

St. Michael the Archangel Antiochian Orthodox Church

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Sunday, August 29, 2021

Beheading of the Forerunner and Baptist John

Celebrant: Fr. Ben Kjendal

LITTLE ENTRANCE WEEKLY VARIABLES

THE EISODIKON (ENTRANCE HYMN): In the gathering places bless ye God the Lord, from the springs of Israel. Save us, O Son of God, Who art risen from the dead, who sing to Thee. Alleluia.

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE ONE: While the stone was sealed by the Jews, and the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body, Thou didst arise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. For which cause the heavenly powers cried aloud unto Thee, O giver of life. Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ, glory to Thy kingdom, glory to Thy providence, O Thou Who alone art the lover of mankind.

APOLYTIKION OF THE BAPTIST'S BEHEADING IN TONE TWO: The memory of the righteous is celebrated with songs of praise, but the Lord's testimony is sufficient for thee, O Forerunner. Thou wast shown indeed to be the most honorable of the prophets, for in the waters thou didst baptize Him Whom they had proclaimed. After suffering with joy in behalf of the truth, thou didst proclaim even to those in Hades the God Who appeared in the flesh, Who taketh away the sin of the world, and granteth us Great Mercy.

APOLYTIKION OF ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL: O ye foremost of the heavenly host, we beseech thee, though we are unworthy. Pray that we may be encompassed with the shadow of thy unearthly glory. Preserving us who kneel and cry endlessly. Deliver us from oppression since Ye are the princes of the highest power.

KONTAKION OF THE NATIVITY OF THE THEOTOKOS IN TONE FOUR: By thy holy nativity, O pure one, Joachim and Anna were delivered from the reproach of barrenness; and Adam and Eve were delivered from the corruption of death; thy people do celebrate it, having been saved from the stain of iniquity, crying unto thee: The barren doth give birth to the Theotokos, who nourisheth our life.

TRISAGION PRAYER

<i>English</i>	Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have Mercy on us
<i>Arabic</i>	Qudoos El Laah, Quodoos El Qawi, Qudoos El Lathi La Yamoot, Urhamnah
<i>Greek</i>	Agios O Theos, Agios Ischiros, Agios Athanatos, Eyleison Imas
<i>Russian</i>	Svyatij Bozhe, Svyatij Krepkij, Svatij Bessmertnij pomiluj nas

KOINONIKON (COMMUNION HYMN) FOR THE SAINT IN TONE EIGHT

In everlasting remembrance shall the righteous be; he shall not be afraid of evil tidings. Alleluia.

The Mission of St Michael the Archangel Orthodox Church is to love and worship God, to grow closer to Him, and to proclaim and to spread the Good News of the salvation of Jesus Christ to our parishioners, our neighbors and people everywhere.

We worship and pray in English. We experience the beauty and joy of living the Holy Orthodox Christian faith – sharing love and fellowship, teaching and leading by example, growing together through service, education, stewardship and forgiveness.

A NOTE REGARDING HOLY COMMUNION: *Since we understand Communion to mean we have all things in common, sharing an identical Faith, only those who are members of the Orthodox Church and who have prepared themselves through prayer, fasting and confession may participate in Holy Communion. We invite all present to partake of the blessed bread distributed at the end of the service.*

UNLESS YOU ARE INJURED OR UNABLE, PLEASE REMAIN STANDING DURING COMMUNION

<u>Saturday, August 28</u>	7:00 PM Vespers
<u>Sunday, August 29</u>	8:30 AM Orthros
	9:30 AM Divine Liturgy
<u>Saturday, September 4</u>	7:00 PM Vespers
<u>Sunday, September 5</u>	8:30 AM Orthros
	9:30 AM Divine Liturgy
	Parish Cookout

*****In case of emergency, there are emergency numbers posted next to the telephones in the coat room and in the kitchen*****

PLEASE SEE ST MICHAEL HAPPENINGS FOR UPCOMING EVENTS AND CHARITABLE NEEDS OVER THE COMING WEEKS. MAY GOD CONTINUE TO BLESS YOU!

***** DON'T FORGET NON-PERISHABLE ITEMS FOR FOOD PANTRY *****

THANK YOU to Jasmine & Paul Andrews for their tireless efforts in purchasing /delivering food donations!

PLEASE JOIN US FOR COFFEE HOUR

Our People are our Choir! We love to hear you sing with us! WELCOME!

We are glad to have you worship with us today!

Father Ben Kjendal is available to visit with you in your home for pastoral care, counseling and inquiries regarding Orthodoxy by appointment. His cell number is (978) 397-3285.

If you need anyone remembered during services (in Memory of or for Good Health of), please let Fr. Ben know **AT LEAST ONE WEEK IN ADVANCE** so they can be included in all the prayers during Vespers, Orthros (Matins) and Liturgy

THE EPISTLE

The righteous shall rejoice in the Lord. Hearken unto my voice, O God.

The Reading from the Acts of the Holy Apostles. (13:25-33)

In those days, as John was fulfilling his course, he said, "Who do you suppose that I am? I am not He. But behold, there comes One after me the shoes of whose feet I am not worthy to unloose." Men, brethren, children of the stock of Abraham, and those among you who fear God, to you is the word of this salvation sent forth. For those who dwell in Jerusalem, and their rulers, because they did not know Him, nor yet the voices of the prophets which are read on every Sabbath, fulfilled these by condemning Him. And though they found no cause of death in Him, yet they asked Pilate that He should be slain. And when they had fulfilled all the things that were written of Him, they took Him down from the tree, and laid him in a tomb. But God raised Him from the dead; and for many days He was seen by those who came up with Him from Galilee to Jerusalem, who are now His witnesses to the people. And we bring you the good news of the promise made to the fathers, that God has fulfilled the same to us their children, in that He raised up Jesus again.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark. (6:14-30)

At that time, Jesus' Name had become known, and King Herod heard of it. Some said, "John the Baptizer has been raised from the dead; that is why these powers are at work in Him." But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." But when Herod heard of it he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised." For Herod had sent and seized John, and bound him in prison for the sake of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because he had married her. For John said to Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and kept him safe. When he heard him, he was much perplexed; and yet he heard him gladly. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and the leading men of Galilee. For when Herodias' daughter came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will grant it." And he vowed to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." And she went out, and said to her mother, "What shall I ask?" And she said, "The head of John the Baptizer." And she came in immediately with haste to the king, and asked, saying, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." And the king was exceedingly sorry; but because of his oaths and his guests he did not want to break his word to her. And immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard and gave orders to bring his head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, and brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl; and the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard of it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb. The Apostles returned to Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught.



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ST. MICHAEL HAPPENINGS

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ALL FOR THE GLORY OF GOD AND HIS CHURCH

Thank you to Electra Savas for holding a Prospora Baking tutorial on Saturday, August 21.

Electra has been baking Holy Bread for St Michael for many years. It was an opportunity for her to share her talent with others.

Thanks to Carole Kanavos for taking pictures and for Yury Klokov for taking video.

An icon of "Prophora Bakers" was presented to Electra as a small token of thanks for her many years of stewardship to St Michael.

This is a lesson for all of us to share our talents and be good stewards of St Michael. If there is any way you can volunteer, please let Joe Rahal know stmichael@stmichaelcapecod.org. Stewardship is a combination of sharing time, talent and treasure. There are so many opportunities for us to be active. Nothing is too small!

SAVE THE DATE / SEPTEMBER 5, PARISH COOKOUT The Parish Council invites all of you for a fun-filled cookout after Liturgy on Sunday, September 5. FREE EVENT to thank all of our parish members, families, and visitors for an amazing year, just as we kick off the new liturgical year!

Also, in case of rain, we will still have the "cook-out" but it will be a "cook out and eat in"!

Please join us! We will provide food and games. A great time will be had by all!

A Baby Center Throughout the month of August we will continue to collect NEW or VERY GENTLY USED children's books (appropriate for newborns through age 4) to donate to A Baby Center in Hyannis. Look for the collection box in the side entrance vestibule (by the elevator). See Kh. Alyssa with any questions. Thank you!!!

THE COOKBOOKS ARE AVAILABLE AGAIN AT THE VERY LOW PRICE OF ONLY \$30

These are high quality paper, full color, and large print. They are very easy to use and showcase our traditions and our stories. Please let Soraya know if you would like to have one (sbandeli@comcast.net or 617-842-8591)

Thank you to everyone who has supported this effort in any way!

BACKPACK BLESSINGS PACKING AND DELIVERY THIS SUNDAY! We will be packing the school supplies and then delivering the backpacks to the Village at Cataumet this Sunday 8/29. Please join us in the conference room after grabbing a bite to eat at coffee hour. Many hands make for light work! Thank you!