ass from the manger,

and lead it away to water it? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan bound for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath day?" As Jesus said this, all His adversaries were put to shame; and all the people rejoiced at all the glorious things that were done by Him.

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

**Departed:** Evelyn

**Holy Bread:** Kh Meleah Palke

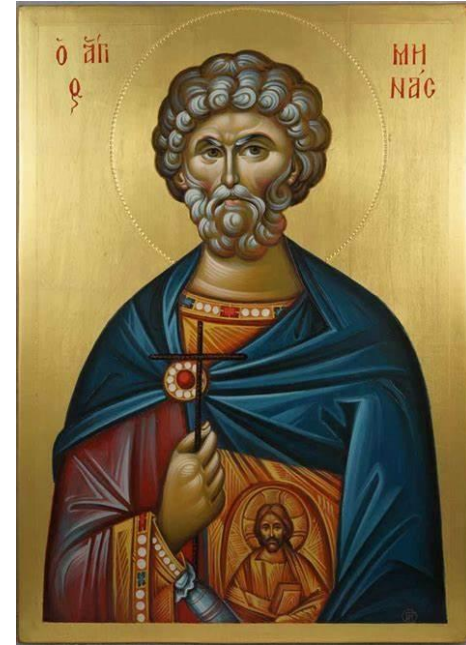
**December 24**—Nativity Orthros and Liturgy (7:00 PM). Confession: by appointment.

**Know your faith. (From last Sunday)** What is the ninth commandment? \_\_\_\_\_. How many Sundays before Christmas during the Advent fast? \_\_\_\_\_. Name the high priest, who was the brother of Moses. \_\_\_\_\_. Name the prophet who wrote "behold a virgin shall conceive." \_\_\_\_\_. Who ordered the deaths of all boys under the age of two? \_\_\_\_\_. What is the tenth commandment \_\_\_\_\_. Who was the father of King David? \_\_\_\_\_. Who was with Paul in the Philippian jail? \_\_\_\_\_. What is the name given to the psalm verse that precedes the Epistle? \_\_\_\_\_. From whom does the Holy Spirit proceed? \_\_\_\_\_. To whom did the angels appear at the birth of Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_. How many wise men came to visit Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_. What did they bring him? \_\_\_\_\_. We \_\_\_\_\_ God and we \_\_\_\_\_ the saints. "Put on the whole \_\_\_\_\_ of God." (Epistle) Where did Jesus heal the woman who was bent over (Gospel). \_\_\_\_\_

**Today is the fourth Sunday in the Advent fast.** There are six Sundays during the fast. Advent is a time to reflect, pray, fast, and read the Bible, in order to prepare our hearts for a meaningful Nativity celebration.

*O come, O come, Emmanuel,/ and ransom captive Israel,/ that mourns in lonely exile here,/ until the Son of God appear./ Rejoice, Rejoice, Emmanuel/ shall come to thee, O Israel.*

*O come, thou rod of Jesse, free/ thine own from Satan's tyranny;/ from depths of hell thy people save,/ and give them vict'ry o'er the grave. R.*



St. Menas

## 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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