

St. Michael the Archangel Antiochian Orthodox Church

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Sunday, July 2, 2023

**The placing of the Theotokos' Robe in Blachernae
Juvenaly, archbishop of Jerusalem; the New-martyrs of
Samothrace; Archbishop John Maximovitch of Shanghai and
San Francisco**

Clergy:

Fr. Benjamin Kjendal

Dn. James Irving

Sdn. Joseph Boruch

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 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 FOR PLACING OF THE THEOTOKOS' ROBE IN TONE EIGHT: O Ever-Virgin Theotokos, shelter of mankind, thou hast bestowed upon thy people a mighty investure, even thine immaculate body's raiment and sash, which by thy seedless childbirth have remained incorrupt; for in thee, nature and time are made new. Wherefore, we implore thee to grant peace to the world, and Great Mercy to 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 FOR PLACING OF THE THEOTOKOS' ROBE IN TONE FOUR: O godly shelter that dost cover all mankind, the sacred robe that covered thy sacred body hast thou bestowed on all the faithful graciously, O pure Virgin, as a robe of divine incorruption. As we celebrate with love its august deposition, we cry to thee with faith, O graced of God: Rejoice, O Lady, thou boast of the Christian race.

TRISAGION PRAYER

English Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have Mercy on us

Arabic Qudoos El Laah, Qudoos 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:

- **Saturday, July 1**
 - 7:00 PM Vespers
- **Sunday, July 2**
 - 8:30 AM Orthros
 - 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy
- **Wednesday, July 5**
 - 7:00 PM Paraklesis Service

THE FOLLOWING SERVICES ARE GOING TO BE HELD AT CAPE CODDER HOTEL, 1225 Iyannough Rd, Hyannis (No services at St. Michael Church)

- **Friday, July 7**
 - 5:00 PM Vespers
- **Saturday, July 8**
 - 8:30 AM Hierarchical Divine Liturgy
 - 4:30 PM Vespers
 - Presentation of Diocesan Scholarship, Announcement of Oratorical Festival Winners & Creative Arts and Writing Awards
- **Sunday, July 9**
 - 9:00 AM Orthros
 - 10:00 AM Hierarchical Divine Liturgy

*****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

My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit doth rejoice in God my Savior. For He hath regarded the lowliness of His servant.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews. (9:1-7)

Brethren, even the first covenant had regulations for worship and an earthly sanctuary. For a tent was prepared, the outer one, in which were the lamp stand and the table and the bread of the Presence; it is called the Holy Place. Behind the second curtain stood a tent called the Holy of Holies, having the golden altar of incense and the ark of the covenant covered on all sides with gold, which contained a golden urn holding the manna, and Aaron's rod that budded, and the tables of the covenant; above it were the cherubim of glory overshadowing the mercy seat. Of these things we cannot now speak in detail. These preparations having thus been made, the priests go continually into the outer tent, performing their ritual duties; but into the second only the high priest goes, and he but once a year, and not without taking blood which he offers for himself and for the errors of the people.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (8:5-13)

At that time, as Jesus entered Capernaum, a centurion came forward to him, beseeching Him and saying, "Lord, my servant is lying paralyzed at home, in terrible distress." And Jesus said to him, "I will come and heal him." But the centurion answered Him, "Lord, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof; but only say the word, and my servant will be healed. For I am a man under authority, with soldiers under me; and I say to one, 'Go,' and he goes, and to another, 'Come,' and he comes, and to my slave, 'Do this,' and he does it." When Jesus heard him, He marveled, and said to those who followed him, "Truly, I say to you, not even in Israel have I found such faith. I tell you, many will come from east and west and sit at table with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the Kingdom of Heaven, while the sons of the kingdom will be thrown into the outer darkness; there men will weep and gnash their teeth." And to the centurion Jesus said, "Go; be it done for you as you have believed." And the servant was healed at that very moment.



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!

Fr. Benjamin's Kjedal Elevation to Archpriest – Jun 25, 2023

AXIOS!



Thank you to all volunteers who helped with the event!

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, and 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.

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/>

HOST (Helping Orthodox Students Thrive) matches Orthodox college students with Orthodox families and communities that are willing to serve as a local contact in a new city and parish.

As a reminder, the HOST program seeks to provide the following to our young adults:

- A warm welcome within the first week of arrival.
- Transportation to and from church, for services and other church events.
- Opportunities to meet other young adults, parish members and clergy of their new community.
- Invitations to dine together, possibly after Vespers or Liturgy.
- Inclusion during the holidays for any young adult unable to return home.

This program is available to any Orthodox Christian young adult who has recently relocated to a new city to attend college away from home. Please be sure that the young adults of your community who are relocating for school are aware of this program and please be sure they have the HOST contact for their destination city.

Finally, if you are a college student in a community without a HOST parish, or if your parish is not currently listed as a HOST community and would like to join in this important ministry, please send an email to Karen Kinan at host@antiochian.org. We will gladly add you to the directory of active HOST parishes and advise you on how to support our young adults traveling to your city.

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

THE SYNAXARION

On July 2 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the Deposition of the Precious Raiment (Robe) of the Most Holy Theotokos in her holy shrine at Blachernae in Constantinople, during the reign of Leo the Great and Berina his wife.

Verses

Whereas the Son's robe is for the Christ-preserved peoples,

The Mother's raiment is for the Christ-preserved city.

On the second the raiment of the All-pure Theotokos was laid in its shrine.

In the fifth century, two noblemen from Constantinople named Galibus and Candidus traveled throughout the Holy Land to venerate and to worship before the holy shrines. In Nazareth, they stopped for a while at the home of a Jewish maiden who kept the girdle of the All-Holy Mother of God in a secret room. Many who were ill and in need received healing from their sufferings through prayer and by touching the vesture. Galibus and Candidus received this sacred article and brought it to Constantinople and reported it to Emperor Leo and Patriarch Gennadius. This brought about great joy in the imperial city. The vesture was solemnly translated and placed in the Church of Blachernae.

On this day, we also commemorate our father among the saints Juvenaly, archbishop of Jerusalem; the New-martyrs of Samothrace; and Archbishop John Maximovitch the wonderworker of Shanghai and San Francisco. Through the intercessions of Thy Saints, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.