

August 25, 2024
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Return of the relics of the Apostle Bartholomew; Holy Apostle Titus of the Seventy; Archbishops Menas, Epiphanius, Gennadios and John of Constantinople

Troparion of the Resurrection (Tone 8)

Byzantine Tone 8

Basil Kazan
(1915 - 2001)

The musical notation is written on a single staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is a simple, rhythmic line with some grace notes. The lyrics are written below the staff, with some words underlined. The text is: "From the heights thou didst descend, O Com-pas-sion-ate One; and thou didst submit to the three-day burial, that thou might deliver us from passion. Thou art our Life and our Resurrection. O Lord, glory to thee."

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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.

Troparion for Sts. Bartholomew & Titus (Tone 3)

O Holy Apostles, intercede with our merciful God, to grant our souls forgiveness of sins.

Kontakion for the Nativity of the Theotokos (Tone 4)

By thy holy nativity, O pure one, Joachim and Anna were delivered from the reproach of barrenness; and Adam and Eve were delivered from the corruption of death; thy people do celebrate it, having been saved from the stain of iniquity, crying unto thee, The barren doth give birth to the Theotokos, who nourisheth our life.

The Prokeimenon

*Make your vows and pay them to the Lord our God.
God is known in Judaea; His Name is great in Israel.*

Epistle

I Corinthians 3:9-17

Brethren, we are God's fellow workers; you are God's husbandry, God's building. According to the grace of God which was given to me, as a wise architect I laid a foundation, and another builds upon it. Let each one take heed how he builds upon it. For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if anyone builds on this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble; everyone's work will become manifest; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire, and the fire itself will test each one's work of what sort it is. If anyone's work which was built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward. If anyone's work is burned up, he will suffer loss, but he himself will be saved, yet so as by fire. Do you not know that you are a temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? If anyone corrupts the temple of God, God will corrupt him. For the temple of God is holy, whose temple you are.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 14:22-24

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

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, 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

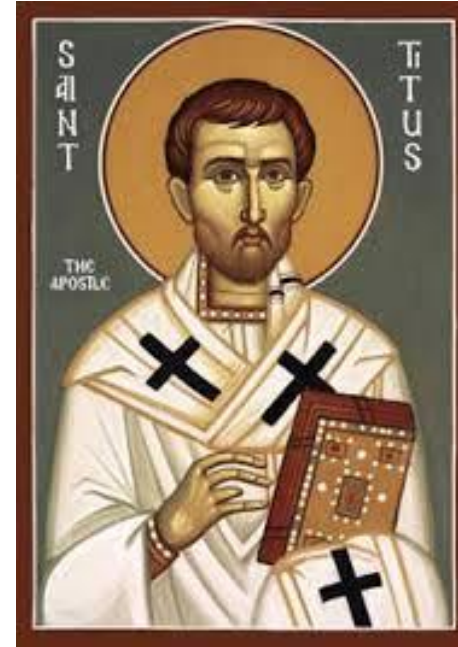
Know your faith. The word “Trisagion” means “Trice Holy.” The three liturgies of the Church are St. John Chrysostom, St. Basil, St. James. “A Christian ending to our lives, painless, blameless, peaceful, and a good defense before the fearful judgment seat of Christ.” Who was present at the transfiguration of Jesus? Peter, James, and John. At the beginning of the Liturgy, the priest prays “O heavenly King, the Comforter, the Spirit of Truth, who art in all places and fillest all things; treasury of good things and giver of life...” (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 25 in the Holy Orthodox Church we commemorate the return of the holy relics of the holy glorious Apostle Bartholomew.

When Bartholomew was crucified in Albanopolis (Derbend) in Armenia, Christians removed his body and honorably buried it in a lead sarcophagus. When numerous miracles and healings occurred over the grave of the apostle—because of which the number of Christians increased—the pagans then took the sarcophagus containing the relics of Bartholomew and tossed it into the sea. They did the same to the sarcophagi of four other martyrs. However, by God’s providence, none of them sank and the current carried them to separate but safe shores. Agathon, bishop of the island of Lipara, mystically learned of Bartholomew’s approaching relics and, with the clergy and people, came to the shore to receive them with great joy. On that occasion, many healings of the sick occurred from the relics of the holy Bartholomew.

On this day, we commemorate the holy Apostle Titus of the Seventy, bishop of Gortynia in Crete. Titus was born in Crete and educated in Greek philosophy and poetry. Following a dream, he began reading the Prophet Isaiah and doubted all the wisdom of the Hellenes. Hearing about Christ the Lord, Titus traveled to Jerusalem with other Cretans and personally heard the words of the Savior and witnessed His mighty works. His young heart completely adhered to Christ. Later, he was baptized by the Apostle Paul whom he served as a son to a father in evangelization. Titus was present at the suffering and death of Paul in Rome and honorably buried his body. After that, Titus returned to Crete where, with great success, he baptized the pagans and prudently governed the Church of God until his repose at age 94.

On this day, we also commemorate our Holy Fathers Menas, Epiphanius, Gennadios and John, archbishops of Constantinople. By the intercessions of Thy Saints, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.



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

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