

St. Michael the Archangel Antiochian Orthodox Church

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Sunday, September 04, 2022

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Hieromartyr Babylas, bishop of Antioch

**Prophet Moses the God-seer; Martyrs Jerusalem, Sekendos,
Sekendios and Kegouros in Aleppo**

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 THREE: Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad, for the Lord hath done a mighty act with His own arm. He hath trampled down death by death, and become the first-born from the dead. He hath delivered us from the depths of Hades, granting the world the Great Mercy.

APOLYTIKION OF ST. BABYLAS OF ANTIOCH IN TONE FOUR: By choosing the Apostles' way of life, thou hast succeeded to their throne. Inspired by God, thou didst find the way to divine contemplation through the practice of virtue. After teaching the Word of Truth without error, thou didst defend the Faith to the very shedding of thy blood, O Hieromartyr Babylas. Entreat the Lord our God to save our souls.

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, September 3**
 - 7:00 PM Vespers
 - **Sunday, September 4**
 - 8:30 AM Orthros
 - 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy
- Summer Schedule ends**
- **Wednesday, September 7**
 - 5:00 PM Service for the Nativity of the Theotokos
 - **Saturday, September 10**
 - 5:00 PM Vespers
 - **Sunday, September 11**
 - 9:00 AM Orthros / Church School
 - 10:00 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 & 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 Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost)

Sing praises to our God, sing praises.

Clap your hands, all ye nations.

The Reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (15:1-11)

Brethren, I would remind you in what terms I preached to you the Gospel, which you received, in which you stand, by which you are saved, if you hold it fast—unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that He was buried, that He rose on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, and that He appeared to Cephas, then to the Twelve. Then He appeared to more than five hundred brethren at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. Then He appeared to James, then to all the Apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, He appeared also to me. For I am the least of the Apostles, unfit to be called an Apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God, which is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

THE GOSPEL

(For the Twelfth Sunday of Matthew)

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (19:16-26)

At that time, a young man came up to Jesus, kneeling and saying, "Good Teacher, what good deed must I do, to have eternal life?" And He said to him, "Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God. If you would enter life, keep the commandments." He said to Him, "Which?" And Jesus said, "You shall not kill, you shall not commit adultery, you shall not steal, you shall not bear false witness, honor your father and mother, and you shall love your neighbor as yourself." The young man said to Him, "All these I have observed; what do I still lack?" Jesus said to him, "If you would be perfect, go, sell what you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." When the young man heard this, he went away sorrowful; for he had great possessions. And Jesus said to his disciples, "Truly, I say to you, it will be hard for a rich man to enter the Kingdom of Heaven. Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." When the disciples heard this they were greatly astonished, saying, "Who then can be saved?" But Jesus looked at them and said to them, "With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."



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 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!

Parish Cookout: Parish Council is sponsoring a cookout. Please join us after Liturgy on Sunday, September 11.

SHREDDING and E-waste reduction day

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

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!! Saturday, Sep 17 from 8:30 – Noon. We need helpers to direct traffic and help with recycling with breakdown of cardboard boxes.

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!

Backpack Blessings: THANK YOU! 15

backpacks were filled with school supplies and delivered at the Village at Cataumet, a transitional housing shelter. The filled backpacks were 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!!!



"As we all must maintain our individual homes, we must also maintain the home where we worship."

Special Fundraising Appeal

Dear Parishioners of St. Michael,

The Parish Council has been working diligently to address pressing maintenance concerns for the church. Thankfully, through the dedication of our parishioners, we have been able to apply our collective skills to many projects within our capabilities, but we have also needed to solicit and vet competitive bids for projects beyond our skills.

As you know, starting this fall, we replaced handrails on the ramp and front stairs, and painted the nave and sacristy on the interior of the church. We have now moved forward with trimming the trees overhanging the roof and parking lot, staining the shingles, ramp, handrails and painting the trim and shutters on the exterior of the church. These projects, both necessary and long overdue, present extraordinary expenses that only occur every 12-15 years.

The scope of this work is extensive: handrails, \$400; painting interior \$8,100; trimming trees, \$3,500; staining and painting exterior, \$20,500. Although we have been already able to allocate funds from our operating budget and reserves to address one-third of the nearly \$32,500 in work required, as we begin our new liturgical year, we ask for your donations to help meet these extraordinary expenses. Pledge forms are available at the church.

We appreciate your consideration and ask for your support as we continue to maintain our lovely parish!

With deepest thanks,

The Parish Council

THE SYNAXARION

On September 4 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the Holy Hieromartyr Babylas, Bishop of Antioch; the Three Children who were with him: Urban, Prilidian and Epolonios; and their mother, Christodula.

Verses

*Babylas, who sacrificed Christ Himself aforetime,
Is sacrificed by the sword unto Christ most gladly.*

On the fourth, Children and Babylas the sword together slew.

One day, holy Babylas was at prayer with the people. He heard that Emperor Numerian was coming with his entourage and intended to enter the church. Babylas stopped the service, went outside and boldly told the emperor that, as an idolater, he was not permitted to enter the holy church where the one, true God was worshipped. The following day, the angry Emperor summoned Babylas, and ordered him offer sacrifice to idols, which the saint steadfastly refused to do. Numerian then bound him with chains and threw him into prison. He also tortured three of Babylas' spiritual children: Urban, age 12, Prilidian, age 9 and Epolonios, age 7. Their Christian mother, Christodoula, also suffered for Christ. The emperor ordered that each child be beaten with the number of blows that totaled his age. Babylas was present at their beheading, giving them courage, and then laid his honorable head under the sword. Their holy souls flew off to Heaven in the year 283, and their wonderworking relics remained in support of the faithful.

On this day, we also commemorate the holy Prophet Moses the God-seer; and Martyrs Jerusalem, Sekendos, Sekendios and Kegouros in Aleppo. By their intercessions, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.
