



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.

O wise and loving hierarch of the Church of Christ God,
good shepherd of the lost sheep in America, sustenance for our
souls, uniter of the Orthodox world, proclaimer of the truth,
guardian of the faith, father to orphans, protector of widows,
friend of the poor, reconciler of foes, adornment of the holy
Church, seeker of the lost, joy of all the Orthodox, son of
Antioch, boast of America- O holy Father Raphael: Mercifully
hear our prayer which is offered unto thee by thy grateful
children, we who assemble for prayer at the parish in Iowa
City which bears thy name. O high priest of the Most High
God, lift up thy hands and bless us, O thou who art thrice-
blessed of the All-holy Trinity. O comforter of the oppressed
who art a bearer of the heavenly King, the Comforter and
Spirit of Truth, take us to thy bosom and shelter us from all
harm. O shepherd who art a servant of the Lamb and a sheep
of His flock, take up thy staff and guide us to secure and
verdant pastures. O father who art a son and heir of the
Unoriginate Father, lift up thine arms and intercede with Him
that our parish may be preserved in tranquility and stability;
that our God-appointed hierarchs may be granted peace,
safety, honor, health and length of days, rightly dividing the
word of truth; that our priest may be clothed with
righteousness; that our God-fearing monastics may shine forth
as paradise-bearing lights upon the world; and that we all may
be granted mercy, life, peace, health, salvation and visitation,
pardon and forgiveness of sins. Beseech the Lord that we may
be granted to live a peaceful life in this age, and to see the
good things in the age which is to come, always glorifying the
unoriginate Father, the only-begotten Son and the all-holy and
good and life-giving Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of
ages. Amen.