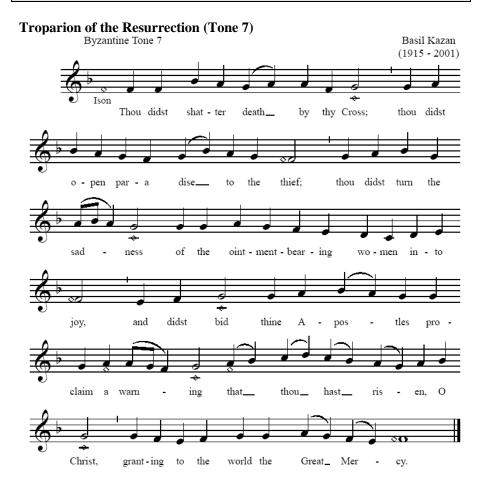
The Twenty Fourth Sunday after Pentecost December 8, 2024

Forefeast of the Conception of the Theotokos; Venerable Patapios of Thebes; Sophronios, bishop of Cyprus; Apostles Sosthenes, Apollos, Crispos, Caesar & Epaphroditos of the Seventy



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 the Preparation of the Nativity of Christ (Tone 3)



The Prokeimenon

The Lord will give strength to His people. Ascribe to the Lord, O sons of God, ascribe to the Lord honor and glory.

The Epistle Ephesians 2:14-22

Brethren, Christ is our peace, Who has made us both one, and has broken down the dividing wall of hostility, by abolishing in His flesh the law of commandments and ordinances, that He might create in Himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the Cross, thereby bringing the hostility to an end. And He came and preached peace to you, who were far off, and peace to those who were near; for through Him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and sojourners, but you are fellow citizens with the saints

and members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the cornerstone, in Whom the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in Whom you also are built into it for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

The Holy Gospel Luke 13:10-17

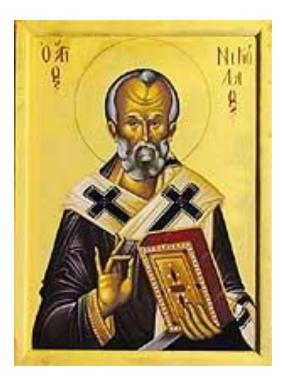
At that time, Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. And there was a woman who had had a spirit of infirmity for eighteen years; she was bent over and could not fully straighten herself. And when Jesus saw her, He called her and said to her, "Woman, you are freed from your infirmity." And He laid His hands upon her, and immediately she was made straight, and she praised God. But the ruler of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath, said to the people, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be healed, and not on the Sabbath day." Then the Lord answered him, "You hypocrite! Does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his ass from the manger, and lead it away to water it? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan bound for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath day?" As Jesus said this, all His adversaries were put to shame; and all the people rejoiced at all the glorious things that were done by Him.

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, Cassi, Nina, Kenneth, Alex, Beth, Janni, Dominick, Yina, Lauren, Rashid, Hala, Irina, Alex, Lauren, Aaron, Adam, Atticus, Gabriela, Fr. Vladimir Paul, all Orthodox missionaries, the suffering believers throughout the world. **Departed:**

Feast of the Nativity, Tuesday, December 24. The Hours (7:00 PM) and Divine Liturgy (7:30 PM).

Know your faith. (T/F) The Bible states that there were three Wise Men who found Christ. The gifts that the Wise Men brought Jesus were _______. The names of the Wise Men were ______. Where did the holy family move to after the visit of the Wise Men? ______. Who told Joseph "a virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call his name Immanuel"? ______. He was quoting the prophecy of which OT prophet. ______. Which OT prophet proclaimed that Christ would be born in Bethlehem? ______. St. Matthew begins his Gospel with the genealogy of ______. His genealogy begins with what person in the OT. _____. Another genealogy is given in the Gospel of ______. Who prophesied "The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand." ______. Who leaped in his mother's womb when Mary came to visit his family? ______.



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Metropolitan Saba, Primate Bishop Thomas, Diocese of the Mid-Atlantic

Divine Liturgy 10:30 AM

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