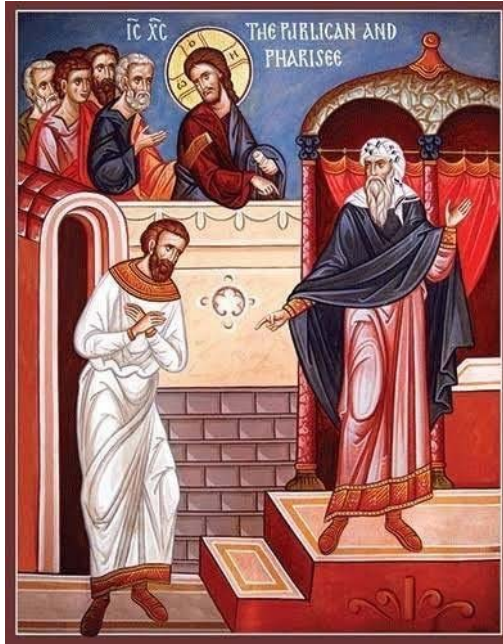


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**Sunday, February 5, 2023**

**Sunday of the Pharisee and the Publican &  
After-feast of Presentation (Meeting) of Christ**

**Celebrant: Fr. Benjamin Kjendal**

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## 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 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 PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN TONE ONE: Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos, full of grace, for from thee arose the Sun of justice, Christ our God, lighting those who are in darkness. Rejoice and be glad, O righteous elder, carrying in thine arms the Deliverer of our souls, Who granteth us Resurrection.

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 PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN TONE ONE: Thou, O Christ God, Who by Thy Birth, didst sanctify the Virgin's womb, and, as is meet, didst bless Simeon's arms, and didst also come to save us; preserve Thy fold in wars, and confirm them whom Thou didst love, for Thou alone art the Lover of mankind.

### 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.**

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**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:**

- **Thursday, February 2**
  - 7:00 AM Orthros
  - 8:00 AM Divine Liturgy for the Presentation of Christ in the Temple
- **Saturday, February 4**
  - 5:00 PM Vespers
- **Sunday, February 5**
  - 9:00 AM Orthros / Church school
  - 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy
- **Wednesday, February 8**
  - 7:00 PM Paraklesis Service
- **Saturday, February 11**
  - 3:30 PM Family Night
  - 5:00 PM Vespers
- **Sunday, February 12**
  - 9:00 AM Orthros / Church school
  - 10:00 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.

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THE EPISTLE

(For Sunday of the Pharisee and Publican)

*Make your vows and pay them to the Lord our God.*

*God is known in Judea; His Name is great in Israel.*

**The Reading from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to St. Timothy. (3:10-15)**

My son Timothy, you have followed my teaching, conduct, purpose, faith, longsuffering, love, patience, persecutions, sufferings, what things befell me at Antioch, at Iconium, and at Lystra. What persecutions I endured! And out of them all the Lord delivered me. Indeed all who would live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted. But people who are wicked and deceivers will proceed from worse to worse, deceiving and being deceived. But as for you, continue in the things which you have learned and have been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned them, and how from infancy you have known the sacred temple writings which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

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## THE GOSPEL

(For Sunday of the Pharisee and Publican)

**The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (18:10-14)**

The Lord spoke this parable: "Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, 'God, I thank Thee that I am not like other men, extortionists, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted."

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## ST. MICHAEL HAPPENINGS

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

**SCARF TYING!** On Sunday, February 5 after coffee hour, we will be heading to Main Street in Hyannis to tie scarves and leave care bags for those who are homeless. Please plan to join us! If you would like to donate items for the care bags, please speak to Kh. Alyssa about what is needed. Monetary donations to purchase items would also be helpful. Thank you for caring for our homeless neighbors!

**FAMILY NIGHT IS RESUMING!** Mark your calendars for the second Saturday of each month! Starting on Saturday, February 11, we will meet at 3:30 for a time of fellowship and board game playing before praying Vespers at 5:00. After Vespers we will enjoy a meal together. Everyone in our Saint Michael family is welcome, and you are encouraged to invite a friend! Bring your favorite board game! If you have any questions, please speak to Kh. Alyssa.

**WINTER COAT DRIVE** is going through Sunday February 5th. The box will be in the corner of the fellowship hall (where the Christmas tree was) for people to drop off their coats. After items have been collected, we are going to consolidate them to Worcester, Norwood and West Roxbury for pick-up. We greatly appreciate all of your support.



**HOLY BREAD BAKING TUTORIAL – Friday, Feb 24 @ 9am** Thanks to Annie Boruch who has offered to do a prosphora baking tutorial on Friday February 24 starting at 9am. Please sign up. We will be in touch with all who have registered with instructions and information on what you will need to bring with you that day. This will be an interactive lesson, so we will all make one loaf of bread as instructions are provided. If someone is able to come and take a video to be posted on the website, please let Annie Boruch or Soraya Bandeli know. Thank you for being part of this very important ministry! Prosphora is an integral part of our liturgical and church life!

## Proceeds Benefits St. Michael the Archangel Orthodox Church

*Valentine's Gala Affair*

# A TOUCH OF RED

DRESS CODE

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2023  
9:00PM-11:45PM

Music by: DJ-Angel Hosted by: JT

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Dress to impress with a touch of  
**RED** in your attire!

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**Food For Thought is BACK as of Saturday Feb 25!!!** We are excited to announce that our Food For Thought is coming back and will be a parish education program as part of the mission of the Women's Group. It will be open to all parish members, friends, and anyone inquiring about the Faith.

To start, we will meet on the 4th Saturday of the month, starting on Feb 25, to share a meal and learn/discuss the topic at hand.

Stay tuned for details of our first class to include the time and subject matter.

It will be a potluck, so please plan to bring something to share!

Thanks as always for your support of St. Michael. We will provide details in the coming weeks.

### Upcoming Events

- March 17 - A teen event at St George, Norwood
- March 18 - Diocese Annual Retreat in Dedham at St John's
- April 29 - Antiochian woman's meeting at st Mary's, Pawtucket
- July 7-9 - PLC at Cape Codder Hotel
- July 23-30 - Archdiocesan Convention, Arizona

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## THE SYNAXARION

On February 5 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the Martyr Agatha of Palermo in Sicily. On the Sunday which falls during the After-feast of the Presentation (Meeting) of our Lord, we commemorate the Holy and Righteous Mothers of the Three Hierarchs: Emmelia (Basil the Great), Nona (Gregory the Theologian) and Anthousa (John Chrysostom).

On this day, we make remembrance of the Parable of the Pharisee and the Publican, which occurs in the Holy Gospel according to Luke the Evangelist.

### **Verses**

*If you resemble the Pharisee, run far away from the Temple;  
For inside is Christ before Whom only the humble are acceptable.*

### **Verses for the Triodion**

*O Creator of everything heavenly and earthly,  
receive Thou from the Angels a Trinitarian song,  
And from us men a noble and reverent Triodion.*

In the parable our Savior tells, Jesus uses a Pharisee, a leader of the synagogue, who was regarded in public opinion as virtuous; and a publican, a tax collector, who was regarded as oppressive, greedy and a sinner. In their prayers to God, we discover the real hearts of these two men. We thus learn of the harm that comes from pride and the good that comes from humility. The divine Church Fathers sought to alert and to prepare the Christ-loving clergy and laity for the upcoming period of the Great Fast. Therefore, on this Sunday we are reminded that humility is the greatest weapon against pride, as we imitate the humility of the publican to ascend to the divine heights.

Through the intercessions of the wonderworking Saints, O Christ our God, have mercy upon us and save us. Amen.

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