

**The Thirty Second Sunday after Pentecost**  
**The Fifteenth Sunday of Luke**  
**January 26, 2025**

Venerable Xenophon, his wife, Mary, and their two sons, Arkadios and John, of Constantinople; Translation of the relics of Venerable Theodore the Studite

**Troparion of the Resurrection (Tone 6)**

Byzantine Tone 6

Basil Kazan  
(1915 - 2001)

When Ma - ry stood at thy grave look - ing for thy sa - cred  
bod - y, an - gel - ic pow'rs shone a - bove thy re -  
- vered tomb and the sol - diers who were to keep guard be -  
- came as dead men. Thou led ha - des cap - tive and wast not  
tempt - ed there - by. Thou didst meet the Vir - gin and didst give  
life to the world. O thou who art ris - en from the  
dead, O Lord, glo - ry to 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 for the Presentation of Christ (Tone 1)**

Thou, O Christ God, Who by Thy Birth, didst sanctify the Virgin's womb, and, as is meet, didst bless Simeon's arms, and didst also come to save us; preserve Thy fold in wars, and confirm them whom Thou didst love, for Thou alone art the Lover of mankind.

**The Prokeimenon**

*O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance.  
To Thee, O Lord, have I cried, O my God.*

**The Epistle**

**1 Timothy 4:9-15**

Timothy, my son, the saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance. For to this end we toil and strive, because we have our hope set on the living God, who is the Savior of all men, especially of those who believe. Command and teach these things. Let no one despise your youth, but set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. Till I come, attend to the public readings of scripture, to preaching, to teaching. Do not neglect the gift you have, which was given you by prophetic utterance when the council of elders laid their hands upon you. Practice these duties, devote yourself to them, so that all may see your progress.

**The Holy Gospel**

**Luke 19:1-10**

At that time, Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. And there was a man named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector, and rich. And he sought to see Who Jesus was, but could not, on account of the crowd, because he was small of stature. So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see Jesus, for He was to pass that way. And when Jesus came to the place, He looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, make haste and come down; for I must stay at your house today." So he made haste and came down, and received Him joyfully. And when they saw it they all murmured, "He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner." And Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, "Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I restore it fourfold." And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham; for the Son of man came to seek and to save the lost."



**Assisting Priest:** Fr. Michael Kontogiorgis

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

**Commemorations(Living):** Fr Michael, Pr Vicki, John, Corgie, Maher, Fabiola, Christopher, Steven, Jonathan, Jaime, Justin, Fr Tom, Kh Meleah, Stephen, Carol, Michael, Joel, Lisa, Danny, Asa, Cody, Max, Levi, Courtney, Cassi, Nina, Dominick, Yina, Rashid, Hala, Alex, Lauren, Aaron, Adam, Atticus, Gabriela, Fr. Vladimir Paul, all Orthodox missionaries, suffering believers throughout the world.

**Departed:** James and Laura Briggs, Perry (Spyridon)

**Upcoming Dates:** March 3—First Day of Lent; April 20—Pascha.

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**Synaxarion.** On January 26 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate our righteous Father Xenophon of Constantinople, along with his wife, Mary, and their two sons, Arkadios and John. Prominent and wealthy citizens of the fifth century, Xenophon and Mary lived a God-pleasing life and dedicated all their attention to the Christian upbringing of their sons. When their sons reached adulthood, they were sent to study in Beirut; but it so happened that a storm capsized their boat. John and Arkadios were tossed ashore by the waves but in two different places so that each thought the other was drowned. Out of grief for each other, they both became monks in two different monasteries. After two years, their grieving parents came to Jerusalem on a pilgrimage to pay homage before the holy shrines. There, with the help of a spiritual father, first the brothers met and, after that, the parents with their sons. Out of gratitude to God, Xenophon and Mary distributed their entire estate to the poor and both of them were tonsured. Thus the Lord wonderfully guides the destiny of those who believe in Him. He permits pain and sorrow upon them that they may, later on, be strengthened in faith, in order to lead them into still greater joy. On this day, we also commemorate the translation of the relics of Venerable Theodore the Studite. By the intercessions of Thy Saints, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.

**Know your faith.** Christ was circumcised on the \_\_\_th day of his earthly life. We celebrate the feast of his circumcision on \_\_\_\_\_. Circumcision made a man a member of the covenant people of God and obligated him to keep the entire \_\_\_\_\_. Circumcision has been replaced by \_\_\_\_\_ as the Sacrament of Initiation in the New Testament (Covenant). The Passover of the OT has been replaced by \_\_\_\_\_ in the NT. Christ was presented in the temple on the \_\_\_th day of his earthly life. He was held in the arms of two elderly, devout believers-- \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, who first spoke these words: “Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace....” We celebrate the Presentation of our Lord on \_\_\_\_\_. Which son of Jacob served in the court of Pharaoh? \_\_\_\_\_. Which disciple introduced his brother to Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_. The triangular piece of bread to the left of the Lamb represents \_\_\_\_\_. The blessed bread is known as the \_\_\_\_\_.



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

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

**Divine Liturgy 10:30 AM**

**Meeting at Compton Village**  
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