

Sunday after Pentecost/All Saints
June 11, 2023

Holy, Glorious Apostles Barnabas and Bartholomew

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 for All Saints (Tone 4)

Thy Church, O Christ God, hath regaled herself in the blood of thy Martyrs throughout all the world, as in porphyry and purple. Through them she lifteth her voice, crying, turn with thy compassion to thy people, and grant peace to thy city, and to our souls the Great Mercy.

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 All Saints (Tone 8)

As first-fruits of our nature to the Planter of created things, the world presenteth the God-bearing martyred Saints in off'ring unto Thee, O Lord. Through their earnest entreaties, keep thy Church in deep peace and divine tranquility, through the pure Theotokos, O Thou who art greatly merciful.

The Prokeimenon

God is wonderful among His saints.
Bless God in the congregations.

The Epistle

Hebrews 11:33-12:2

Brethren, all the saints through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, received promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, so that they might rise again to a better life. Others suffered mocking and scourging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were tempted, they were killed with the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, ill-treated—of whom the world was not worthy—wandering over deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, though well attested by their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had foreseen something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect. Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfection of our faith.

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 10: 32-33, 37-38; 19: 27-30

The Lord said to His disciples, "Everyone who acknowledges Me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father Who is in heaven; but whoever denies Me before men, I also will deny before My Father Who is in heaven. He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me; and he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me; and he who does not take his cross and follow Me is not worthy of Me." Then Peter said in reply, "Lo, we have left everything and followed Thee. What then shall we have?" Jesus said to them, "Truly, I say to you, in the New World, when the Son of Man shall sit on His glorious throne, you who have followed Me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands, for My Name's sake, will receive a hundredfold, and inherit eternal life. But many that are first will be last, and the last first."

Holy Bread: Kh Meleah Palke

Commemorations(Living): Fr Michael, Pr Vicki, Katherine, John, Corgie, Karen, Maher, Fabiola, Christopher, Steven, Jonathan, Jaime, Justin, George, Joa n, Fr Tom, Kh Meleah, Stephen, Sagi, Sky, Carol, Natalia, Alexander, Anthony, Jim, Laura, Michael, Joel, Lisa, Danny, Asa, Cody, Max, Levi, Courtney, Nina, Kenneth, Alex, Christina, Beth, John, Dominick, Yina, Michael, Debra, Lauren, Rashid, Hala, Irina, Fr. Vladimir Paul, all Orthodox missionaries, the suffering believers everywhere.

Departed:

This year's Parish Life Conference will be held at Antiochian Village June 28 – July 2 (Wednesday-Sunday). See www.ny-charplc.org for more details. Fr Tom will be attending and will be bringing hygiene donated by our parish.

The Sunday of All Saints is celebrated the Sunday after Pentecost. The service is the last one in the "Pentecostarion", which has all the services from Pascha until the Sunday of All Saints, inclusive. The ministry of the Holy Spirit enlightens mankind and makes us able to attain the destiny God has chosen for us. The Saints are those who have shown forth the fruits of the Spirit abundantly.

The Apostles' Fast begins this Monday and continues through June 29 (the Feast of Sts. Peter and Paul). Fish, oil, and wine are permitted every day except Wednesdays and Fridays, which are a strict fast.

Know your faith. On the day of Pentecost, how many men were baptized? 3,000. "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For this promise is to you and to your children." (Acts 2: 38, 39). "The Father is my Hope. The Son is my Refuge. The Holy Spirit is my Protector. O All-holy Trinity, glory to thee." (A Prayer to the All-Holy Trinity). "Hail! Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee, O Virgin Theotokos; Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, for thou hast borne the Savior of our souls." (The Angelic Salutation). The Scriptures list the gifts of the Holy Spirit. They are wisdom, understanding, counsel, might, knowledge, piety, and the fear of God. Who wrote the book of Ecclesiastes? Solomon. In the first verse of the book he calls himself the Preacher ("Vanity of vanities" is what he says). Which son of King David committed treason against his father? Absalom. The life and death of Absalom offered to the rabbis a welcome theme wherewith to warn the people against false ambition, vainglory, and unfilial conduct. The vanity with which he displayed his beautiful hair, the rabbis say, became his snare and his stumbling-block. "By his long hair the Nazirite entangled the people to rebel against his father, and by it he himself became entangled, to fall a victim to his pursuers".



St. Raphael of Brooklyn Orthodox Church Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese

Metropolitan Saba
Bishop Thomas, Diocese of the Mid-Atlantic

Divine Liturgy 10:30 AM

Meeting at Compton Village
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THE SEVENFOLD GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Isaiah foretold that the Holy Spirit would rest upon the promised Messiah, Emmanuel, and that he would possess wisdom and understanding, counsel and fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of God (Isaiah 11:2), and piety. As Jesus was blessed with these gifts by his Father, every believer is blessed with the same gifts by the Holy Spirit.

Wisdom is first gift of the Holy Spirit. It is the ability to exercise good judgment. It is grounded in common sense and comes from life experience, thoughtful reflection, and learning life's lessons in "The School of Hard Knocks." Wisdom distinguishes between right and wrong, seeks and upholds truth and justice, and balances personal good with the common good. In the Old Testament wisdom is personified in Sophia, the mother of faith, hope, and love; while in the New Testament wisdom is personified in Jesus himself.

Understanding is the gift of intelligence and enlightenment. It is the ability to perceive, comprehend, and interpret information; to have insight and discern meaning.

Counsel is good advice. It is the ability to teach and inform, guide and direct, warn and admonish, recommend and encourage. The Holy Spirit offers this special gift to parents, teachers, coaches, mentors, advisors, supervisors, elders, and the like. Counsel is not only the ability to give good advice, but to receive it as well.

Might is an unwavering commitment to God or a proper course of action, and it shows itself is moral strength, courage, determination, patient endurance, long suffering, a resolute spirit, stamina, and resiliency.

Knowledge is the ability to study and learn; to acquire, retain, and master a wide spectrum of information; and to put it to good use for productive purposes.

Piety is the only gift not part of Isaiah's original list. Piety is personal holiness, the ability to live a decent life, free of sin, devoted to God, and obedient to God's will.

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 2. What is a 'saint'? "Saints" are used two different ways in the Bible. See 1 Cor. 1:2; Eph. 1:1; and Phil. 1:1. Compare with Heb. 11.
 3. When you have the Holy Spirit, you have Christ, and the gifts that he manifested in his earthly ministry. This is what is "downloaded" to you in chrismation. You will have a struggle internally between the flesh and the Spirit. Struggle to overcome the flesh by exercising the gifts of the Spirit.
 4. When you feel overwhelmed, remember that nothing shall separate you from God's love. The story of Gideon is an example of a small army of 300 overcoming a massive army of Midianites.
 5. "In the world you will have tribulation, but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world." (John 16:33). Remind yourself that "all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to his purpose." (Romans 8:28).
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 - Cling to Christ's Body, the Church, for spiritual nourishment.
 - Be the Church. Draw support from fellow members.
 - Tighten ranks.
 - Learn more about your faith
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