

## MARTYRS EUTROPIUS, CLEONICUS AND BASILISCUS OF AMASEA

The brothers Eutropius and Cleonicus, and Basiliscus, the nephew of Great Martyr Theodore the Recruit, were imprisoned by Asclepiodotus, the ruler of Amasea, because of their preaching. Knowing them to be comrades of St. Theodore, who had been tortured by the previous governor, he had them mercilessly beaten.

As he was being tortured, St. Eutropius prayed loudly, "Grant us, O Lord to endure these wounds for the sake of the crown of martyrdom, and help us, as You helped Your servant Theodore." In answer, the Lord Himself appeared with His angels and Great Martyr Theodore, saying to them: "Behold, the Savior has come to help you, that you may know life eternal."

Soldiers and many people also beheld the Savior. They urged Asclepiodotus to halt the tortures. Seeing that people were ready to believe in the true God, he commanded the martyrs be taken away. The governor then invited St. Eutropius to supper and urged him to offer public sacrifice to the pagan gods yet remain a Christian in soul. Eutropius refused this offer.

The next day the saints were taken to a pagan temple, to force them to offer sacrifice. Eutropius prayed, "Lord, be with us, and destroy the raging of the pagans. Grant that on this place the Bloodless Sacrifice of the Christians be offered to You, the true God." No sooner had this been spoken than an earthquake began. The people fled. A voice said: "Your prayer has been heard, and on this place a house of Christian prayer shall be built."

When the earthquake ended, the governor gave orders to drive high wooden stakes into the ground, tie the martyrs to them and pour boiling tar over them. Again, the saints prayed, and Eutropius cried out to the torturers, "May the Lord turn your deed against you!"

The tar began to flow beside the martyrs' bodies, like water with marble, scorching the torturers. Those seeing this fled in terror, but yet the governor gave orders to rake their bodies with iron hooks and sting their wounds with mustard, salt and vinegar. The saints endured these torments with remarkable firmness.

On the morning of March 3, Sts. Eutropius and Cleonicus were crucified. Basiliscus was executed on May 22 in the city of Komana. He was beheaded and thrown into a river, but Christians found his relics and buried them.

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## MEATFARE SUNDAY

### SUNDAY OF THE LAST JUDGMENT

*Martyr Eutropius of Amasea, and with him Martyrs Cleonicus and Basiliscus;  
St. Piama, Virgin;  
Sts. Zeno and Zoilus*

“As we think about that awesome day of judgment and Your ineffable glory, O Lord, we tremble from the depth of our souls, and in apprehension we cry out to You, O Savior: Receive us in repentance; forgive us over and over again, and by the Theotokos, enlighten us and save us.”  
Exapostilarion, Tone III

“Let us praise Eutropius, Basiliscus and divine Cleonicus, the three holy athletes of Christ. They surpassed human endurance in their contests and professed the supremacy of the Trinity. Now they ceaselessly intercede that we all may be saved!”

Troparion, Tone IV

TODAY’S EPISTLE: I CORINTHIANS 8:8-9:2

TODAY’S GOSPEL: MATTHEW 25:31-46

### HOLY WORSHIP THIS WEEK:

Today, March 3	11:30 a.m. Memorial Service for Anna Stoyka (One year)
Saturday, March 9	Noon Baptism of Charlotte Lloyd
	5:00 p.m. Great Vespers; Confessions

### Daily Scripture Readings

Monday, March 4	III John 1:1-15	Luke 19:29-40; 22:7-39
Tuesday, March 5	Jude 1:1-10	Luke 22:39-42,45-23:1
Wednesday, March 6	Joel 2:12-26	Joel 3:12-21
Thursday, March 7	Jude 1:11-25	Luke 23:2-34,44-56
Friday, March 8	Zechariah 8:7-17	Zechariah 8:19-23
(40 Martyrs)	Isaiah 43:9-14	Solomon 3:1-9
Saturday, March 9	Hebrews 12:1-10	Solomon 5:15-6:3
(Departed)	Galatians 5:22-6:2	Matthew 20:1-16
	Romans 14:19-23,16:25-27	Matthew 11:27-30
		Matthew 6:1-13

**COMING EVENTS**

**MARCH:**

- 4, Monday 12:30 p.m. St. Elizabeth Book Circle
- 9, Saturday 10:00—3:00 Lenten Retreat at Sts. Constantine & Helen Church
- 11, Monday Beginning of Great Lent
- 17, Sunday 11:00 a.m. Parish Council meeting  
5:00 p.m. Sunday of Orthodoxy Vespers at Archangel Michael Church
- 20, Wednesday Soup Supper following Presanctified Liturgy
- 27, Wednesday Soup Supper following Presanctified Liturgy

**RETREAT:**

Sts. Constantine & Helen Church is holding a Lenten Retreat on Saturday, March 9, 10:00-3:00, preceded by Divine Liturgy at 8:30 a.m. The topic is "Encouraging Faith in One Another," and the speaker is Fr. Stavros Akrotirianakis. Details for registration are in the Fellowship Hall; breakfast and lunch are included in the \$15 fee (\$20 after March 3).

**ST. ELIZABETH BOOK CIRCLE:**

The Book Circle will meet Monday, March 4, at 12:30 p.m. We are reading pages 113-133 on Prayer in Wounded By Love, the life of Elder Porphyrios.

**FLOWERS:**

The flowers today are offered by the Frank Stoyka Family in memory of Anthony Busch.

**TRINITARIAN COVERS:**

The covers today are offered by Harvey and Pat Schwartz.

**SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY VESPERS:**

The Orthodox community will celebrate the Sunday of Orthodoxy—the first Sunday of Lent— with a Vespers service at Archangel Michael Church, March 17, 5:00 p.m. Fr. Joseph, Abbot of St. Gregory Palamas Monastery will give the homily. Patronage for the booklet is being requested, with the donations supporting local Orthodox charities. Forms were in last week's Trinitarian and are also available in the Fellowship Hall.

**GREETERS:**

We are looking for new people to become greeters. If you are interested, contact Alex Cundik at 440-877-1980, or [ajcundik@cox.net](mailto:ajcundik@cox.net)

**COFFEE HOUR:**

Thank you to the Stoyka Family for our Coffee Hour refreshments today.

HELP IS NEEDED for March 17, 24 and 31. Please sign up in the kitchen.

We live in a kind of seductive darkness of the heart and intellect, but the Lord Jesus Christ is our enlightenment. The saints always see us by the grace of God, because they are in God and God is in them. They are one spirit with the Lord (I Corinthians 6:17), and the Lord sees everything, hears everything. Therefore when, for instance, in church you look upon the images of God's saints, believe that they see you, and, above all, that they see your heart.

St. John of Kronstadt

**THE GIFTS WE OFFER TO THE LORD WE LOVE**

REGULAR COLLECTION, FEBRUARY 24	\$ 1681.00
CHURCH ADMINISTRATION ASSESSMENT	1080.00
BUILDING FUND	5.00
MORTGAGE FUND	90.00
CANDLES	147.00
ORTHODOX MISSIONS	68.00
2/17 COFFEE HOUR	84.00

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**THE SAINTS AMONG US -**  
**ST. RAPHAEL OF BROOKLYN**

On February 27, we commemorate a saint who was the first Orthodox bishop consecrated in North America, St. Raphael of Brooklyn. Raphael Hawaweeny was born in 1860 in Beirut to Syrian Orthodox parents. In spite of the chaotic political events in the Middle East at that time, he received a good education. Initially he studied at the Damascus Patriarchal School, after which he went to the famous Ecumenical Patriarch's Seminary in Halki, near Constantinople. Finally, he attended the Kiev Theological Academy, then part of the Russian Empire. It was from Russia and on behalf of the Russian Church that in 1895 he was sent as Archimandrite to administer and lead the blossoming Orthodox communities in North America. His pastoral focus was on the people from the Middle East, but he ministered to all Orthodox Christians, including Russians, Greeks, Serbians, Carpatho-Rusyns and Ukrainians. The ruling bishop of the Orthodox Missionary Diocese of North America at that time was St. Tikhon (Belavin), who after his return to Russia would be elected Patriarch in 1917. St. Tikhon was fond of St. Raphael and through his efforts obtained permission from the Russian Holy Synod to consecrate St. Raphael as Bishop in 1904. This took place at St. Nicholas Cathedral in Brooklyn, New York, which became the center for missionary activity for the Orthodox Christians from Palestine and Syria.

Although St. Raphael's hierarchical ministry was short-lived, he was very active and productive. In addition to the Cathedral, twenty-nine Antiochian parishes were founded. In July, 1905, he officiated at the consecration of St. Tikhon of Zadonsk Orthodox Monastery in South Canaan, PA. Following that consecration, he presided over a conference of clergy in Old Forge, PA, on behalf of Archbishop Tikhon, who was travelling at the time. His archpastoral work took him throughout North America, coming to an end only upon his passing away on February 27, 1915. He was initially buried in New York City, but after his canonization in 2000, his holy remains were taken to Antiochian Village, Ligonier, PA.

For the Antiochian Orthodox Christians of North America, St. Raphael of Brooklyn is a founding father and special heavenly protector. He was a loyal and proud Antiochian Orthodox Christian, both speaking and writing about the injustices that his people suffered. Travelling to the Middle East, he would bring back qualified people to help him in pastoral work. An author of several books, he founded the Arabic Orthodox publication *The Word*, which is still published by the Antiochian Orthodox Church of North America. As terrible as the sufferings of Orthodox Christians in the Middle East were a hundred years ago, they go on with even greater intensity in our time. As St. Raphael is one of our North American saints, we need to honor his memory with regular prayers for our Orthodox and Christian brothers and sisters in that part of the world, where so much violence and suffering continues. In our church you see him in the front row of the group of North American Saints on the south side of the back wall. We are also blessed to have a portion of his holy relics on our Altar Table.

*Fr. Alexander Garklaus*