

**Thirty-first Sunday after Pentecost  
Fourteenth Sunday after Luke  
January 28, 2024**

Our Righteous Father Ephraim the Syrian; Venerable Palladios of Antioch;  
Venerable Theodosios of Totma

**Little Entrance: Troparion (Tone 1) of the Resurrection**

Byzantine Tone 1

Basil Kazan  
(1915 - 2001)

**Troparion for St. Ephraim the Syrian (Tone 3)**

Out of Paradise, a river floweth, flooding all the earth with joy unending, cheering souls with compunction and saving fear: Ephraim, the wine bowl of gladness inspired of God, from all eternity chosen to light the Church with his sacred hymns, his sermons, his shining canticles, whereby he filleth faithful souls with godliness.

**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 of the Presentation (Tone 1)**

Thou, O Christ God, who by thy Birth, didst sanctify the Virgin's womb, and, as is meet, didst bless Simeon's arms, and didst also come to save us; preserve thy fold in wars, and confirm them whom thou didst love, for thou alone art the Lover of mankind.

**The Prokeimenon**

*Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us.  
Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous.*

**Epistle**

**1 Timothy 1:15-17**

Timothy, my son, the saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. And I am the foremost of sinners; but I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display His perfect patience for an example to those who were to believe in Him for eternal life. To the King of Ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory to the ages of ages. Amen.

**Holy Gospel**

**Luke 18:35-43**

At that time, as Jesus drew near to Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging; and hearing a multitude going by, he inquired what this meant. They told him, "Jesus of Nazareth is passing by." And he cried, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" And those who were in front rebuked him, telling him to be silent; but he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" And Jesus stopped, and commanded him to be brought to Him; and when he came near, Jesus asked him, "What do you want me to do for you?" He said, "Lord, let me receive my sight." And Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight; your faith has made you well." And immediately he received his sight and followed Him, glorifying God; and all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God.

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**Holy Bread:** Carol Ofiesh/Kh Meleah Palke



Now is the time to register your children for the 2024 Summer Youth Camps at Antiochian Village. See [www.avcamp.org](http://www.avcamp.org).

**Commemorations(Living):** Fr Michael, Pr Vicki, John, Corgie, Karen, Maher, Fabiola, Christopher, Steven, Jonathan, Jaime, Justin, George, Joan, Fr Tom, Kh Meleah, Stephen, Carol, 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:** James, Laura

**Know your faith.** Jesus was brought to the temple by his parents 40 days after his birth. The Church names this the Feast of the Presentation. It is observed on February 2 (month and day). We also remember two elderly people who blessed Jesus on this occasion: Simeon and Anna. One of the two people spoke a hymn that is sung at every Vespers of the Orthodox Church. What is the first sentence of that hymn? “Lord, now lettest Thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word.” The Nicene Creed was completed in 381 AD at the 2nd Ecumenical Council of Constantinople. What is the first sentence of the Creed? I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. In Ephesus an eloquent orator named Apollos was instructed in the faith by a couple whose names were Priscilla and Aquila. (Acts 18). What is the second to last book of the NT? Jude. What connection does the writer have with Jesus? He was his half-brother, from Joseph. The writer exhorts believers to “contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints.”

**If you would like to have your house blessed by Fr Tom,** please contact him at one of the phone numbers listed on the bulletin cover. Also, if you are in need of a bottle of holy water, let Fr Tom know.

**We are in need of chanters and altar servers.** If you would like to consider serving, please see Fr Tom. We are blessed to have the opportunity for congregational singing in our parish. The word “liturgy” means “the work of the people.” Our goal is to praise the Lord with the voices of all our people.

**Our next potluck luncheon will be after Liturgy on February 4.** There are no fasting restrictions on the choice of food.

**Looking ahead:** Meatfare (Judgment) Sunday: March 10. Cheesefare (Forgiveness) Sunday: March 17. Lent begins March 18. Pascha: May 4.



## St. Raphael of Brooklyn Orthodox Church

Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese

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Bishop Thomas, Diocese of the Mid-Atlantic

**Divine Liturgy 10:30 AM**

**Meeting at Compton Village  
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