Verse:  Let Your priests be clothed in righteousness, and let Your saints rejoice.
Verse: The righteous man will flourish like a palm tree, like a cedar of Lebanon will he grow.
Glorious Raphael,* great light from

Antioch,* seeker of the lost children of the

Church,* model for bishops in North America,*

entreat Christ's great mercy for us all.
Glory...in the Fourth Tone

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

Today a great festival shines like a sun over all the world, as we celebrate the memory of the holy bishop Raphael, apostle to the lost sheep of North America. Let us rejoice on this festive day and cry out unto him: Hail, new Moses, who led your people (into the promised land...)

St. Raphael, Aposticha-Glory...
into the promised land! Hail, new Elijah, who bequeathed a double portion of your spirit to us! Hail, new Ezra, who built a temple of God in our midst! Hail, new apostle of Christ our God, drawing us closer to Him! As you stand among the saints before the throne of God, never cease to intercede for us who honor you.
Now and ever... in the Same Tone:

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Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.
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Theotokion:

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Having you, O Theotokos, as our hope and protection, we are not dismayed by the schemes of the Enemy, for you ever
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intercede for our souls.
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