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Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

& Third Sunday of Luke

Righteous Mother Pelagia the penitent of Antioch

Martyr Pelagia the Virgin of Antioch;

Venerable Thaïs of Egypt

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 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 ST. PELAGIA THE RIGHTEOUS IN TONE EIGHT: Through thee, the divine likeness was securely preserved, O mother Pelagia; 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.

SCHEDULE:

***** OCTOBER IS YOUTH & SEMINARIANS MONTH *****

- **Saturday, October 7**
 - 5:00 PM Vespers
- **Sunday, October 8**
 - 9:00 AM Orthros
 - 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy with Memorial Service for Lina Nasseh
- **Saturday, October 14**
 - 5:00 PM Vespers
- **Sunday, October 15**
 - 9:00 AM Orthros
 - 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy with 40 days Memorial Service for Fr. Nicholas Manikas

*****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 Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost)

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

The Reading from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (9:6-11)

Brethren, he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must do as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that you may always have enough of everything and may provide in abundance for every good work. As it is written, "He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures forever." He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your resources and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for great generosity, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God.

THE GOSPEL

(For the Third Sunday of Luke)

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (7:11-16)

At that time, Jesus went to a city called Nain, and many of His disciples and a great crowd went with Him. As He drew near to the gate of the city, behold, a man who had died was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow; and a large crowd from the city was with her. And when the Lord saw her, He had compassion on her and said to her, "Do not weep." And He came and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And Jesus said, "Young man, I say to you, arise." And the dead man sat up, and began to speak. And Jesus gave him to his mother. Fear seized them all; and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has arisen among us!" and "God has visited His people!"



ST. MICHAEL HAPPENINGS

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

AXIOS! HE IS WORTHY! MOUSTAHIQ!

On Saturday, September 30, 2023, Dn. James Irving was ordained to the Holy Priesthood by His Grace Bishop JOHN at St. Michael the Archangel Church. Fr. James is assigned as the Pastor of St. Michael's by His Eminence Metropolitan Saba. AXIOS to Fr. James, Kh. Valerie and their children Alison, Paul & Ben. May God grant them many years! The livestream recording and photos from the Ordination are available on St. Michael's website.



OCTOBER IN THE ANTIOCHIAN ARCHDIOCESE IS "YOUTH MONTH AND SEMINARY MONTH"

This year we have 25 official seminarians studying in five seminaries, including Antiochian House of Studies. Most of the students will serve this Archdiocese as priests in the future. They will baptize the catechumens, raise up the youth in the Faith, educate the faithful, comfort the sorrowful, visit the sick, restore the penitent, and heal the broken-hearted. Supporting our future clergy and the institutions that are providing their education and formation is vital to the spiritual health of the parishes and ministries of our Church.

October 15th we will have a second collection to support the seminarians.

SOYO APPLE PICKING ON OCTOBER 22

We will be having our annual youth apple picking event after church on October 22. Please join us at Crow Farm in Sandwich for apple picking, corn maze, farm stand and FUN!

MANY THANKS TO ZOYA SHEGLOV

A new icon has been added to the St. Michael iconostasis. Many thanks to our own iconographer Zoya Sheglov! Bishop JOHN blessed the icon on September 30th. The icon has been placed above the Royal Doors. The side with the Mystical Supper is facing the congregation, and the other side with the Trinity is facing the altar. Photos are available on our website.



CHURCH SCHOOL FOR YOUNGER KIDS will start by the end of October. Please, fill out and return the registration form to Macrina (Colleen) Stewart.

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.

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.

Movie Night at St George Greek Orthodox Church, Centerville on November 8 at 5:00 PM

Vespers for the feast of St. Nektarios of Aegina, followed by a screening of the film “Man of God” about his life. Popcorn & Pizza will be provided. Please, RSVP to St. George Church by Nov. 5th at 508-775-3045.

Save the Date!

- October 14: Diocese Antiochian Women Meeting in West Roxbury
 - October 28: St. George Lowell Hafli
 - November 3-4: St. John Dedham Annual Bazaar
 - November 3-5: St. Mary Pawtucket Annual Bazaar
 - January 12-15, 2024: Winter Family Camp @ Antiochian Village
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THE SYNAXARION

On October 8 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate our Righteous Mother Pelagia the Penitent of Antioch, the former courtesan.

Verses

*Washed of thy shame and escaping the billowing tempest,
O Pelagia, thou camest to the port of Heaven.
On the eighth, Pelagia escaped the sea of life.*

She was born to pagan parents in Antioch. Pelagia used her beauty to become wealthy, but to the destruction of her own soul and those of others. Once, while walking past the Church of the Holy Martyr Julian, in which Bishop Nonnus was preaching, she stopped in and heard a sermon on the Dread Judgment and the punishment of sinners. Those words so shook her and changed her that she immediately felt revulsion for herself, acquired true fear of God, repented of all her sins and fell down before St. Nonnus with the plea that he baptize her, which he did. Pelagia was keenly aware of the multitude of her sins and decided on a great ascetic labor. She left her enormous, sinfully gained wealth to the poor, and secretly went to Jerusalem as the monk Pelagius. There, she shut herself up in a cell on the Mount of Olives, and began the difficult asceticism of fasting, prayer and all-night vigils. Pelagia entered into rest in 461. Thus, this formerly terrible sinner pleased God by her repentance and labor, was forgiven of her sins, and became sanctified.

On this day, we also commemorate the Martyr Pelagia the Virgin of Antioch; and the Righteous Mother Thaïs of Egypt. By the intercessions of Thy saints, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.
