

Sunday of the Prodigal Son February 16, 2025

Martyr Pamphilos, priest of Caesarea in Palestine and his companions; Venerable Flavian the hermit; Venerable-martyr Romanos from Solovak of Carpenision

Troparion of the Resurrection (Tone 1)

Byzantine Tone 1 Basil Kazan
(1915 - 2001)



Ison

While the stone was sealed_ by the Jews, and the sol - diers were
guard - ing thy most pure bod - y, thou didst a - rise___ on the
third_ day, O Sav - iour, grant - ing life___ to the
world; for which cause the heav - en - ly pow'rs cried a -
loud___ un - to thee, O Giv - er of life:
Glo - ry to thy res - ur - rec - tion, O Christ! Glo - ry to thy
king - dom! Glo - ry to thy prov - i - dence,
O thou who a - lone art the Lov - er of man - kind.

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 Prodigal Son (Tone 3—see insert for music)

Foolishly I sprang away from Thy great fatherly glory and dispersed in wicked deeds the riches that Thou didst give me. With the Prodigal I therefore cry unto Thee now: I have sinned against Thee, O compassionate Father. But receive me in repentance; make me as one of Thy hired servants, O Lord.

Prokeimenon

Let your mercy, O Lord, be upon us.
Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous

Epistle

1 Corinthians 6:12-20

BRETHREN, "all things are lawful for me," but not all things are helpful. "All things are lawful for me," but I will not be enslaved by anything. "Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food"—and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is not meant for immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! Do you not know that he who joins himself to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For, as it is written, "The two shall become one flesh." But he who is united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. Shun immorality. Every other sin which a man commits is outside the body; but the immoral man sins against his own body. Do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God? You are not your own; you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body and in your spirit which belong to God.

Holy Gospel

Luke 15:11-32

The Lord told this parable: "There was a man who had two sons; and the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of property that falls to me.' And he divided his living between them. Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took his journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in loose living. And when he had spent everything, a great famine arose in that country, and he began to be in want. So he went and joined himself to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed swine. And he would gladly have fed on the pods that the swine ate; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have bread enough and to spare, but I perish here with hunger! I will rise and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me as one of your hired servants."' And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still at a distance, his father saw him and had compassion and ran and embraced him and kissed him. And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to the servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him and put a ring on his finger, and shoes on his feet; and bring the fatted

calf and kill it, and let us eat and make merry; for this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to make merry. Now his elder son was in the field; and as he came and drew near the house, he heard music and dancing. And he called one of the servants and asked what this meant. And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has received him safe and sound.' But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, but he answered his father, 'Lo, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command; yet you never gave me a kid, that I might make merry with my friends. But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your living with harlots, you killed for him the fatted calf!' And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. It was fitting to make merry and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.'"

Assisting Priest: Fr. Michael Kontogiorgis

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

Commemorations(Living): Fr Michael, Pr Vicki, John, Corgie, George, Joan, 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.

Zoom Prayer/Bible Study is Wednesday at 8:00 PM. We are studying the Gospel according to St. John, chapters 5 and 6. Look for an email on Tuesday that provides linking information as well as supporting material.

Know your faith. Paul consecrated a young man, Timothy to be the bishop of Ephesus. This young man had a pagan father, and a devout mother whose name was Lois. His grandmother was also a devout believer, whose name was Eunice. (T/F) Paul wrote two letters to this young bishop. Paul also consecrated Titus, to whom Paul wrote one of the letters in the New Testament, as the bishop of the island of Crete. Ignatius was the (third) bishop of Antioch. On his way to his martyrdom in Rome, he wrote letters to various churches, encouraging them to gather with their bishop frequently to celebrate the Eucharist. After the Babylonian captivity (586 BC), God called a man named Nehemiah, a cupbearer to the Persian king, to return to Jerusalem, and rebuild its walls. Name the two Sundays that precede Lent: 1) Judgment (Meatfare) and 2) Forgiveness (Cheesefare). Name two tax collectors in the NT: Levi (Matthew) and Zacchaeus.

Upcoming Dates: March 3—First Day of Lent; April 19/20—Pascha.



St. Raphael of Brooklyn Orthodox Church

Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese

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Divine Liturgy 10:30 AM

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Special Melody: *On this day the Virgin*

Adapted by Rassem El Massih

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