Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. Today a splendid festival dawns upon the whole world. Today the lands of Russia and ancient Syria celebrate the memory of their righteous son Raphael, Apostle to America, good shepherd of the lost sheep. Wherefore, let us celebrate this festive day and cry out unto him, saying:
Rejoice, O new Moses, who didst lead thy people out of the wilderness into the Promised Land! Rejoice, O new Eliyas, who hast placed within the holy Church a double portion of thy spirit! Rejoice, O new Ezra, thou builder of the Temple of God! Rejoice, O new Apostle of Christ our God, the fisher of men! As thou hast boldness with the angels before the throne of God, never cease to intercede with Christ God for thy holy flock.