

27 February

SAINT RAPHAEL, BISHOP OF BROOKLYN

Aposticha—Tone Two, Special Melody:

“House of Ephratha”

Joyously ♩ = 76-80 Valaam Chant

Ho - ly hier - arch Ra - pha - el,* who can de - scribe
your ma - ny la - bors?* Who can count the hard - ships
you en - dured?* As a shep - herd of Christ's ra - tion - al
flock,* pray that He pre - serve His Church in peace.

Verse: Let Your priests be clothed in righteousness, and let Your saints rejoice.

St. Raphael Aposticha 2

Ho - ly fa - ther Ra - pha - el,* who can speak of your
sor - rows?* Who can re - count your no - ble deeds?*

Friend of the need - y and pro - tect - or of or - phans,*
in - ter - cede with Christ for our sal - va - tion.

The musical score consists of four systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The key signature is G major (one sharp). The first system contains the lyrics 'Ho - ly fa - ther Ra - pha - el,* who can speak of your'. The second system contains 'sor - rows?* Who can re - count your no - ble deeds?*. The third system contains 'Friend of the need - y and pro - tect - or of or - phans,*'. The fourth system contains 'in - ter - cede with Christ for our sal - va - tion.'. The piano accompaniment features chords and melodic lines, with some passages marked with a fermata.

Verse: The righteous man will flourish like a palm tree, like a cedar of Lebanon will he grow.

St. Raphael Aposticha 3

Glo - ri - ous Ra - pha - el,* great light from

An - ti - och,* seek - er of the lost child - ren of the

Church,* mod - el for bi - shops in North A - mer - i - ca,*

en - treat Christ's great mer - cy for us all.

St. Raphael, Aposticha-Glory...

Glory...in the Fourth Tone

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spi - rit.

Today a great festival shines like a sun ov - er all the world, as we

celebrate the memory of the holy bi - shop Ra - pha - el, a - pos - tle

to the lost sheep of North A - mer - i - ca. Let us rejoice on this festive

day and cry out un - to him: Hail, new Moses, who led your peo - ple

(into the promised land...)

St. Raphael, Aposticha-Glory... 2

into the pro - mised land! Hail, new Elijah, who bequeathed

a double portion of your spi - rit to us! Hail, new Ezra, who built a temple

of God in our midst! Hail, new apostle of Christ our God, drawing

us clos - er to Him! As you stand among the saints before the

throne of God, never cease to intercede for us who ho - nor you.

St. Raphael, Aposticha-Now and ever...

Now and ever...in the Same Tone:

Now and ever and un - to a - ges of a - ges. A - men.

Theotokion:

Having you, O Theotokos, as our hope and pro - tec - tion, we are not

dismayed by the schemes of the E - ne - my, for you ev - er

in - ter - cede for our souls.