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Sunday, August 27, 2023

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Righteous Father Pimen the Great of Egypt;

Hosius the Confessor, Bishop of Cordova;

Newly-revealed Martyr Phanourios of Rhodes

Clergy:

Fr. Joseph Butts

Dn. James Irving

Sdn. Joseph Boruch

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 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 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 NATIVITY OF THE THEOTOKOS IN TONE FOUR: By thy holy nativity, O pure one, Joachim and Anna were delivered from the reproach of barrenness; and Adam and Eve were delivered from the corruption of death; thy people do celebrate it, having been saved from the stain of iniquity, crying unto thee: The barren doth give birth to the Theotokos, who nourisheth our life.

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***

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,
Please know that we will hold regularly scheduled Saturday Vespers, Sunday Liturgy, and feast day Liturgy here at St. Michael as announced in the newsletter and church bulletin. Please continue to look at the schedule and join us in worship! We will continue to publish the celebrants as we know them on an ongoing basis.

SCHEDULE:

- **Saturday, August 26**
 - 7:00 PM Readers Vespers - Celebrant: Dn. James Irving
- **Sunday, August 27**
 - 8:30 AM Orthros
 - 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy - Celebrant: Fr. Joseph Butts
- **Saturday, September 2**
 - 7:00 PM Vespers
- **Sunday, September 3**
 - 8:30 AM Orthros
 - 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy - Celebrant: Bishop JOHN

*****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!***

THE EPISTLE

(For the Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost)

Sing praises to our God, sing praises.

Clap your hands, all ye nations.

The Reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (15:1-11)

Brethren, I would remind you in what terms I preached to you the Gospel, which you received, in which you stand, by which you are saved, if you hold it fast—unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that He was buried, that He rose on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, and that He appeared to Cephas, then to the Twelve. Then He appeared to more than five hundred brethren at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. Then He appeared to James, then to all the Apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, He appeared also to me. For I am the least of the Apostles, unfit to be called an Apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God, which is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

THE GOSPEL

(For the Twelfth Sunday of Matthew)

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (19:16-26)

At that time, a young man came up to Jesus, kneeling and saying, "Good Teacher, what good deed must I do, to have eternal life?" And He said to him, "Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God. If you would enter life, keep the commandments." He said to Him, "Which?" And Jesus said, "You shall not kill, you shall not commit adultery, you shall not steal, you shall not bear false witness, honor your father and mother, and you shall love your neighbor as yourself." The young man said to Him, "All these I have observed; what do I still lack?" Jesus said to him, "If you would be perfect, go, sell what you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." When the young man heard this, he went away sorrowful; for he had great possessions. And Jesus said to his disciples, "Truly, I say to you, it will be hard for a rich man to enter the Kingdom of Heaven. Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." When the disciples heard this they were greatly astonished, saying, "Who then can be saved?" But Jesus looked at them and said to them, "With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."



ST. MICHAEL HAPPENINGS

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

BACKPACK BLESSINGS

We are collecting NEW school supplies for children living at the Village at Cataumet, a transitional housing shelter. 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!!!

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.

BOOKS FOR A BABY CENTER

We are 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!

THE SYNAXARION

On August 27 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate our righteous father Pimen the Great of Egypt.

Verses

*Rescued from life as from a gaping wolf was Pimen,
Nursling and namesake of the very Great Shepherd.*

Pimen was carried up to the Great Shepherd on the twenty-seventh.

Pimen was born in Egypt and a great ascetic there in the fifth century. As a boy, he visited the most renowned spiritual men and, from them, gathered tangible knowledge as a bee gathers honey from flowers. Pimen once begged the elder Paul to take him to St. Paisius. Seeing Pimen, Paisius said to Paul: "This child will save many; the hand of God is with him." In time, Pimen was tonsured a monk and attracted two of his brothers to the monastic life as well. In their monastery, governed by Abba Anubis (Pimen's eldest brother), the monastics spent four hours of working with their hands, four hours of sleep and four hours of reading the Psalter. During the day, from morning until noon, they spent in alternating work and prayer; from noon until Vespers they spent reading and, in the afternoon, they prepared supper for themselves, the only meal of the day, and that usually consisted of some vegetables. Pimen said, "We ate that which was given to us. No one ever said: 'Give me something else or I do not want that.' In this manner, we spent our entire life in silence and peace." Pimen died peacefully at an old age.

On this day, we also commemorate Hosius the Confessor, Bishop of Cordova; and Newlyrevealed Martyr Phanourios of Rhodes. By the intercessions of Thy saints, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.
