
St. Michael the Archangel Antiochian Orthodox Church

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Sunday, November 05, 2023

**Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost &
Fifth Sunday of Luke**

**Martyrs Galaktion and Episteme of Homs;
Apostles Hermas, Linus, Gaius, Patrobas and Philologos of the
Seventy**

Hierarchs and Parish Clergy:

His Eminence Metropolitan SABA (Isper)
Antiochian Archdiocese of North America

His Grace Bishop JOHN (Abdalah)

Bishop of the Diocese of Worcester & New England

Father James Irving, Pastor

Subdeacon 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 FIVE: Let us believers praise and worship the Word; coeternal with the Father and the Spirit, born of the Virgin for our salvation. For, He took pleasure in ascending the Cross in the flesh to suffer death; and to raise the dead by His glorious Resurrection.

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. Fr. James is available for confession by appointment.

At the request of our Metropolitan SABA, we have had extra collections in October for the Seminaries and for Special Olympics.
Thanks to everyone who contributed.

SCHEDULE:

- **Saturday, November 4**
 - 5:00 PM Vespers
- DON'T FORGET TO TURN THE CLOCKS 1 HOUR BACK**
- **Sunday, November 5**
 - 9:00 AM Orthros / 9:15 AM Bible Study for Kids 10+
 - 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy
- **Tuesday, November 7** (*Clergy from the New England region may be in attendance as this event coincides with a Clergy retreat planned for the same time. Please plan to attend this feast day event.*)
 - 6:00 PM Orthros
 - 7:00 PM Hierarchical Divine Liturgy for the **Synaxis of the Archangel Michael & the other Bodiless Powers**
 - Meal
- **Saturday, November 11**
 - 5:00 PM Vespers
- **Sunday, November 12**
 - 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 Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost)

Thou, O Lord, shalt preserve us and keep us from this generation.

Save me, O Lord, for the godly man hath disappeared.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Galatians. (6:11-18)

Brethren, see with what large letters I am writing to you with my own hand. It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that would compel you to be circumcised and only in order that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. For even those who receive circumcision do not themselves keep the Law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may glory in your flesh. But far be it from me to glory except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me and I to the world. For neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. Peace and mercy be upon all, who walk by this rule, upon the Israel of God. Henceforth let no man trouble me; for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brethren. Amen.

THE GOSPEL

(For the Fifth Sunday of Luke)

The Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (16:19-31)

The Lord said, "There was a rich man, who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, full of sores, who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table; moreover, the dogs came and licked his sores. The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried; and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes, and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus in his bosom. And he called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy upon me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in anguish in this flame.' But Abraham said, 'Son, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass

from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.' And he said, 'Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house, for I have five brothers, so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.' But Abraham said, 'They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.' And he said, 'No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to him, 'If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead.'"

CHURCHING OF MOTHER AND CHILD

Last Sunday we welcomed Stefania back and welcomed into the church Efstathios. The mother is returned into the church and the child makes their first steps of entering into the church on the fortieth day after birth, at this service.

Please pray for children to be welcomed into full communion with God and as a result the growth of the church.



SPECIAL OLYMPICS

Thank you to all that donated to Metropolitan Saba's Archdiocese appeal for financial donations to enable the teens to sponsor the 43rd Annual Special Olympics Sports Camp, which will be held at the Antiochian Village in August, 2024. Your donations make it possible for every athlete to attend this event free of charge.

Each year, NAC Teen SOYO covers the cost of the Camp (approximately \$75,000), through the generosity of our fellow parishioners. Through the years, the Archdiocese has hosted more than 8,500 athletes and coaches. Around 1,200 of our teens have had the unique experience of being a coach or volunteer at the camp.





ST. MICHAEL HAPPENINGS

WEEKLY BULLETIN CAN BE VIEWED ON OUR WEBSITE

ALL FOR THE GLORY OF GOD AND HIS CHURCH

FLOWERS FOR THE NATIVITY

Please, consider making a donation towards flowers for the Nativity. You can find a basket at the back of the church.

THANKSGIVING MEALS FOR INDEPENDENCE HOUSE

A Sign-Up request has been sent out via email to parish members and friends to help provide Thanksgiving Meals to Independence House in Hyannis, which provides services to battered women and their children.

- Please register to pick up a few items the next time you are at the grocery store.
- Please consider donating your time to help package the items for delivery on Nov 19 and to help with delivery on Nov 20.
- If can't shop for any of the items, please consider donating funds to help us with the purchase of food to supplement what is being generously donated.

The sign-up request covers all these requests. If you don't have access to a computer, please reach out to the Outreach committee to let us know how you can help: Macrina, Kristin, Michelle, Linda, Elaine B & Soraya. If you didn't receive the Sign-up request in your email, please see Soraya so your name can be added to our distribution list.

Thank you for your support of St. Michael outreach and its programs

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 for original oil painting 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. We will also need empty boxes for use in packing sold items. Please help us collect and bring to church Nov 11-12. Liquor stores and supermarkets

are a great source of empty boxes! 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
- Original Artwork – Water Colors and Prints
- Jewelry
- Toys, Puzzles, Baby items
- Table linens, place mats, napkin rings
- Seasonal / Holiday Items
- 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...)
- 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

Please, share the information about the event on your Facebook.
Thank you for your continued commitment to St. Michael!

ST. MICHAELS' MEN'S GROUP

Last month a group of men from St. Michaels' gathered together to share a meal at the Olive Garden in Hyannis. Discussed were the future actions of the group, our values and faith.

At the upcoming White Elephant Boutique & Bake Sale we will have a table, stop by and say Hello. If you know of anyone that would like to join let one of the members know.



THE SYNAXARION

On November 5 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the holy Martyrs Galaktion and Episteme of Homs.

Verses

*The sword slayeth the uncoupled yoke-pair,
Who loved rather the spiritual yoking.*

On the fifth, Episteme and Galaktion were slain as one.

Galaktion's mother was barren until she was baptized. After her baptism, she converted her husband to the true Faith. Their son Galaktion was baptized and raised in the Christian Faith. When Galaktion was old enough to marry, his father betrothed him to a pagan-born maiden named Episteme. By no means did Galaktion want to enter into marriage, and convinced Episteme to be baptized, then to be tonsured a nun at the same time that he became a monk. Galaktion withdrew to a monastery and Episteme to a convent. They were first in labor, prayer, humility, obedience, and love. They neither left their monasteries nor did they see one another until just before their deaths. A fierce persecution began and both of them were brought before the tribunal. The pagans mercilessly tortured the pair and beheaded them. Their friend Eutolius took their bodies and honorably buried them. Eutolius had been a slave of Episteme's parents, and then a monk with Galaktion. He wrote the life of these martyrs of Christ who received their heavenly wreaths in 253.

On this day, we also commemorate the Apostles Hermas, Linus, Gaius, Patrobas and Philologos of the Seventy. By the intercessions of Thy saints, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.

ST. MICHAEL NATIVITY CARD 2023

This year, St. Michael Women will be sending out a Nativity Greeting to all our parish members. A portion of the proceeds of this year's Nativity card will be going to the Clergy Widows Fund. These women who have dedicated their lives and their families to the church will always be our "Khourie" / "Presvitera" / "Matushka" – even after they suffer the loss of their priest-husbands. This fund will cover some of their needs for utilities, food, shelter. The order form for the Nativity Greeting has been mailed out. If you would like your name on the St. Michael Nativity Card, please fill out the form and return it by December 17, 2023. Please make your donations out to St. Michael Women and write 'Nativity Card' in the memo. We thank you for your continued generosity.
