

Sunday of the Holy Forefathers of Christ December 15, 2024

Hieromartyr Eleutherios, bishop of Illyria and his mother, Martyr Anthia; Venerable Paul of Latra; Stephen, bishop-confessor of Surozh; Venerable Tryphon of Pechenga

Troparion of the Resurrection (Tone 8)

Byzantine Tone 8

Basil Kazan
(1915 - 2001)

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From the heights thou didst de - scend, O Com - pas - sion - ate

One; and thou didst sub - mit to the three - day bur - i -

al, that thou might de - liv - er us from pas - sion.

Thou art our Life and our Res - ur - rec - tion,

O Lord, glo - ry to thee.

Troparion of the Forefathers (Tone 2)

Thou hast justified by faith the ancient Forefathers, and through them Thou hast gone before and betrothed unto Thyself the Church of the Gentiles. Let the saints, therefore, take pride in glory; for from their seed sprouted forth a noble fruit, and she it was who gave birth to Thee without seed. Wherefore, by their pleadings, O Christ God, save our souls.

Troparion for St. Eleutherios (Tone 5)

Being comely adorned in thy sacred priestly robes and newly drenched with the streams of thy pure and sanctified blood, thou didst soar aloft to stand before thy Master, Christ; hence never cease to intercede for those honoring with faith thy mighty and blessed contest, thou overthrower of Satan, O wise and blessed Eleutherios.

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)

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The Vir - gin com - eth to - day to the

cave to give birth, in - ef - fa - bly to bring forth

the Word e - ter - nal. There - fore, re -

joice, O earth at the mes - sage

with the an - gels and shep - herds give glo - ry to him

who shall ap - pear by his own will as a young child,

he who is from e - ter - ni - ty God.

The Prokeimenon

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints.

What shall we render unto the Lord for all that He hath rendered unto us?

The Epistle

2 Timothy 1:8-18

Timothy, my son, do not be ashamed then of testifying to our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel in the power of God, Who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not in virtue of our works but in virtue of his own purpose and the grace which he gave us in Christ Jesus ages ago, and now has manifested through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, Who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. For this gospel I was appointed a preacher and apostle and teacher, and therefore I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know Whom I have believed, and I am sure that He is able to guard until that Day what has been entrusted to me. Follow the pattern of the sound words which you

have heard from me, in the faith and love which are in Christ Jesus; guard the truth that has been entrusted to you by the Holy Spirit Who dwells within us. You are aware that all who are in Asia turned away from me, and among them Phygelos and Hermogenes. May the Lord grant mercy to the household of Onesiphoros, for he often refreshed me; he was not ashamed of my chains, but when he arrived in Rome he searched for me eagerly and found me. May the Lord grant him to find mercy from the Lord on that Day and you well know all the service he rendered at Ephesus.

The Holy Gospel

Luke 14:16-24

The Lord spoke this parable: "A man once gave a great banquet, and invited many; and at the time for the banquet he sent his servant to say to those who had been invited, 'Come; for all is now ready.' But, one by one, they all began to make excuses. The first said to him, 'I have bought a field, and I must go out and see it; I pray you, have me excused.' And another said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to examine them; I pray you, have me excused.' And another said, 'I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.' So the servant came and reported this to his master. Then the householder in anger said to his servant, 'Go out quickly to the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in the poor and maimed and blind and lame.' And the servant said, 'Sir, what you commanded has been done, and still there is room.' And the master said to the servant, 'Go out to the highways and hedges, and compel people to come in, that my house may be filled. For I tell you, none of those men who were invited shall taste my banquet.' For many are called, but few are chosen."

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: Perry (Spyridon)

Feast of the Nativity, Tuesday, December 24 at 7:00 PM.

Know your faith (from last Sunday). (T/E) The Bible states that there were three Wise Men who found Christ. The gifts that the Wise Men brought Jesus were gold, frankincense, and myrrh. The (traditional) names of the Wise Men were Caspar, Baltazar, and Melchior. Where did the holy family move to after the visit of the Wise Men? Egypt. Who told Joseph "you shall call his name Jesus"? An angel of the Lord. The prophecy that "a virgin shall be with child...and they shall call his name Immanuel" was given by which OT prophet? Isaiah. Which OT prophet proclaimed that Christ would be born in Bethlehem? Micah. St. Matthew begins his Gospel with the genealogy of Jesus. His genealogy begins with what person in the OT. Abraham. Another genealogy is given in the Gospel of Luke. Who prophesied "The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand." David (Psalm 110). Who leaped in his mother's womb when Mary came to visit his family? John the Baptist.



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Divine Liturgy 10:30 AM

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