

St. Michael the Archangel Antiochian Orthodox Church

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Sunday, November 27, 2022

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

**Great-martyr James the Persian
Venerable Palladios of Thessalonica;
Venerable Nathanael of Nitria in Egypt**

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 SEVEN: Thou didst shatter death by Thy Cross, Thou didst open paradise to the thief; Thou didst turn the sadness of the ointment-bearing women into joy. And didst bid Thine Apostles proclaim a warning, that Thou hast risen O Christ, granting to the world the Great Mercy.

APOLYTIKION OF ST. JAMES THE PERSIAN IN TONE FOUR: Thy Martyr, O Lord, in his courageous contest for Thee received as the prize the crowns of incorruption and life from Thee, our immortal God. For, since he possessed Thy strength, he cast down the tyrants and wholly destroyed the demons' strengthless presumption. O Christ God, by his prayers, save our souls, since Thou art merciful.

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 PREPARATION OF CHRIST'S NATIVITY IN TONE THREE: On this day the Virgin cometh to the cave to give birth to God the Word ineffably, Who was before all the ages. Dance for joy, O earth, on hearing the gladsome tidings; with the Angels and the shepherds now glorify Him Who is willing to be gazed on as a young Child Who * before the ages is God.

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 Ischirois, 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, November 26**
 - 5:00 PM Vespers
- **Sunday, November 27**
 - 9:00 AM Orthros / Church School
 - 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy
 - Nativity Church Decorating
- **Wednesday, November 30**
 - 7:00 PM Paraklesis Service
- **Saturday, December 3**
 - 5:00 PM Vespers
- **Sunday, December 4**
 - 9:00 AM Orthros / Church School
 - 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy

There is a new ecclesiastical calendar for 2023 at the back of the church. The suggested donation is \$5 for each calendar.

*****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 Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost)

The Lord will give strength to His people.

Ascribe to the Lord, O sons of God, ascribe to the Lord honor and glory.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Ephesians. (2:14-22)

Brethren, Christ is our peace, Who has made us both one, and has broken down the dividing wall of hostility, by abolishing in His flesh the law of commandments and ordinances, that He might create in Himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the Cross, thereby bringing the hostility to an end. And He came and preached peace to you, who were far off, and peace to those who were near; for through Him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and sojourners, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the cornerstone, in Whom the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in Whom you also are built into it for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

THE GOSPEL

(For the Thirteenth Sunday of Luke)

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (18:18-27)

At that time, a man came testing Jesus and asking, "Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" And Jesus said to him, "Why do you call Me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: 'Do not commit adultery. Do not kill. Do not steal. Do not bear false witness. Honor your father and mother.'" And the man said, "All these I have observed from my youth." And when Jesus heard it, he said to him, "One thing you still lack. Sell all that you have and distribute to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me." But when the man heard this he became sad, for he was very rich. Jesus, seeing him sad, said, "How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God! For 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." Those who heard it said, "Then who can be saved?" Jesus said, "What is impossible with men is possible with God."



ST. MICHAEL HAPPENINGS

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THANKSGIVING THANK YOU! Thank you to everyone who gave time, talent, and treasure to make possible our donation of 50 Thanksgiving meals! This year might have been a record for the number of parishioner who helped purchase, deliver, and pack the meals. Many hands truly made for light work! Thank you for sharing your blessings with 50 families who will now have the opportunity to enjoy a bountiful meal on Thanksgiving.



CHRISTMAS MEALS Now that Thanksgiving meals have been delivered, it is time to start working on our Christmas meal delivery! We will be donating hams, a grocery store gift card, and a tin of (HOMEMADE!) cookies to families in need this Christmas. Please consider making a monetary donation to help cover the cost of the hams and the grocery store gift cards. Also, we need about 250 DOZEN cookies to fill the cookie tins. That might sound like a lot, but each year we have managed to fill the tins to overflowing. Please bring all cookie donations to church by Sunday, December 18. We will be packaging the cookies during coffee hour. Thank you, in advance, for helping to bring the Light of Christ to struggling families this Christmas!

Nativity Church Decorating: Please join us on Sunday Nov 27 after liturgy to decorate the church for Nativity. The more hands, the lighter the work!

There is a basket for flower donations at the back of the church. We thank you for your generosity of time and talent. Blessed Nativity Season!

KNITTING CLUB: On Fridays, Olga DiSavino is leading a knitting group. Join us at the church each Friday at 4:00 for knitting instruction, fellowship, and a soup dinner. Items knit will be used for our outreach programs or for supporting the SOYO bookstore. No experience or equipment necessary (but if you have circular needles, please bring them)! Please RSVP to Kh. Alyssa.

2022 Annual Parish Meeting

Your attendance is requested at the 2022 Annual Parish Meeting on Sunday, December 11, 2022 immediately following Divine Liturgy. Your participation at the meeting is very important.

Special Needs Service - Saturday, Dec 10 @ St. George West Roxbury

Join us for a brief sensory friendly service Saturday, December 10, 2022 at 11:00AM at St. George Church in West Roxbury (55 Emmonsdale Road). Sensory play time and refreshments to follow in the church hall.

RSVP and questions to Dina Gray dgray@abahelps.com or call/text 617-413-4821.

WREATH MAKING: Join us after coffee hour on Sunday 12/4 for a Christmas wreath making event. Wreaths will be used to decorate the church for Christmas, as well as to sell to parishioners and the community. All funds raised will be put toward our Christmas meal delivery. How can you participate?

- Bring in any wire, burlap, pinecones, bells, ribbon, glitter, etc. that you have around your house that would be suitable to use for Christmas wreath decorating. There will be a box in the side entrance to collect these items.

- Do you have evergreens in your yard that need pruning? Olga DiSavino will come to your house during the last week of November and trim your trees or bushes for free!!! The clippings will be used for the wreaths. Please speak to Olga (774- 236-9492) to set up a day and time for her to come to your house.

- Pre-order your wreath! Each wreath will be \$25. Email or text your pre-order (number of wreaths and any special requests, which we will do our best to fulfill) to Kh. Alyssa (alyssakjendal@yahoo.com or 508-873-9199) by Sunday 11/27.

- Stay after coffee hour on Sunday 12/4 to help make wreaths!

THE SYNAXARION

On November 27 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the contest of the holy Greatmartyr James the Persian.

Verses

Cut limb by limb and suffering slaughter, the Persian saith:

Be my soul saved, though my limbs have departed.

On the twenty-seventh the Persian is slaughtered piecemeal.

He was born in the Persian town of Elapa, or Vilat, of Christian parents. The Persian king, Yezdegerd, loved James for his gifts and for his skill, and made him a noble at his court. Flattered by the king, James was deluded and offered sacrifice to idols, which the king also worshipped. James' mother and wife, hearing of this, wrote him a reproachful letter in which they grieved over him as an apostate and one spiritually dead, begging him at the end of the letter to repent and return to Christ. Moved by this letter, James repented bitterly, and courageously confessed his faith in Christ the Lord before the king. The furious king condemned James to death, and added that his body was to be cut to pieces, little by little, until he breathed his last. During the entire process, James gave thanks to God. A fragrance came from his wounds as of cypress. Thus this wonderful man repented of his sin, and his soul went to Christ God in the Heavenly Kingdom in about the year 400.

On this day, we also commemorate the Venerable Palladios of Thessalonica; and Venerable Nathanael of Nitria in Egypt. By their intercessions, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.
