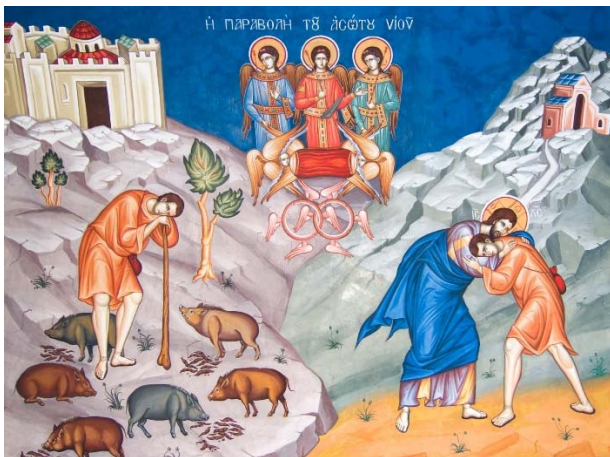


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Sunday, February 12, 2023

Sunday of the Prodigal Son

Meletios, archbishop of Antioch;

New-martyr Christos of Constantinople

Celebrant: Fr. Benjamin 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. 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 FOR THE PRODIGAL SON IN TONE THREE: Foolishly I sprang away from Thy great fatherly glory, and dispersed in wicked deeds the riches that Thou didst give me. With the Prodigal I therefore cry unto Thee now: I have sinned against Thee, O compassionate Father. But receive me in repentance; make me as one of Thy hired servants, O Lord.

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

A devastating earthquake occurred earlier this week and killed thousands of people in Turkey and Syria, impacting even the historic center of our patriarchate, the ancient city of Antioch. We will be having a special collection for the relief work there this Sunday, along with each of the Sundays throughout the month of February.

SCHEDULE:

- **Friday, February 10**
 - 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
 - Emergency Women Group meeting
- **Wednesday, February 15**
 - 7:00 PM Paraklesis Service
- **Saturday, February 18**
 - 5:00 PM Vespers
- **Sunday, February 19**
 - 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.

THE EPISTLE

(For Sunday of the Prodigal Son)

Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us. Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous.

The Reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (6:12-20)
Brethren, all things are lawful for me, but not all things are expedient. All things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the authority of anything. Foods are for the belly, and the belly for foods; but God will destroy both it and them. Now the body is not for fornication, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body; and God both raised up the Lord, and will also raise us up through His power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I therefore take away the members of Christ, and make them members of a harlot? God forbid! Or, do you not know that he who is joined to a harlot is one body with her? For, "The two," He says, "shall become one flesh." But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit. Flee fornication! Every sin that a person commits is outside the body, but whoever commits fornication sins against his own body. Or, do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have received from God, and that you are not your own? For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.

THE GOSPEL

(For Sunday of the Prodigal Son)

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (15:11-32)

The Lord spoke this parable: "There was a man who had two sons; and the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of property that falls to me.' And he divided his living between them. Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took his journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in loose living. And when he had spent everything, a great famine arose in that country, and he began to be in want. So he went and joined himself to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed swine. And he would gladly have fed on the pods that the swine ate; and no one

gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have bread enough and to spare, but I perish here with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me as one of your hired servants."' And he arose and came to his father. But while he was yet at a distance, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet; and bring the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and make merry; for this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to make merry. Now his elder son was in the field; and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. And he called one of the servants and asked what this meant. And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has received him safe and sound.' But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, but he answered his father, 'Lo, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command; yet you never gave me a kid that I might make merry with my friends. But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your living with harlots, you killed for him the fatted calf!' And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. It was fitting to make merry and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.'"



ST. MICHAEL HAPPENINGS

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

Cancer Care Bags We will be putting together care bags for cancer patients and appreciation bags for nurses on Feb 19. A list of items we need was sent out via sign up genius. Please look for it and sign up. Thank you for your generosity. If you have questions about this project please see Kh Alyssa.

HOLY BREAD BAKING TUTORIAL – Friday, Feb 24 @ 9am Thanks to Annie Boruch who has offered to do a prospora 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! Prospora is an integral part of our liturgical and church life!

Food For Thought Adult Education Program - Feb 25 after Vespers

We are excited to announce that our Food for Thought Program is coming back and will be an adult 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.

Saturday February 25, 2023 Topic - Great Lent. Bring your questions and misconceptions

- Vespers 5pm
- Dinner and lesson 6-8pm
- Potluck - please bring a dish to share.

This is an adult education program. This may be a great time for the kids to spend time with grandparents or friends, so the adults can enjoy this educational opportunity. If you would like to attend but have a difficult time finding child care, please let Soraya Bandeli know: sbandeli@comcast.net / 617-842-8591. We look forward to seeing as many as possible as we grow together in the Faith.

Lenten Retreat All are invited to attend the annual Diocese Lenten Retreat sponsored by the Diocese of Worcester & New England Antiochian Women & the Diocese Council. We are very excited to welcome Dr. Timothy Patitsas as the Keynote Speaker for 2023! Dr. Patitsas is Interim Dean of Hellenic College, Director of the Religious Studies Program, Assistant Professor of Christian Ethics and author of "The Ethics of Beauty."

The Retreat will be on **Saturday March 18 at St John of Damascus Church in Dedham**. Register at <https://DOWNE-retreat.eventbrite.com> no later than March 11.

The schedule is as follows:

- 1:00 pm - Session 1
- 2:00 pm - Break
- 2:30 pm - Session 2 and Q&A
- 3:30 pm - Break
- 4:00 pm - Great Vespers

Scarf & Care Bag Distribution: Thanks to a few friends of St. Michael, we were able to hang over fifty handmade (and a few more store-bought) scarves, hats, and mittens along Main Street in downtown Hyannis. In addition to the knit items, we distributed twenty-five "care bags", which were filled with items such as socks, personal care items, snacks, and a Dunkin' Donuts gift card. The care bags had been assembled on Friday by St. Michael's homeschool meet-up group, and a crew of nineteen were gifted a balmy day on Sunday, February 5 to spread warmth to those stuck out in the cold. Thank you to all who made this project possible!

SAVE THE DATE! Our annual Fish Feast for Life will be held on Saturday, March 25 after a morning Liturgy for the Feast of the Annunciation. More details to follow! Please see Kh. Alyssa if you are interested in helping.

Upcoming Events

- February 25 @11 am – Teen SOYO Ice Skating and Service Day at St. John Dedham & Jim Roche Ice Arena
 - 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
 - May 29-June 2 - Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Level 1 Formation Training Part 2 at St. Michael, Cotuit
 - July 7-9 - PLC at Cape Codder Hotel
 - July 23-30 - Archdiocesan Convention, Arizona
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THE SYNAXARION

On February 12 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate our father among the saints Meletios, archbishop of Antioch; and New-martyr Christos of Constantinople.

On this day, we make remembrance of the Parable of the Prodigal Son, which occurs in the noble Gospel and which our deified Fathers reinstated in the Triodion.

Verses

O thou who art like me, a prodigal, come forward with confidence and tranquility; For unto all has been opened the door of Divine Mercy.

In the parable our Savior tells, Jesus illustrates three things: the condition of the sinner, the canon of repentance and the knowledge of God's compassion. For in the person of the prodigal son, we view the wretched condition that sin creates for us, distant from God and His Sacraments. However, we become aware of ourselves and awaken, hastening with hope to return to Him through repentance. Our Savior wants to call back to His mansions all those who have been overtaken by despair, lacking hope of forgiveness for their grave sins. The Father encourages all of his lost children to remove the desperation from their hearts, and revive their energies for virtuous deeds.

Through Thine ineffable love for mankind, O Christ our God, have mercy upon us. Amen.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Level 1 Formation Training Part 2 May 29-June 2, 2023

Memorial Day through Friday of the same week
M-F 8:30am-5:30pm
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The tuition for Level 1 Formation Part 2 is \$400. For those in Orthodox Churches, a discounted rate of \$250 is available. Registration is limited to 12 people.

For more information email our course coordinator:

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