
St. Michael the Archangel Antiochian Orthodox Church

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Sunday, October 01, 2023

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

**Apostle Ananias of the Seventy, first bishop of
Damascus & Righteous Father Romanos the Melodist
Protection ("Pokrov") of the Theotokos**

Clergy:

Fr. James Irving

Sdn. Joseph Boruch

LITTLE ENTRANCE WEEKLY VARIABLES

THE EISODIKON (ENTRANCE HYMN): Save us, O Son of God, Who art risen from the dead, who sing to Thee. Alleluia.

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE EIGHT: From the heights Thou didst descend, O compassionate One, and Thou didst submit to the three-day burial, that Thou might deliver us from passion; Thou art our life and our Resurrection, O Lord, glory to Thee.

APOLYTIKION OF ST. ANANIAS IN TONE THREE: O holy Apostle Ananias, intercede with our merciful God to grant our souls forgiveness of sins.

APOLYTIKION OF ST. ROMANOS IN TONE EIGHT: Through thee, the divine likeness was securely preserved, O father Romanos; for thou didst carry the cross and follow Christ. By example and precept thou didst teach us to ignore the body, because it is perishable, and to attend to the concerns of the undying soul. Therefore, doth thy soul rejoice with the angels.

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, 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***

If you or your loved ones need to contact a member of the clergy in the event of a pastoral emergency, please contact Fr. James Irving, who can be reached by phone or text at (781) 468-8709 or by email at dnjamesirving@gmail.com.

If you have questions for the Parish Council, please reach out to Rick Bardine at rsbboston@yahoo.com.

SCHEDULE:

- **Saturday, September 30**
 - 9:00 AM Divine Liturgy with Ordination - Celebrant: Bishop JOHN
*** **OCTOBER IS YOUTH MONTH** ***
- **Sunday, October 1**
 - 9:00 AM Orthros / 9:15 AM Bible Study for Kids 10+
 - 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy - Celebrant:
- **Saturday, October 7**
 - 5:00 PM Vespers
- **Sunday, October 8**
 - 9:00 AM Orthros / 9:15 AM Bible Study for Kids 10+
 - 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 JOIN US FOR COFFEE HOUR

It is a great joy to have so many people join us for coffee hour!

Please remember that coffee hour is potluck and is successful when we all pitch in by bringing food, serving, helping with set up and clean up or offering donations in the offering box on the counter.

Please ask someone in the kitchen how you can help. May God continue to bless our community!

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 Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost)

Make your vows to the Lord our God and perform them.

God is known in Judah; His Name is great in Israel.

The Reading from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians.

(6:16-7:1)

Brethren, we are the temple of the living God; as God said, "I will live in them and move among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. Therefore, come out from them, and be separate from them," says the Lord, "and touch nothing unclean; then I will welcome you, and I will be a father to you, and you shall be My sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty." Since we have these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit, and make holiness perfect in the fear of God.

THE GOSPEL

(For the Second Sunday of Luke)

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (6:31-36)

The Lord said: "As you wish that men would do to you, do so to them. If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High; for He is kind to the ungrateful and the selfish. Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful."



ST. MICHAEL HAPPENINGS

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

BARNSTABLE DRIVE-THRU FLU CLINIC

The Town of Barnstable Health Division will hold "drive-thru" flu clinics for Town of Barnstable residents on October 11th. The clinic will be held in the parking lot of St. George Orthodox Church from 5:00 - 7:00 PM.

The cost is \$3 per person.

For more information you can contact the Health Division at 508-862-4644.

Collecting Winter Goods for Families newly in Cape Shelters

Currently, Joint Base Cape Cod is housing 62 families. At present, an additional 25 families are sheltered in a hotel in Yarmouth, and 27 families in a Bourne hotel. All are placed by the State of Massachusetts after entering the country legally, and after qualifying for shelter placement following strict State guidelines.

During the month of October, the Cape Cod Council of Churches will be collecting essential winter wear for these men, women and children. We will have bins set up for your donations through the end of October. The list of items needed is as follows:

- Men's and Women's and Childrens' (all sizes)
 - Winter Hats
 - Gloves
 - Boots
 - Coats
 - Sweaters
 - Snowsuits (for babies)
 - Car Seat Covers (for infants)
 - Hand Warmers
 - Umbrellas
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Monetary donations are also being accepted. If you would like to donate, please make your checks out to St Michael Orthodox Church and note “resettling families” in the memo.

Thank you for your generosity! If you have any questions, please see Soraya, Macrina or Kristin.

THE FAMILY PANTRY OF CAPE COD IS REQUESTING NON-FOOD DONATIONS

as their current need is great for health and beauty products. We would like to collect items by the end of October. Please consider the following sample list of items – think of things you find in the pharmacy: toothpaste/toothbrush/floss; shampoo/conditioner; soap; razors / shaving gel; bandaids; nail clippers; body lotion; comb / hairbrush.

This is just a sample of products. Anything would be appreciated, although they specifically said NO FEMININE HYGIENE products.

Please consider bringing a few items to each service that you attend to help us collect as many items as possible by the end of October.

**2023 MIDDLE EASTERN FESTIVAL & BAZAAR -
St. George, West Roxbury, October 6-8, 2023**

St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church of Boston is proud to announce their Middle Eastern Festival & Bazaar at their location, 55 Emmonsdale Road, West Roxbury, MA, on Friday and Saturday, October 6th and 7th from 11:00AM to 10:00PM and Sunday, October 8th from 12PM – 4:00PM – FREE ADMISSION/WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE. Three days of fun-filled excitement. Authentic Middle Eastern Cuisine and Pastry, American Foods and Pastry, Ice Cream, Fried Dough, Fresh Little Neck Clams, Music, Dancing, Kids Activities, Raffles, White Elephant Table and much more. Purchase Galaxy Raffle tickets to win fabulous prizes! There’s something for everyone at the St. George Church Festival & Bazaar! For more information, please call the church at (617)327-6500. Proceeds to benefit church projects.

Teen SOYO Volunteer Opportunity at Feed My Starving Children

Diocese of Worcester & New England Teen SOYO invites ALL TEENS (7th-12th Grade), families, clergy, and pre-teens to our: Feed My Starving Children Volunteer Opportunity on October 6, 2023. Register to volunteer from 5-9 pm at <https://forms.gle/hGwLS8qDuPi84BZh7> Email any questions to downeyouthdirector@gmail.com



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St. George Orthodox Cathedral

30 Anna St., Worcester, MA 01604

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THE SYNAXARION

On October 1 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the holy Apostle Ananias of the Seventy, first bishop of Damascus.

Verses

*Ananias was stoned with stones by the godless,
Since he would in no wise give stones godly worship.*

On the first day of October, Ananias was stoned.

“Ananias” is the Greek form of Hananiah, which is Hebrew for “Yahweh [God] is gracious.” In accordance with to God’s revelation (Acts 9:10-17), he baptized Saul (the Apostle Paul). Because of his courageous preaching of the Gospel, Ananias was stoned to death in the town of Eleutheropolis. His holy relics were taken to Damascus and later to Constantinople. Ananias’ famous house still exists today, located about one mile from the Cathedral of the Dormition of the Theotokos (al-Mariamiyeh) and the headquarters of the Orthodox Patriarchate of Antioch in Damascus, Syria. The house is now the Chapel of Saint Ananias, located on the “Street Called Straight,” resting 16 feet below ground at the level of the Roman street in the first century.

On this day, we also commemorate our Righteous Father Romanos the Melodist, born in Homs (Emesa), Syria. He was, at first, a deacon in Beirut, and later served in the cathedral of Constantinople in the time of Patriarch Euthymios (490-504). Romanos was not well educated and was untrained in chanting, for which the more educated clergy ridiculed him. Romanos tearfully prayed to the Most-holy Theotokos, and she appeared to him in a dream, gave him a scroll, and told him to swallow it. The following day was the Feast of the Christ’s Nativity. Romanos took his place as a chanter at the ambo, and with an angelic voice sang the hymn “Today the Virgin,” the Kontakion of the Feast. All were amazed at both the content of this hymn and at the magnificent singing of the chanter. Having received the poetic gift from the Theotokos, Romanos composed over one thousand Kontakia. He joined the angelic choirs in the year 555.

On October 1, some Orthodox Christian Churches celebrate the Protection (“Pokrov”) of the Theotokos.

By the intercessions of Thy saints, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.
