

The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
The Seventeenth Sunday of Matthew
February 18, 2024

Leo the Great, pope of Rome; Agapitos the Confessor, bishop of Synnada in Phrygia, and his companions

Troparion of the Resurrection (Tone 4)

Ison Hav-ing learned the joy-ful mes-sage of the res-ur-rec-tion from the an-gel, the wom-en dis-ci-ples of the Lord cast from them their pa-ren-tal con-dem-na-tion, and proud-ly broke the news to the dis-ci-ples, say-ing, death hath been spoiled. Christ God is ris-en, grant-ing the world 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 Ordinary Sundays (Tone 2)

O Undisputed intercessor of Christians, the mediatrix unrejected by the Creator, turn not away from the voice of our petitions, though we be sinners. Come to us with aid in time, who cry unto thee in faith; for thou art good. Hasten to us with intercessions, O Theotokos, who dost ever intercede for those who honor thee.

Prokeimenon

O Lord, how magnified are Thy works. In wisdom hast Thou made them all. Bless the Lord, O my soul.

Epistle

2 Corinthians 6:16-7:1

Brethren, you are the temple of the living God; as God said, "I will live in them and move among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. Therefore, come out from them, and be separate from them," says the Lord, "and touch nothing unclean; then I will welcome you, and I will be a father to you, and you shall be My sons and daughters," says the Lord Almighty. Since we have these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit, and make holiness perfect in the fear of God.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 15:21-28

At that time, Jesus went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and cried, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely possessed by a demon." But Jesus did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, "Send her away, for she is crying after us." Jesus answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." And Jesus answered, "It is not fair to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire." And her daughter was healed at that very hour.

Holy Bread: Carol Ofiesh/Kh Meleah Palke

Upcoming:

March 10— Judgment Sunday (Meatfare)
March 17—Forgiveness Sunday (Cheesfare). Lent begins on March 11.
March 18—First Day of Lent

Now is the time to register your children for the 2024 Summer Youth Camps at Antiochian Village. See 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, Gabriela, Antonina, Fr. Vladimir Paul, all Orthodox missionaries, the suffering believers everywhere.

Departed: James, Laura, Mugurel, Tinca, Stelian, Gary

Know your faith. On what Sunday do we read in the Gospel of the separation of the sheep from the goats? _____. Isaac had two sons-- _____, the elder son, and _____, the younger son. Which son lost his birthright? _____. Who got into an argument with Paul concerning whether it was necessary for converts to be circumcised as well as baptized? _____. Who announced the decree of the Council of Jerusalem in Acts 15? _____. Besides the twelve apostles, Jesus had another group, known by a two-digit number, _____, of lesser apostles who also went out and spread the faith. In today's Epistle, St. Paul reminds us that we are "the _____ of the living _____." He encourages us to "make _____ perfect in the fear of _____." In today's Gospel, what did Jesus say to the Canaanite woman who cried out to Him? _____. How did he describe her faith? _____.

The Synaxarion. On February 18 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate our father among the saints, Leo the Great, pope of Rome. Leo was born in Italy in 400 of devout parents, becoming Pope of Rome in 440. When Attila, with his Huns, drew near to burn Rome, Leo came out before him in his episcopal vestments. Leo subdued the wrath of Attila and averted the destruction of Rome. Attila allowed himself to be counseled by this holy man, but was also frightened by a vision of the Apostles Peter and Paul, who stood alongside Leo and threatened him with flaming swords. Leo also saved Orthodoxy from the heresy of Eutyches and Dioscorus. They erroneously taught the merger of the divine and human natures of Christ into one and, consequently, the denial of the two wills in the person of the Son. Because of this, the Fourth Ecumenical Council was convened in Chalcedon in 451, at which time the tome of Leo the Great was read and the Council condemned this heresy. This saint peacefully reposed in the Lord in 461. On this day, we also commemorate Agapitos the Confessor, bishop of Synnada in Phrygia, and his companions. By the intercessions of Thy saints, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.



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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