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Sunday, June 18, 2023

Second Sunday after Pentecost:

All Saints of North America

**Martyrs Leontios, Hypatios and Theodoulos
at Tripoli in Phoenicia**

Clergy:

Fr. Benjamin Kjendal

Dn. James Irving

LITTLE ENTRANCE WEEKLY VARIABLES

THE EISODIKON (ENTRANCE HYMN): Be Thou exalted, O Lord, in Thy strength; we shall praise and sing of Thy mighty acts. Save us, O Good Comforter, 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 ALL SAINTS OF NORTH AMERICA IN TONE EIGHT: As the bountiful harvest of Your sowing of salvation, the lands of North America offer to You, O Lord, all the saints who have shone in them. By their prayers keep the Church and our land in abiding peace through the Theotokos, O most Merciful One.

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.

ORDINARY KONTAKION IN TONE TWO: O protection of Christians that cannot be put to shame, mediation unto the Creator most constant, O despise not the suppliant voices of those who have sinned; but be thou quick, O good one, to come unto our aid, who in faith cry unto thee: Hasten to intercession, and speed thou to make supplication, thou who dost ever protect, O Theotokos, them that honor thee.

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

Slavonic 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:

- **Sunday, June 18**
 - 8:30 AM Orthros
 - 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy
- **Wednesday, June 21**
 - 7:00 PM Paraklesis Service
- **Saturday, June 24**
 - 7:00 PM Vespers
- **Sunday, June 25**
 - 8:30 AM Orthros
 - 9:30 AM Hierarchical Divine Liturgy
 - Luncheon

We need help on Wednesday, Jun 21 starting at 4:30 pm. We will be setting up the hall in preparation for the luncheon with Bishop John on Jun 25. Come anytime after 4:30 pm then join us for Paraklesis service starting at 7 pm.

We need help with clean up on Jun 25 after the luncheon.

Please let Soraya know if you can do either. It's such a joy to host our bishop and to celebrate our priests and their families. Thank you for your time!!!

*****In case of emergency, there are emergency numbers posted next to the telephones in the coat room and in the kitchen*****

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 Second Sunday after Pentecost)

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

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Romans. (2:10-16)

Brethren, glory and honor and peace to everyone who does good, to the Jew first, and also to the Greek; for there is no respect of persons with God. For as many as have sinned without the Law will also perish without the Law; and as many as have sinned under the Law will be judged by the Law (for it is not the hearers of the Law who are just before God but the doers of the Law are justified. For when the nations who do not have the Law do by nature the things contained in the Law, these then, in spite of not having the Law, are a law to themselves, in that they show the work of the Law written in their hearts, and their conscience also bears witness, and their conflicting thoughts accuse or perhaps excuse them) in the day when God judges the secrets of persons, according to my gospel, through Jesus Christ.

THE GOSPEL

(For Second Sunday of Matthew)

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (4:18-23)

At that time, as Jesus was walking by the Sea of Galilee, He saw two brothers, Simon who is called Peter and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. And He said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men." Immediately they left their nets and followed Him. And going on from there He saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and He called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed Him. And He went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the Kingdom and healing every disease and every infirmity among the people.



ST. MICHAEL HAPPENINGS

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

Books for A Baby Center

Throughout the months of June and July 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! Please see Kh. Alyssa with any questions. Thank you!

Clothing and Diapers for ZOE House

From now until July 9, we will be collecting new or gently used and clean items that will be delivered by some of our youth to ZOE House in Ohio. Please see Kh. Alyssa with any questions. Items being collected include:

- Baby clothes (up to 2T)
- Diapers (sizes newborn to 6)
- Blankets
- Maternity clothes

Donations for Bethany Community of the Resurrection of Christ

On July 5th, Tatiana Koster will be going with a group of 22 Orthodox Christians and a priest to Bethany Community of the Resurrection of Christ, a boarding school serving Christian and Muslim Arab girls, to do some much needed work. In addition to baby clothes we are already collecting, the head mistress, Mother Maria, has shared a need for the following:

- black crew socks
- Voltaren arthritis cream (this is an ask from a specific sister, so we don't need to bring a ton)
- Gardening/work gloves

To learn more about the school, here is a link to their web site Orthodox School of Bethany <https://bethany-community.org/aboutus>

If you would like to contribute any of these items and/or monetary donations, please contact Tatiana Koster 247leapoffaith@gmail.com, 928-830-2593. Thank you.

PLEASE SAVE THE DATE JUNE 25!

On Sunday June 25th, Bishop John will join us for Orthros service and a Hierarchical Divine Liturgy. This will be a special occasion to celebrate the 10th anniversary of Fr. Ben's ordination and his elevation to Archpriest, with the blessing of Metropolitan Sava and Bishop John. We are also taking this opportunity to thank Fr. Joseph and his family for the amazing service to us over the past three years. Fr. Joseph has been re-assigned thru the Navy to Camp Lejeune. Following services, the Parish Council and Women's Group will host a luncheon in celebration.

PARISH LIFE CONFERENCE IN HYANNIS, JUL 7-9

This year's PLC is being hosted by St John of Damascus and they are holding it at the Cape Codder in Hyannis! It couldn't be more convenient for us! And it will give us a taste of what we will be offering as we host PLC 2024!

The weekend will be filled with activities for families and kids of all ages. It is also a time to grow spiritually by attending the seminars being held. Also join the Bible Bowl teams that will compete and cheer St Michael's two teams! Yes, TWO teams from St. Michael are competing! Take advantage of the fun activities being offered and to being with our Bishop John and our larger community from over the bridge! Register:

<https://www.antiochianevents.org/events/diocese-of-worcester-and-new-england-2/>

**2023 SUMMER SACRED MUSIC INSTITUTE AT ANTIOCHIAN VILLAGE,
JUL 12-16**

Each year, the Department of Sacred Music strives to make our Sacred Music Institutes an experience like no other. The 2023 Summer Sacred Music Institute is proud to announce an historic first in the life of the Sacred Music Institute.

Please accept this announcement as your official invitation to help us welcome

- His Beatitude Patriarch JOHN X of Antioch and all the East
- His Eminence Metropolitan SABA of New York and all North America
- His Grace Bishop ANTHONY of Toledo and the Midwest
- along with honored guests from around the Patriarchate and the Archdiocese.

Make plans to attend the first Patriarchal Address ever at a Sacred Music Institute on Saturday evening, July 15th. Celebrate the Divine Liturgy on Sunday, July 16th with our Beloved Hierarchs.

This is a unique blessing and we could not be more excited to share this wonderful news with you all.

Deadline to register is July 2, 2023:

<https://registration.antiochianvillage.org/Registration/Welcome.aspx?e=F2C651985214D5257298153C54977D49>

Upcoming Events

- July 7-9 – Parish Life Conference (PLC) at Cape Codder Hotel
 - July 12-16 – 2023 Summer Sacred Music Institute at Antiochian Village, PA
 - July 23-30 – Archdiocesan Convention, Arizona
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THE SYNAXARION

On June 18 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the holy Martyrs Leontios of Greece, and Hypatios and Theodoulos, who were martyred with him at Tripoli in Phoenicia.

On the second Sunday after Pentecost, each local Orthodox Church commemorates all the saints, known and unknown, who have shone forth in its territory. Accordingly, the Orthodox Church in America remembers the saints of North America on this day.

Verses

An anvil doth Leontios have for a body:

An anvil to iron hammers, that is, to torments.

On the eighteenth Leontios in wounds expireth.

Being of great bodily stature and strength, Leontios was an illustrious soldier in the Roman legions who had won many victories, and was known for his prudence and sobriety of mind. When it was learned that he gave grain to the poor from the imperial stores, and was moreover a Christian, Hadrian the Governor of Phoenicia sent Hypatios, a tribune, and Theodoulos, a soldier, to arrest him. Saint Leontios converted them on the way to Tripoli in Phoenicia, where Hypatios and Theodoulos were tormented and beheaded by Hadrian for their confession of Christ. Then Hadrian with many flatteries and many torments strove to turn Leontios from Christ. All his attempts failing, he had Leontios put to such tortures that he died in the midst of them, receiving his crown from Christ our God, in the year 73.

By their intercessions, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.
