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**Sunday, October 15, 2023**

**Sunday of Holy Fathers of 7th Ecumenical Council**

**& Fourth Sunday of Luke**

**Hieromartyr Lucian of Antioch;**

**Venerable Euthymios the Younger of Athos;**

**Savvinos, bishop of Catania**

**Clergy:**

**Fr. James Irving**

**Sdn. Joseph Boruch**

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## 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 TWO: When Thou didst submit Thyself unto death, O Thou deathless and immortal One, then Thou didst destroy hell with Thy Godly power. And when Thou didst raise the dead from beneath the earth, all the powers of Heaven did cry aloud unto Thee: O Christ, Thou giver of life, glory to Thee.

APOLYTIKION OF THE HOLY FATHERS IN TONE EIGHT: Thou, O Christ, art our God of exceeding praise Who didst establish our Holy Fathers as luminous stars upon earth, and through them didst guide us unto the true Faith, O most merciful One, 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.

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.**

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**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](mailto:dnjamesirving@gmail.com).**

**SCHEDULE:**

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

- **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
- **Saturday, October 21**
  - 5:00 PM Vespers
- **Sunday, October 22**
  - 9:00 AM Orthros / 9:15 AM Bible Study for Kids 10+
  - 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy
  - Women's Group Meeting
  - Choir Rehearsal
  - SOYO Apple Picking

**\*\*\*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!***

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## THE EPISTLE

(For the Holy Fathers)

*Blessed are Thou, O Lord, the God of our Fathers.*

*For Thou art just in all that Thou hast done to us.*

### **The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to St. Titus. (3:8-15)**

Titus, my son, faithful is the saying, and concerning these things I desire you to affirm confidently, that those who have believed in God may be thoughtful of how to preside in honorable occupations. These things are good and profitable to men. But avoid foolish disputes, and genealogies, and contentions, and controversies about the Law; for they are unprofitable and vain. A man who is a heretic after the first and second admonition reject, knowing that such a one is subverted, and sins, being self-condemned. When I send Artemas to you, or Tychicós, give diligence to come to me to Nicopolis; for I have determined to winter there. Set forward Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their journey diligently, that they may be lacking in nothing. And let our people also learn how to preside in honorable occupations, so as to help in cases of urgent need, that they should not be unfruitful. All who are with me salute you. Salute those who love us in the faith. Grace be with you all. Amen.

## THE GOSPEL

(For the Fourth Sunday of Luke)

### **The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (8:5-15)**

The Lord spoke this parable: "A sower went out to sow his seed; and as he sowed, some fell along the path, and was trodden under foot, and the birds of the air devoured it. And some fell on the rock; and as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture. And some fell among thorns; and the thorns grew with it and choked it. And some fell into good soil and grew, and yielded a hundredfold." And when His Disciples asked Him what this parable meant, Jesus said, "To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God; but for others they are in parables, so that seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand. Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. The ones along the path are those who have heard; then the

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devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts that they may not believe and be saved. And the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy; but these have no root, they believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away. And as for what fell among the thorns, they are those who hear, but as they go on their way, they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. And as for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bring forth fruit with patience.” As Jesus said this, He called out, “He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”

With the blessing of His Eminence Metropolitan SABA **Archdiocesan Sunday for AHOS (Antiochian House of Studies)** will take place every year on the Sunday of the Parable of the Sower. The purpose of Archdiocesan Sunday for AHOS (Antiochian House of Studies) is to raise awareness to support the future clergy & lay leaders of our archdiocese. We kindly ask you to bring an offering on this day: Sunday, October 15, 2023



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How can I  
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La Verne CA 91750

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## **ST. MICHAEL HAPPENINGS**

**WEEKLY BULLETIN CAN BE VIEWED ON OUR WEBSITE**

**ALL FOR THE GLORY OF GOD AND HIS CHURCH**

### **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!

### **YARD SALE DONATION OF ITEMS NEEDED**

Women's Group is organizing a WHITE ELEPHANT BOUTIQUE to be held on Saturday Nov 18. We will be selling raffle tickets at coffee hour leading up to the event so please support us and take your chance at winning!!! Accepting donations: Nov 11 before/after Vespers; Nov 12 after Liturgy; Nov 13-17 by special arrangement with committee members below! Please include a list of your donated items along with your name and phone number. THIS IS REQUIRED FOR ALL DONATIONS as unsold items must be returned to the donor since we are not able to store at church or to bring to another donation facility. LIST OF ITEMS THAT WILL BE ACCEPTED CLEAN AND IN WORKING ORDER:

- Small appliances
  - Small Electronics - speakers, headphones, games
  - Tools
  - Kitchenware – pots, pans, bakeware, corning ware, pyrex, mixing bowls, serving platters
  - Giftware – decanters, vases, candy dishes
  - Collectables – figurines, depression glass, crystal, English Bone China
  - Jewelry
  - Toys, Puzzles, Baby items
  - Table linens, place mats, napkin rings
  - Books, CDs, DVDs (make sure they appropriate to be sold at a church event)
  - Sporting goods
  - Ladies Pocket books, leather goods
  - Luggage (weekend bags, carry-on, two-suitors, etc...)
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- Baskets

\*\*\*NO MUGS. NO CLOTHING. NO BIG FURNITURE PIECES\*\*\*

Please contact any of the committee members with your questions:  
Mary Rahal (508)385-4405 // Pauline Rassias (781)690-2891 //  
Soraya Bandeli (617)842-8591

Thank you for your continued commitment to St. Michael!

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

**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.

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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.

**THE SYNAXARION**

On October 15 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the Hieromartyr Lucian of Antioch; Venerable Euthymios the Younger of Athos; and Savvinos, bishop of Catania.

On this day we commemorate the holy and blessed Fathers who came together for the second time in Nicaea, during the reign of the pious and Christ-loving Sovereigns Constantine and Irene, against those who impiously, ignorantly and foolishly asserted that the Church of God worshiped idols, and rejected the august and holy icons.

**Verses**

*Thy champions, O Word, with words as their weapons,  
Turn to flight the foes of the venerable icons.*

The Council met in 787 to refute the Iconoclast heresy, whose camp believed that all depictions of Christ, His Mother and the saints should be destroyed. The iconophiles believed that icons served to preserve the doctrinal teachings of the Church; and they considered icons to be man’s dynamic way of expressing the divine through art and beauty. The council decreed that the veneration of icons was not idolatry (Exodus 20:4-5), because the honor shown to them is not directed to the wood or paint, but passes to the prototype, or the person depicted. It also upheld the possibility of depicting Christ, Who became man and took flesh at His Incarnation. The Father, on the other hand, cannot be represented in His eternal nature, because “no man has seen God at any time” (John 1:18).

By the intercessions of the Holy Fathers, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.

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