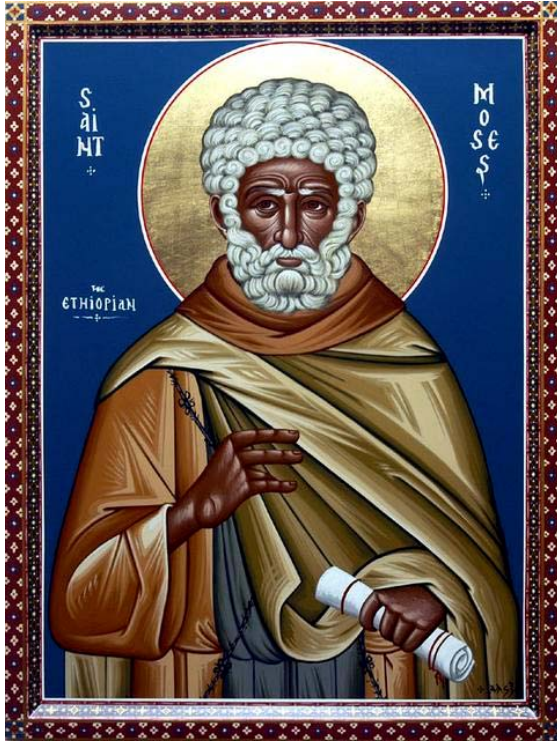


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Sunday, August 28, 2022

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Righteous Father Moses of Ethiopia

Martyrs Diomedes, Damon and Laurence;

Martyr Susanna of Georgia

Celebrant: Fr. Ben Kjendal

LITTLE ENTRANCE WEEKLY VARIABLES

THE EISODIKON (ENTRANCE HYMN): Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ. Save us, O Son of God, Who art risen from the dead; who sing to Thee. Alleluia.

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE TWO: When Thou didst submit Thyself unto death, O Thou deathless and immortal One, then Thou didst destroy hell with Thy Godly power. And when Thou didst raise the dead from beneath the earth, all the powers of Heaven did cry aloud unto Thee: O Christ, Thou giver of life, glory to Thee.

APOLYTIKION OF ST. MOSES THE ETHIOPIAN IN TONE ONE: Thou didst prove to be a citizen of the desert, an angel in the flesh, and a wonderworker, O Moses, our God-bearing Father. By fasting, vigil, and prayer thou didst obtain heavenly gifts, and thou healest the sick and the souls of them that have recourse to thee with faith. Glory to Him that hath given thee strength. Glory to Him that hath crowned thee. Glory to Him that worketh healings for all through thee.

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

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

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

SCHEDULE:

- **Saturday, August 27**
 - 7:00 PM Vespers
- **Sunday, August 28**
 - 8:30 AM Orthros
 - 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy
- **Saturday, September 3**
 - 7:00 PM Vespers
- **Sunday, September 4**
 - 8:30 AM Orthros
 - 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy

*****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.

THE EPISTLE

(For the Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost)

The Lord is my strength and my song.

The Lord has chastened me severely.

The Reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (9:2-12)

Brethren, you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord. This is my defense to those who would examine me. Do we not have the right to our food and drink? Do we not have the right to be accompanied by a wife, as the other apostles and the brothers of the Lord and Cephas? Or is it only Barnabas and I who have no right to refrain from working for a living? Who serves as a soldier at his own expense? Who plants a vineyard without eating any of its fruit? Who tends a flock without getting some of the milk? Do I say this on human authority? Does not the law say the same? For it is written in the Law of Moses, "You shall not muzzle an ox when it is treading out the grain." Is it for oxen that God is concerned? Does he not speak entirely for our sake? It was written for our sake, because the plowman should plow in hope and the thresher thresh in hope of a share in the crop. If we have sown spiritual good among you, is it too much if we reap your material benefits? If others share this rightful claim upon you, do not we still more? Nevertheless, we have not made use of this right, but we endure anything rather than put an obstacle in the way of the Gospel of Christ.

THE GOSPEL

(For the Eleventh Sunday of Matthew)

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (18:23-35)

The Lord spoke this parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. When he began the reckoning, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents; and as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, 'Lord, have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him the lord of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. But that same servant, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat he said, 'Pay what you owe.' So his fellow servant fell down and besought him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you besought me; and should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. So also My heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart."



ST. MICHAEL HAPPENINGS

WEEKLY BULLETIN CAN BE VIEWED ON OUR WEBSITE
ALL FOR THE GLORY OF GOD AND HIS CHURCH

Parish Directory Update: Last Calls for Parish Directory Updates!! Gonzalo Fernandez will be available after Divine Liturgy on Sunday, August 28th, to take Parish Directory photos. If you have already had your photo taken, please return the form provided by Erica via email to stmichael@stmichaelcapecod.org or, while you are in church, complete an information form, copies of which can be found on the table at the back of the church, and leave your completed form in the basket on that table.

Thank you!

SHREDDING and E-waste reduction day

On Saturday September 17 from 9 – 12 we will hold a SHREDDING and E-waste reduction day!

We need more volunteers for the shredding event. The event is 9-12 but need people to come at 8 am to help with the setup of the event the flow during the project.

Please let Soraya (617 842 8591) or Joe Rahal (508 385 4405) know – we greatly appreciate your time to help with this fundraising event.

We will partner with:

- Great White Shred who will handle all paper waste and
- E-Waste, a local non-profit who handles the elimination of all electronics.

Please bring all materials you are looking to get rid of to the Church parking lot on the morning of Saturday, September 17 from 9-12. You can find full fee schedule for all items on the website.

Tell all your friends and neighbors as well. The event is open to the public as the more we fill the trucks, the more we make!

Books for A Baby Center

Throughout the months of July and August we will be collecting NEW or VERY GENTLY USED children's books (appropriate for newborns through age 4) to donate to A Baby Center in Hyannis. Please consider donating Orthodox Christian children's books and help plant seeds of faith in our community!

Need an idea of where to look?

- our Teen SOYO bookstore
- <https://store.ancientfaith.com/childrens-books-and-gifts/>
- <https://potamitis.us>

Backpack Blessings: Once again we are collecting NEW school supplies for 15 children living at the Village at Cataumet, a transitional housing shelter. Please see the list of suggested items and bring your donations to church by Sunday, August 21. On Sunday, August 28 we will pack and deliver the filled backpacks to be distributed as needed to the children at the Village at Cataumet. Thank you for donating time, supplies, and money to help these kids start the school year off on the right foot!!! Please see Kh. Alyssa for details.

New Year's Party: Much time and many resources have been being poured in to completely transforming our Church School into what is going to be an amazing and beautiful program (see Kh.Yvonne or Kh. Alyssa for details), and I hope you will take the opportunity to fully engage your children in this life-changing experience. That said, in lieu of a three day VCS, we will be kicking off the Church Year on Thursday, September 1 with a New Year's Party! There will be food! There will be fun! There will be service to our community! All (not just kids) are invited to attend as we kick off the Liturgical Year together! Please see Kh. Alyssa for details.

THE SYNAXARION

On August 28 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate our Righteous Father Moses of Ethiopia.

Verses

Though dead, O black Moses, thou sayest the proverb:

In heart I am a God, though a man in visage.

On the twenty-eighth they buried Ethiopian Moses.

Moses was at first an escaped slave and the leader of a robber band because of his great physical strength and recklessness. Suddenly his conscience was filled with remorse and repentance for his crimes. Moses left the band, went to a monastery and gave himself entirely to obedience to his spiritual father and to the rule of the monastery. With the help of his spiritual father, Isidore, and with great struggling, fasting and all-night vigils, Moses was finally healed from the lustful thoughts, imaginings and dreams visited on him by the demon. As a priest, Moses founded a monastery of his own, and had 75 disciples. He foresaw his own death, as barbarians were coming to attack the monastery. Moses told his disciples to flee but that he must perish—for he had himself once done violence—according to the words: “all they that take the sword shall perish with the sword” (Matt. 26:52). Moses died and a shining wreath descended upon him.

On this day, we also commemorate the Martyrs Diomedes, Damon and Laurence; and Martyr Susanna of Georgia. By their intercessions, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.
