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Sunday, August 13, 2023

Tenth Sunday After Pentecost

Leave-taking of the Transfiguration of Our Lord

Jesus Christ

Righteous Maximos the Confessor;

Eudokia and Irene (Xenia) the empresses;

Venerable Dorotheos of Gaza and his disciple Dositheos

Clergy:

Fr. Benjamin Kjendal

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LITTLE ENTRANCE WEEKLY VARIABLES

THE EISODIKON (ENTRANCE HYMN): For in Thee is the fountain of life, and in Thy light shall we see light. 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 TRANSFIGURATION IN TONE SEVEN: When, O Christ our God, Thou wast transfigured on the mountain, Thou didst reveal Thy glory to Thy Disciples in proportion as they could bear it. Let Thine everlasting light also enlighten us sinners, through the intercessions of the Theotokos. O Thou Bestower of light, 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 OF THE TRANSFIGURATION IN TONE SEVEN: Thou wast transfigured on the mount, and Thy Disciples, in so far as they were able, beheld Thy glory, O Christ our God; so that, when they should see Thee crucified, they would remember that all Thy suffering was voluntary, and could declare to all the world that Thou art truly the effulgent Splendor of the Father.

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:

- **Thursday, August 10**
 - 7:00 PM Paraklesis
- **Friday, August 11**
 - 7:00 PM Paraklesis
- **Saturday, August 12**
 - 7:00 PM Vespers
- **Sunday, August 13**
 - 8:30 AM Orthros
 - 9:30 Divine Liturgy
- **Monday, August 14**
 - 7:00 PM Vespers for the Dormition of the Theotokos
- **Tuesday, August 15**
 - 8:00 AM Divine Liturgy for the Dormition of the Theotokos
- **Wednesday, August 16**
 - 7:00 PM Paraklesis
- **Saturday, August 19**
 - 7:00 PM Vespers
- **Sunday, August 20**
 - 8:30 AM Orthros
 - 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy
 - Parish Cookout

*****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

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. (4:9-16)

Brethren, God has exhibited us Apostles as last of all, like men sentenced to death; because we have become a spectacle to the world, to angels and to men. We are fools for Christ's sake, but you are wise in Christ. We are weak, but you are strong. You are held in honor, but we in disrepute. To the present hour we hunger and thirst, we are ill clad and buffeted and homeless; and we labor, working with our own hands. When reviled, we bless; when persecuted, we endure; when slandered, we try to conciliate; we have become, and are now, as the refuse of the world, the off scouring of all things. I do not write this to make you ashamed, but to admonish you as my beloved children. For though you have countless guides in Christ, you do not have many fathers. For I became your father in Christ Jesus through the Gospel. I urge you, then, be imitators of me.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (17:14-23)

At that time, a man came up to Jesus and kneeling before Him said, "Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is an epileptic and he suffers terribly; for often he falls into the fire, and often into the water. And I brought him to Thy disciples, and they could not heal him." And Jesus answered, "O faithless and perverse generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him here to me." And Jesus rebuked him, and the demon came out of him, and the boy was cured instantly. Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, "Why could we not cast it out?" Jesus said to them, "Because you have no faith. For truly, I say to you, if you have faith as a grain of mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible to you. This kind never comes out except by prayer and fasting." As they were traveling together through Galilee, Jesus said to them, "The Son of man is to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill Him, and He will rise on the third day."



ST. MICHAEL HAPPENINGS

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

VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL 2023

VCS was held July 31-August 2, concluding with a family potluck picnic party before Paraklesis on Wednesday evening. We focused on Genesis 1:26, being created in God's image and likeness, and what that means as we live out our lives as Christians. In addition to praying and learning together, we had time for fun, outreach, working to beautify the outside of the church, team building, talking about church etiquette, and growing in our relationships with one another.

BACKPACK BLESSINGS

Once again we are collecting NEW school supplies for children living at the Village at Cataumet, a transitional housing shelter. Please see the list of suggested items and bring your donations to church by Sunday, August 20. On Sunday, August 27 we will pack and deliver the filled backpacks to be distributed as needed to the children at the Village at Cataumet. Thank you for donating time, supplies, and money to help these kids start the school year off on the right foot!!! Please see Kh. Alyssa for details.

TRASH CANS FOR CATAUMET

We are collecting (new, clean) 13-gallon trash barrels, as well as small bathroom waste baskets to donate to the Village of Cataumet. I'm sure most of us have several trash baskets in our homes that we only think about when we lament having to empty them. For families living at the Village at Cataumet, having a trash receptacle in their room is a luxury. The trash barrels we donate will be much appreciated by the families and be able to be taken with them when they move into their own homes. The collection will continue through August 27, when they will be delivered with backpacks.

ST MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL ORTHODOX CHILDREN'S LIBRARY

Please visit the children's library just outside the front entrance of the nave and help your children, grandchildren, or godchildren check out a book or two! If you are interested in helping our children's library grow, we have a wish list of books that we would love to add to our library's shelves. See Kh. Alyssa with any questions or suggestions of books to add to the wish list!

BOOKS FOR A BABY CENTER

We will continue to 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!

DIOCESE SOYO SUMMER GATHERING, Aug 17th

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DIOCESE OF WORCESTER &
NEW ENGLAND INVITES:

ALL TEENS
ALUMNI, ADULTS, PRE-TEENS, FAMILIES, AND CLERGY

SOYO SUMMER GATHERING

5 PM: BBQ AT THE CHANCERY
FOLLOWED BY A WOO SOX GAME!

TICKETS: \$17 PER PERSON

SCAN CODE TO SIGN UP >>>

OR VISIT:
[HTTPS://FORMS.GLE/MGEMB7IC2RGUVJF7](https://forms.gle/MGEMB7IC2RGUVJF7)

QUESTIONS? EMAIL DOWNEYOUTHDIRECTOR@GMAIL.COM



THE SYNAXARION

On August 13 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we take leave of the divine Transfiguration of our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ. We commemorate the translation of the relics of our Righteous Father Maximos the Confessor.

Verses

*O Maximos, thy dust is moved by the faithful,
Showing, by exchanging places, that thou livest.
On the thirteenth, they translated Maximos' dead body.*

At first, Maximos was a high-ranking courtier at the court of Emperor Heraclius and, after that, a monk and abbot of a monastery not too far from the capitol. He was the greatest defender of Orthodoxy against the so-called Monothelite heresy which proceeded from the heresy of Eutyches. He and his followers claimed that there is only one nature and one will in Christ. Maximos opposed that claim and found himself as an opponent of the emperor and the patriarch. Maximos did not frighten easily but endured to the end in proving that there were two wills as well as two natures in Christ. Because of his efforts, a council was held in Carthage and another in Rome. Both councils rejected the teachings of the Monothelites. The suffering of Maximos for Orthodoxy cannot be described: he was tortured by princes, deceived by prelates, spat upon by the masses of the people, beaten by soldiers, exiled, imprisoned, until finally, with a severed tongue and hand, he was condemned to exile for life in the land of Schemaris, near Batum on the Black Sea, where he spent three years in prison and gave up his soul to God. In 680, twelve years after his repose, the Church translated the relics of Maximos from Lazia to Constantinople.

On this day, we also commemorate Eudokia and Irene (Xenia) the empresses; and Venerable Dorotheos of Gaza and his disciple Dositheos. By the intercessions of Thy Saints, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.