

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 29, 2024

Kyriakos the hermit of Palestine; Martyr Petronia and those with her in Palestine; Mother Mary the hermit of Palestine; Martyrs Gudelia, Casdous, Casdoa, Gargalus, Dada and Gobdelaas of Persia

Little Entrance: Troparion of the Resurrection (Tone 5)

Byzantine Tone 5

Basil Kazan
(1915 - 2001)

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Let us be - liev - ers praise and wor - ship the
Word, co - e - ter - nal with the Fa - ther and the
Spir - it, born of the Vir - gin for
our sal - va - tion, for he took plea - sure in as -
cend - ing the cross in the flesh, to
suf - fer death and to raise the dead by his
glo - ri - ous re - sur - rec - tion.

Troparion for St. Kyriakos (Tone 1)

Thou didst prove to be a citizen of the desert, an angel in the flesh, and a wonderworker, O Kyriakos, our God-bearing Father. By fasting, vigil, and prayer thou didst obtain heavenly gifts, and thou healest the sick and the souls of them that have recourse to thee with faith. Glory to Him that hath given thee strength; glory to Him that hath crowned thee; glory to Him that worketh healings for all through thee.

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 (Tone 2)

O Undisputed intercessor of Christians, the mediatrix who is 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.

The Prokeimenon

*Thou, O Lord, wilt keep and preserve us.
Save me, O Lord, for the godly man has failed.*

Epistle

2 Corinthians 1:21-2:4

Brethren, it is God who establishes us with you in Christ, and has commissioned us; He has put his seal upon us and given us His Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee. But I call God to witness against me—it was to spare you that I refrained from coming to Corinth. Not that we lord it over your faith; we work with you for your joy, for you stand firm in your faith. For I made up my mind not to make you another painful visit. For if I cause you pain, who is there to make me glad but the one whom I have pained? And I wrote as I did, so that when I came I might not suffer pain from those who should have made me rejoice, for I felt sure of all of you, that my joy would be the joy of you all. For I wrote you out of much affliction and anguish of heart and with many tears, not to cause you pain but to let you know the abundant love that I have for you.

Holy Gospel

Luke 6:31-36

The Lord said: “As you wish that men would do to you, do so to them. If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High; for He is kind to the ungrateful and the selfish. Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful.”

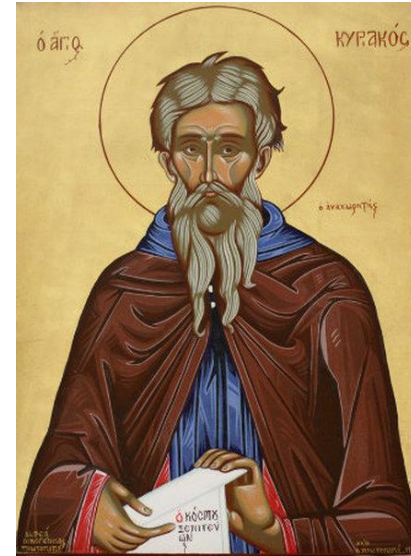
Holy Bread: Kh Meleah Palke/Carol Ofiesh/Pr Vicki Kontogiorgis

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, Beth, Janni, Dominick, Yina, Lauren, Rashid, Hala, Irina, Alex, Lauren, Aaron, Adam, Atticus, Fr. Vladimir Paul, all Orthodox missionaries, the suffering believers throughout the world.

Departed: Christina

Know your faith (from last week). King Ahasuerus (Xerxes 1 of Persia; 5th Century BC) chose a beautiful Jewish woman to be his wife and queen. Her name was Esther. Since her parents had died, she had been raised by Mordecai, her elder cousin. He discovered a plot by Haman to exterminate all the Jews in the kingdom. Through the kindness and love of the new queen, the plot was discovered and the perpetrator was sentenced to death by hanging. The Jews celebrate this event even today in the Feast of Purim. Who asked Jesus whether it was lawful to pay taxes to Caesar? The Pharisees. Jesus finally replied: Render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's. (Luke 20). After Paul had been shipwrecked on Malta, he put some sticks on a fire. He was bitten by a viper. The locals expected him to die. When he didn't, they said that he was a god. (Act 28). Who was the first bishop of Antioch? The Apostle Peter. Who blesses and sanctifies the water in Baptism? The Holy Spirit. (T/F) Orthodox funerals may be conducted for individuals that have been cremated. (T/F) Orthodox may receive communion at non-Orthodox churches if they are invited. In an Orthodox baptism the godparent must be Orthodox. (T/F) An Orthodox wedding may occur where one partner is not Orthodox, providing that he or she has been baptized in the name of the Holy Trinity.

On September 29 in the Holy Orthodox Church we commemorate our righteous father Kyriakos the Hermit of Palestine. Kyriakos was born in Corinth to John and Eudoxia. His father John was a presbyter and Peter, Bishop of Corinth, was his relative. In his early youth, the bishop tonsured Kyriakos as a reader in the cathedral church. Reading the Holy Scripture, Kyriakos marveled at God's providence: how God glorified all His true servants and how He arranged the salvation of the human race. At age eighteen, Kyriakos began a life of asceticism that eventually took him to the community supervised by St. Chariton at Souka. Kyriakos became a celebrated canonarch, defender of Orthodoxy, ascetic, priest, miracle-worker and comforter. Kyriakos was large and strong in body, even in deep old age, despite strict fasts and vigils. In the wilderness, for years he ate only raw greens called squills. Kyriakos entered the eternal joy of his Lord in 557 at age 109. On this day, we also commemorate the Martyr Petronia and those with her in Palestine; Mother Mary the hermit of Palestine; and Martyrs Gudelia, Casdous, Casdoa, Gargalus, Dada and Gobdelaas of Persia. By their intercessions, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.



St. Raphael of Brooklyn Orthodox Church

Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese

Metropolitan Saba, Primate

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Divine Liturgy 10:30 AM

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