

# The Aposticha for St Raphael - Tone 2

To the melody

Oίχος τού Εφραθά

O house of Ephratha

Verse 1:

O Fa- ther Ra- phael, who can tell of thy to-  
il? Who can num-ber thy hard- ships? Fa- ther  
to or- phans, pray that the Church bepre- served in peace.

Verse 2:

O hol- ly Ra- phael, who can tell of thy sor-  
rows? Who can re- count thy no- ble deeds? Friend  
of the nee- dy poor, in- ter- cede for oursal-va- tion.

Verse 3:

O glo- rious Ra- phael, great Light from An- ti-  
och, good Shep- herd of the lost sheep, Boast  
of A- me- ri- ca, beg Christ for His great mer- cy.

# Doxastikon on the Aposticha for St Raphael - Tone 4

Glo- ry to the Fa- ther and to the Son  
and to the Ho- ly Spi- rit. To-  
day a splen did fes- ti- val dawns up-  
on the whole world. To- day  
the lands of Rus- sia and an- cient Sy- ri-  
a ce- le- brate the me- mo- ry of their right- eous  
son, Ra- pha- el, A- pos- tle to A-  
me- ri- ca, good shep- herd of the lost  
sheep Where- fore, let us ce- le- brate this fes-  
tive day and cry out un- to him say-  
ing: Re- joice, O new Mo- ses,

who didst lead thy peo- ple out of the wild- er- ness

in- to the Pro- mised Land. Re-joice, O new E- li-

as, who hast placed with- in the

ho- ly Church a dou- ble por- tion of thy

spi- rit. Re- joice, O new Ez- ra,

thou buil- der of the Tem- ple of God.

Re- joice, O new A- pos- tle of Christ our God the

fish- er of men. As thou hast

bold- ness with the an- gels be- fore the throne

of God, ne- ver cease to in- ter- cede with Christ God for thy

ho- ly flock Both now and ev-

er, and unto ages of ages.

A-

men.

Ha- ving

thee,

O The- o- to-

kos, as our hope and protec-

tion, we are

not dismayed by the schemes of the foe, for truly thou

dost save our souls.