

**Eighth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**After-Feast of the Falling Asleep of the Theotokos**  
**August 18, 2024**

Martyrs Floros and Lauros of Illyria; Venerable Sophronios of St. Anne Skete on Athos

**The First Antiphon**

Shout with joy to God, all the earth, give thanks unto the Lord and call upon His Name. Declare His works among the nations.

*Refrain:* Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us.

In the city of our God, in His holy mountain, His place hath been made in peace, and His dwelling in Zion. (*Refrain*)

Glory... Both now... (*Refrain*)

**The Second Antiphon**

The Lord loves the gates of Zion more than all the dwelling of Jacob. Glorious things are spoken of thee, O city of God.

*Refrain:* Save us, O Son of God, Who art risen from the dead; who sing unto Thee. Alleluia.

God hath laid her foundation unto eternity. We have thought, O God, of Thy mercy in the midst of Thy people. (*Refrain*)

The most-high hath hallowed His tabernacle. (*Refrain*)

Glory... Both now... Only begotten Son and Word of God...

**The Third Antiphon**

Ready is my heart, O God, ready is my heart; I will sing and chant in my glory. What shall I render to the Lord for all that He hath given me? I will receive the cup of salvation, and call upon the Name of the Lord. (*Now sing the Troparion of the Dormition.*)

**Resurrection Troparion (Tone 7)**

Thou didst shatter death by Thy Cross, Thou didst open paradise to the thief; Thou didst turn the sadness of the ointment-bearing women into joy. And didst bid Thine Apostles proclaim a warning, that Thou hast risen O Christ, granting to the world the Great Mercy.

**Troparion of the Dormition (Tone 1)**

In thy birth-giving, O Theotokos, thou didst keep and preserve virginity; and in translated, being the Mother of Life. Wherefore, by thine intercessions, deliver our souls from death.

**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 Dormition (Tone 2)**

Verily, the Theotokos, who is ever watchful in intercessions, who is never rejected, neither tomb nor death could control. But being the Mother of Life, He Who dwelt in her ever-Virgin womb did translate her to life.

**The Prokeimenon**

*Make vows to the Lord thy God and perform them.*  
*In Judah God is known; His Name is great in Israel.*

**Epistle**

**1 Corinthians 3:9-17**

Brethren, we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, God's building. According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and another man is building upon it. Let each man take care how he builds upon it. For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if any one builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay or straw, each man's work will become manifest; for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done. If the work which any man has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward. If any man's work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire. Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy him; for God's temple is holy, and you are that temple.

**Holy Gospel**

**Matthew 14:22-34**

At that time, Jesus made the Disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, while He dismissed the crowds. And after He had dismissed the crowds, He went up on the mountain by Himself to pray. When evening came, He was there alone, but the Disciples' boat by this time was many furlongs distant from the land, beaten by the waves; for the wind was against them. And in the fourth watch of the night He came to them, walking on the sea. But when the Disciples saw Jesus walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out for fear. But immediately He spoke to them, saying, "Take heart, it is I; have no fear." And Peter answered Him, "Lord, if it is Thee, bid me come to Thee on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus; but when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reached out His hand and caught him, saying to him, "O man of little faith, why did you

doubt?" And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped Him, saying, "Truly, Thou art the Son of God." And when they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret.

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**Holy Bread:** Kh Meleah Palke/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, 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, Jean, Fran, Kendall

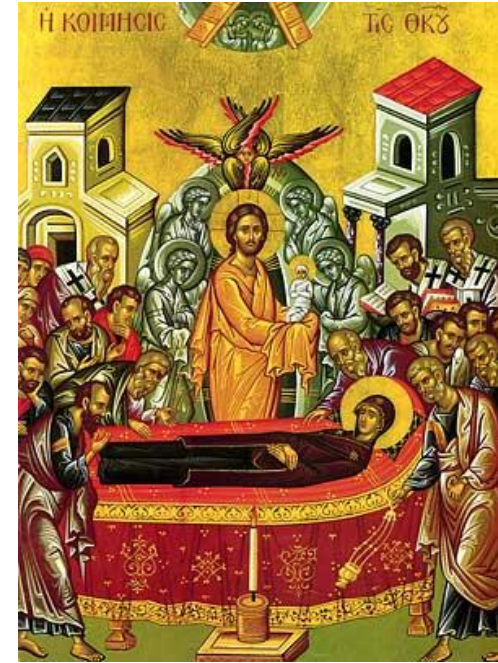
**Know your faith.** Who was the first apostle to become a martyr for the sake of Christ? \_\_\_\_\_. Who baptized Saul (Paul)? \_\_\_\_\_. The word "Trisagion" means \_\_\_\_\_. The three liturgies of the Church are \_\_\_\_\_. "A Christian ending to our lives, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, peaceful, and a good defense before the fearful \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ." Who was present at the transfiguration of Jesus \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_. At the beginning of the Liturgy, the priest prays "O heavenly King, the \_\_\_\_\_, the Spirit of \_\_\_\_\_ who art in all places and fillest all things, treasury of \_\_\_\_\_ and giver of \_\_\_\_\_." (T/F) Non-Orthodox who take communion in an Orthodox church receive the body and blood of Jesus. (T/F) Only the divine nature of Jesus ascended.

**The Synaxarion.** On August 18 in the Holy Orthodox Church we continue to celebrate the feast of the Holy Dormition of our Lady the Theotokos and Ever-virgin Mary; and we commemorate the Holy Martyrs Floros and Lauros of Illyria.

Florus and Laurus were brothers and stonecutters. A pagan prince hired them to build a temple to the idols. During their work, a piece of stone flew and struck the eye of the pagan priest's son. Seeing his son blind and bloody, the pagan priest shouted at Florus and Lauros and wanted to beat them. Then, the holy brothers said to him that if he would believe in the true God his son would be healed. The pagan priest promised. Florus and Laurus prayed with tears and traced the sign of the Cross over the child's injured eye, which was healed and made whole. Then the pagan priest Merentius and his son were baptized and, shortly after that, both suffered for Christ by fire. Florus and Lauros placed a cross on the completed temple, summoned all Christians and consecrated it in the name of the Lord Jesus with an all-night vigil. Hearing of this, the Illyrian deputy burned many of those Christians and threw Florus and Lauros alive into a well and then filled it with dirt. Later, their relics were revealed and translated to Constantinople. These two wonderful brothers were glorified by Christ in the second century.

On this day we also commemorate the Venerable Sophronios of St. Anne Skete on Athos. By the intercessions of Thy Saints, O Christ God, have mercy upon us.



## St. Raphael of Brooklyn Orthodox Church Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese

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**Divine Liturgy 10:30 AM**

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