

**July 2, 2023**  
**Fourth Sunday after Pentecost**

Juvenaly, archbishop of Jerusalem; the New-martyrs of Samothrace; repose of Job, first patriarch of Moscow; Archbishop John Maximovitch of Shanghai and San Francisco

**Little Entrance: Troparion of the Resurrection (Tone 3)**

Byzantine Tone 3

Basil Kazan  
(1915 - 2001)

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Let the heav - ens re - joice and the earth be glad,  
for the Lord hath done a might - y act with his own arm.  
He hath tram - pled down death by death and be - come the First -  
born from the dead. He hath de - liv - ered us from the  
depths of ha - des, grant - ing the world the great mer - cy.

**Troparion for Placing of the Theotokos' Robe (Tone 8)**

O Ever-Virgin Theotokos, shelter of mankind, thou hast bestowed upon thy people a mighty investure, even thine immaculate body's raiment and sash, which by thy seedless childbirth have remained incorrupt; for in thee, nature and time are made new. Wherefore, we implore thee to grant peace to the world, and Great Mercy to our souls.

**Troparion for St. Raphael of Brooklyn (Tone 4)**

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 Placing of the Theotokos' Robe (Tone 4)**

O godly shelter that dost cover all mankind, the sacred robe that covered thy sacred body hast thou bestowed on all the faithful graciously, O pure Virgin, as a robe of divine incorruption. As we celebrate with love its august deposition, we cry to thee with faith, O graced of God: Rejoice, O Lady, thou boast of the Christian race.

**The Prokeimenon**

*My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit doth rejoice in God my Savior. For He hath regarded the lowliness of His servant.*

**Epistle**

**Hebrews 9:1-7**

Brethren, even the first covenant had regulations for worship and an earthly sanctuary. For a tent was prepared, the outer one, in which were the lamp stand and the table and the bread of the Presence; it is called the Holy Place. Behind the second curtain stood a tent called the Holy of Holies, having the golden altar of incense and the ark of the covenant covered on all sides with gold, which contained a golden urn holding the manna, and Aaron's rod that budded, and the tables of the covenant; above it were the cherubim of glory overshadowing the mercy seat. Of these things we cannot now speak in detail. These preparations having thus been made, the priests go continually into the outer tent, performing their ritual duties; but into the second only the high priest goes, and he but once a year, and not without taking blood which he offers for himself and for the errors of the people.

**Holy Gospel**

**Matthew 8:5-13**

At that time, as Jesus entered Capernaum, a centurion came forward to Him, beseeching Him and saying, "Lord, my servant is lying paralyzed at home, in terrible distress." And He said to him, "I will come and heal him." But the centurion answered Him, "Lord, I am not worthy to have Thee come under my roof; but only say the word, and my servant will be healed. For I am a man under authority, with soldiers under me; and I say to one, 'Go,' and he goes, and to another, 'Come,' and he comes, and to my slave, 'Do this,' and he does it." When Jesus heard him, he marveled, and said to those who followed him, "Truly, I say to you, not even in Israel have I found such faith. I tell you, many will come from east and west and sit at table with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven, while the sons of the kingdom will be thrown into the outer darkness; there men will weep and gnash their

teeth.” And to the centurion Jesus said, “Go; be it done for you as you have believed.” And the servant was healed at that very moment.

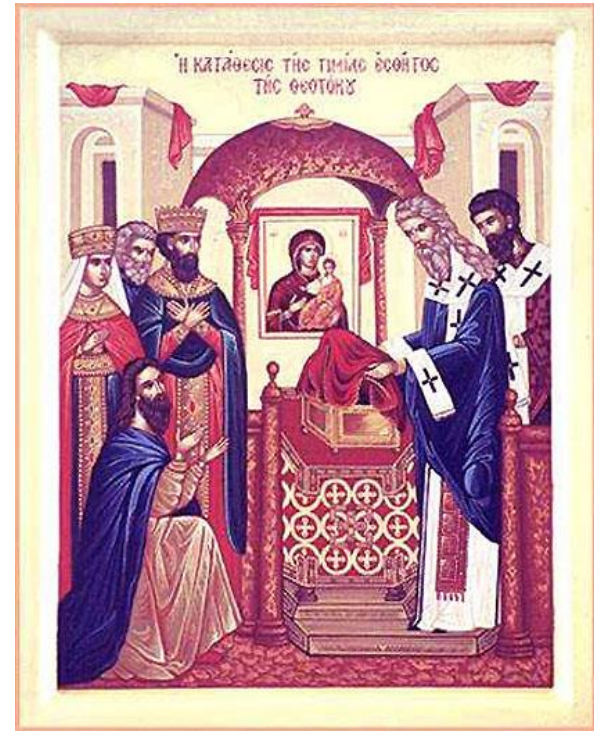
**Holy Bread:** Kh Meleah Palke

**Commemorations(Living):** Fr Michael, Pr Vicki, Katherine, John, Corgie, Karen, Maher, Fabiola, Christopher, Steven, Jonathan, Jaime, Justin, George, Jo 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:**

**Know your faith.** On June 29 we honor Saints Peter and Paul. On August 15 we observe the Feast of the Dormition. What book of the NT is written by St. Paul to a slave owner? Philemon. What was the name of his slave (who helped St. Paul)? Onesimus. What book, written by St. Paul, is addressed to the bishop of Crete? Titus. God taught St. Peter that the Gospel is for all people by sending him to Cornelius and his family. What was this man’s occupation? Soldier (Centurion). The Lord healed 10 lepers; only 1 returned to give thanks. Jesus healed a blind man named Bartimaeus, who was persistent in seeking Jesus’ healing (Mark 10:46). “A mercy of peace, a sacrifice of praise.” King David committed adultery with Bathsheba, and had her husband, Uriah, placed in the front lines of battle. The prophet Nathan confronted David about his sin. When the priest prepares communion at the prothesis table, a large triangular piece of bread, representing the Theotokos is placed to the left of the Lamb. To the right of the Lamb are the 9 orders of saints. In today’s Epistle we learn that we are justified (made righteous) by faith and, therefore, we have peace with God. God’s love has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit. While we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. In the Gospel we learn that the eye is the light of the body. No one can serve two masters. You cannot serve God and mammon (possessions). We must strive first for the Kingdom of God and his righteousness, and God will give you these things as well.

**Today we commemorate the Deposition of the Precious Raiment (Robe) of the Most Holy Theotokos** in her holy shrine at Blachernae in Constantinople, during the reign of Leo the Great and Berina his wife. In the fifth century, two noblemen from Constantinople named Galibus and Candidus traveled throughout the Holy Land to venerate and to worship before the holy shrines. In Nazareth, they stopped for a while at the home of a Jewish maiden who kept the girdle of the All-Holy Mother of God in a secret room. Many who were ill and in need received healing from their sufferings through prayer and by touching the vesture. Galibus and Candidus received this sacred article and brought it to Constantinople and reported it to Emperor Leo and Patriarch Gennadius. The vesture was solemnly translated and placed in the Church of Blachernae.



## 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

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