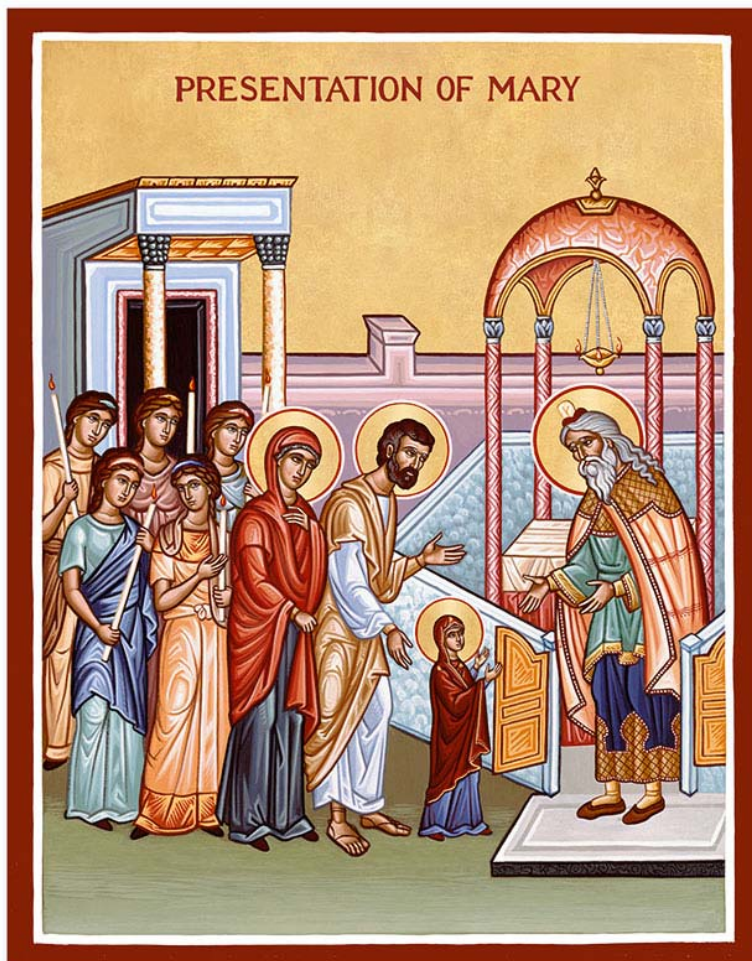


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**Sunday, November 21, 2021**

**Feast of the Entrance of the Theotokos**

**Celebrant: Fr. Ben Kjendal**

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## 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 FIVE: Let us believers praise and worship the Word; coeternal with the Father and the Spirit, born of the Virgin for our salvation. For, He took pleasure in ascending the Cross in the flesh to suffer death; and to raise the dead by His glorious Resurrection.

APOLYTIKION OF THE ENTRANCE OF THE THEOTOKOS IN TONE FOUR: Today the Virgin is the foreshadowing of the pleasure of God, and the beginning of the preaching of the salvation of mankind. Thou hast appeared in the Temple of God openly and hast gone before, preaching Christ to all. Let us shout with one thrilling voice, saying: Rejoice, O thou who art the fulfillment of the Creator's dispensation.

KONTAKION OF ENTRANCE OF THE THEOTOKOS IN TONE FOUR: The sacred treasury of God's holy glory, the greatly precious bridal chamber and Virgin, the Savior's most pure temple, free of stain and undefiled, into the House of the Lord on this day is brought forward and bringeth with herself the grace of the Most Divine Spirit; her do God's Angels hymn with songs of praise, for she is truly the heavenly tabernacle.

### TRISAGION PRAYER

*English* Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have Mercy on us

*Arabic* Qudoos El Laah, Quodoos El Qawi, Qudoos El Lathi La Yamoot, Urhamnah

*Greek* Agios O Theos, Agios Ischiros, Agios Athanatos, Eyleison Imas

*Russian* Svyatij Bozhe, Svyatij Krepkij, Svatij Bessmertnij pomiluj nas

MEGALYNARION OF THE ENTRANCE IN TONE FOUR: *The Angels beholding the entrance of the all-pure one were overtaken by surprise; how hath the Virgin entered into the Holy of Holies?* Since thou art a living temple of God, O Theotokos, no impure hand shall touch thee. But the lips of believers, let them ceaselessly laud thee, crying unto thee joyfully with the voice of the angels: Verily, O undefiled Virgin, thou art more exalted than all creatures.

**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.**

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KOINONIKON (COMMUNION HYMN) FOR THE ENTRANCE IN TONE EIGHT

I will take the cup of salvation, and I will call upon the Name of the Lord.  
Alleluia.

**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**

**SCHEDULE:**

**Saturday, November 20** 5:00 PM Vespers

**Sunday, November 21** 9:00 AM Orthros / Church School

10:00 AM Divine Liturgy

Nativity Decoration of the Nave

**Saturday, November 27** 5:00 PM Vespers

**Sunday, November 28** 9:00 AM Orthros / Church School

10:00 AM Divine Liturgy

**Clarification Notice** for the Stewardship letter and form you all recently received.

- We are asking for the stewardship form and pledge to be returned to the Church by December 6, one week prior to the annual meeting on December 12. This pledge is for 2022 and will provide important information as we plan for 2022.
- Should you have any questions, please contact Fr. Ben at the parish office: 508-420-1113
- Thank you all for your understanding and cooperation.

**\*\*\*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 & CHARITABLE NEEDS OVER THE COMING WEEKS. MAY GOD CONTINUE TO BLESS YOU!

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

**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

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## THE EPISTLE

*My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior. He hath regarded the lowliness of His servant.*

### **The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews. (9:1-7)**

Brethren, the first tabernacle had ordinances of the divine services and an earthly sanctuary. For the first tabernacle was prepared, in which were the candlestick, and the table, and the bread of the offering, which is called the Sanctuary. And behind the second veil stood the tabernacle which is called the Holy of Holies; having a golden altar of incense, and the ark of the covenant overlaid round about with gold, which contained a golden jar holding the manna, and Aaron's rod that budded, and the two tablets of the covenant; and above it the two Cherubim of glory overshadowing the Ark's lid; of these things, we cannot now speak in particular. Now these things having been thus prepared, the priests go in continually into the first tabernacle, accomplishing the divine services; but into the second the high priest enters alone, once in the year, not without blood, which he offers for himself, and for the ignorances of the people.

## THE GOSPEL

### **The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (10:38-42; 11:27-28)**

At that time, Jesus entered a certain village; and a woman named Martha received Him into her house. And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to His teaching. But Martha was distracted with much serving; and she went to Him and said, "Lord, dost Thou not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things; one thing is needful. Mary has chosen the good portion, which shall not be taken away from her." As He said this, a woman in the crowd raised her voice and said to Him, "Blessed is the womb that bore Thee, and the breasts that Thou didst suck!" But He said, "Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!"

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## ST. MICHAEL HAPPENINGS

WEEKLY BULLETIN CAN BE VIEWED ON OUR  
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**SHOP ON AMAZON AND SUPPORT ST. MICHAEL** As the **Black Friday, Cyber Monday** and **Christmas shopping** is approaching, please consider taking this one extra step to your normal shopping routine on Amazon! You start at [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) and do your regular logon it. Designate St Michael The Archangel Antiochian Orthodox Church as your charity. That is

it! As you shop, Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchase to St Michael, it's **no additional cost for you**. If you need help, ask David Easa. Please tell your family and friends about it! Together we can raise some funds for our many programs!

**THANKSGIVING MEAL DELIVERY!** We need your help! Please meet at the church at 9:30 AM this Friday 11/19. We will be loading vehicles with the non-perishable items for the meals, as well as with empty boxes needed for packing the meals. We will then head over to Faith Family Kitchen in Hyannis (154 Bearses Way) where we will unload all of the food and package it in boxes to be distributed to the 50 families who will each be receiving a complete Thanksgiving meal. Many hands make for light work! Please help your neighbors in need (and your very pregnant Presbyteras) by giving a few hours of your Friday morning! Thank you!!!

**It's that wonderful time of year - Nativity Decorating - Sunday, November 21** Join us as we deck the halls of St. Michael to coincide with the Entrance of the Theotokos to the Temple on Sunday November 21! After liturgy, please plan to stay to put up our Nativity decorations. Donations for Nativity flowers are being accepted. **Please bring an ornament or two for the tree trimming.**

Thank you for your generosity as we prepare for the birth of Savior.

**CHRISTMAS COOKIES!** We will be delivering 50 Christmas meals to Faith Family Kitchen on Monday 12/20, and each meal will include a tin of (mostly) homemade cookies...which adds up to 200 dozen cookies! Please consider baking a few dozen (or more) cookies! All cookies need to be at the church by Sunday 12/19 so we can package them and have them ready for delivery the next day. Please speak to Kh. Alyssa if you plan to bake. Thank you!!!

**ADOPT A FAMILY** Once again this year, SOYO will "adopt a family" to help a struggling family in our community buy Christmas gifts for themselves and their children. We do this through CCB Media's "Christmas wishes" program. How this works is that SOYO will select a family or two from the list of families CCB Media makes available, and SOYO will shop for the Christmas presents they are asking for. But we need your support in funding this endeavor! Please offer your donations to cover the cost of these gifts and make one family's Christmas a little brighter. More information on the family chosen will come out shortly.

**Thank you - Raffle Winner** Thanks to everyone for supporting our raffle to benefit Mount Tabor School of the Liberal Arts In Kansas City, MO!!! Visit Mount Tabor's School website <https://mounttaborschool.org/> to learn more about their amazing ministry!

Through your generosity we were able to raise \$800 for this new school.

Congratulations to the winner of the basket, **Cindy Hayes**, member of our sister parish St. Mary in Pawtucket, RI! Cindy is president of our DOWNE women's group and proud grandmother. The basket will be enjoyed by her beautiful family.

God bless you all for your support!



**2021 Annual Parish Meeting** Your attendance is requested at the 2021 Annual Parish Meeting on Sunday December 12, 2021 immediately following the Divine Liturgy at 11:45. Your participation at the meeting is very important.

**Supply Chain Blues? Shop SOYO bookstore** We have your Nativity or any occasion needs covered. Books. Icons. Incense. Crosses. Prayer ropes. So much variety for you. Our bookstore is fully stocked and ready. If you need something specific please speak with one of our teens. All proceed support projects in our local community. Thank you as always for your continued support of St. Michael.

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## THE SYNAXARION

On November 21 in the Holy Orthodox Church we celebrate the Entrance of the Mother of God into the Temple.

### ***Verses***

Within the temple, Gabriel feedeth thee, O Maid,  
And shortly he shall come and shall say to thee: Rejoice.  
On the twenty-first Mary entereth the sacred fane.

Leading the procession into the Temple were virgins with lighted tapers in their hands, then the three-year-old Most-holy Virgin, led by her father and mother. The Virgin was clad in vesture of royal magnificence and adornments as was befitting the “King’s daughter, the Bride of God” (Psalm 44:13-15). Following them were many kinsmen and friends, all with lighted tapers. Fifteen steps led up to the Temple. Joachim and Anna lifted the Virgin onto the first step, then she ran quickly to the top herself, where she was met by the High Priest Zachariah, who was to be the father of St. John the Forerunner. Taking her by the hand, he led her not only into the Temple, but into the “Holy of Holies,” the holiest of holy places, into which no one but the high priest ever entered, and only once each year, at that. Zachariah “was outside himself and possessed by God” when he led the Virgin into the holiest place in the Temple, beyond the second curtain—otherwise, his action could not be explained. The Most-holy Virgin remained in the Temple and dwelt there for nine full years. While her parents were alive, they visited her often. When God called her parents from this world, the Most-holy Virgin was left an orphan and did not wish to leave the Temple until death or to enter into marriage. The Most-holy Virgin Mary was the first of such lifevowed virgins, of the thousands and thousands of virgin men and women who would follow her in the Church of Christ. Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.

**Based on recent reports from various medical experts, the new COVID variants are highly transmissible. In light of this, St. Michael's goal is to be cautious, not only to protect all parishioners but to make all who attend church feel at ease. As a community, it is our obligation to work together to safeguard all.**

**Consistent with CDC and Massachusetts guidelines that advise people to wear a mask or face covering when indoors, we invite / encourage all parishioners and guests to wear a mask or face covering during services. At same time, we respect those who either choose not to, or for medical reasons are unable to, wear a mask.**

**We are blessed that our attendance is growing so we will do everything possible, within our very limited space, to accommodate social distancing, including the opening of windows and doors of the church except for extenuating circumstances.**

**We appreciate your cooperation and understanding.**

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