

June 25, 2023
Third Sunday after Pentecost
Apodosis (Leave-Taking) of the Forerunner's Nativity

Venerable Martyr Febronia of Nisibis; Venerable Prokopios of the Iviron skete on Athos

Troparion of the Resurrection (Tone 2)

Byzantine Tone 2 Basil Kazan
(1915 - 2001)

When thou _____ didst sub - mit thy - self _____ un - to
death, O thou death - less and im - mor - tal One,
then thou didst de - stroy _____ hell with thy God - ly pow'r, and when
thou didst raise the dead _____ from be - neath _____ the earth,
all the pow'rs of heav - en did cry a - loud _____ un - to thee:
O Christ, _____ thou Giv - er of life, glo - ry to thee.

Troparion for the Nativity of St. John the Baptist (Tone 4)

O prophet and Forerunner of Christ God's coming to us, all we who with longing now extol thee are at a loss to honor thee worthily. For thy mother's barrenness and father's long silence, by thine all-renowned and hallowed birth, were both ended, and the Incarnation of the Son of God is preached unto all the world.

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 Ordinary Sundays (Tone 2)

O Undisputed intercessor of Christians, the mediatrix who is unrejected by the Creator. Turn not away from the voice of our petitions, though we be sinners. Come to us with aid in time, who cry unto thee in faith, for thou art good. Hasten to us with intercessions, O Theotokos, who dost ever intercede for those who honor thee.

The Prokeimenon

The Lord is my strength and my song. The Lord has chastened me sorely.

Epistle

Romans 5:1-10

Brethren, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through Him we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in our hope of sharing the glory of God. More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit which has been given to us. While we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Why, one will hardly die for a righteous man—though perhaps for a good man one will dare even to die. But God shows His love for us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we are now justified by His blood, much more shall we be saved by Him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of His Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 6:22-33

"The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light; but if your eye is unhealthy, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then, the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness! 'No one can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.'" "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying,

'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear?' For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

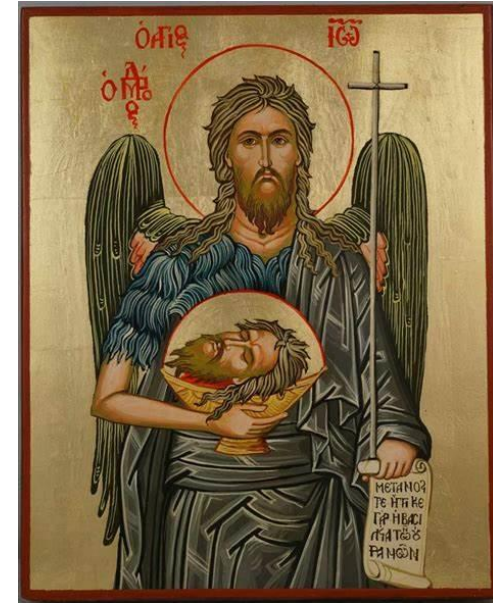
Holy Bread: Kh Meleah Palke

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: Andrew Riley

Wednesday Zoom Bible Study will not meet this week. Fr Tom will be at Antiochian Village for the Parish Life Conference this week.

Know your faith. On June 29 we honor Saints _____.
On August 15 we observe the Feast of _____. What book of the NT is written by St. Paul to a slave owner? _____. What was the name of his slave (who helped St. Paul)? _____. What book, written by St. Paul, is addressed to the bishop of Crete? _____. God taught St. Peter that the Gospel is for all people by sending him to _____ and his family. What was this man's occupation? _____. The Lord healed _____ lepers; only _____ returned to give thanks. Jesus healed a blind man named _____, who was persistent in seeking Jesus' healing (Mark 10:46). "A mercy of _____, a sacrifice of _____." King David committed adultery with _____, and had her husband, _____, placed in the front lines of battle. The prophet _____ confronted David about his sin. When the priest prepares communion at the _____ table, a large triangular piece of bread, representing _____ is placed to the left of the Lamb. To the right of the Lamb are the _____ orders of saints. In today's Epistle we learn that we are justified (made righteous) by _____ and, therefore, we have _____ with God. God's love has been poured into our hearts by the _____. While we were yet sinners, Christ _____. In the Gospel we learn that the eye is the _____ of the body. No one can serve _____. You cannot serve _____ and _____. We must strive first for the _____ of _____ and his righteousness, and God will _____.



St. Raphael of Brooklyn Orthodox Church

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Divine Liturgy 10:30 AM

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