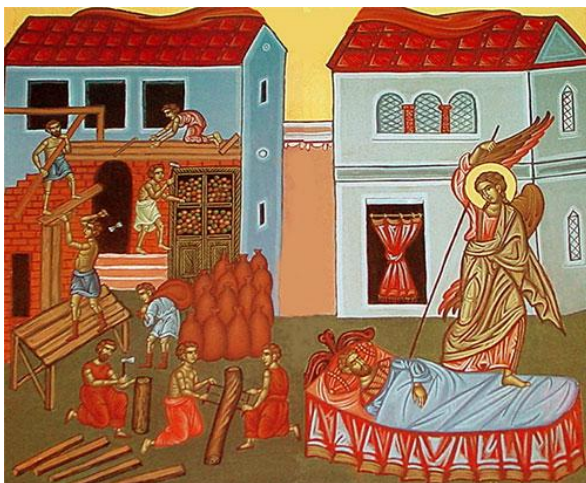

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Sunday, November 19, 2023

**Tone 7 / Eothinon 2; Twenty-fourth Sunday after
Pentecost & Ninth Sunday of Luke**

**The Holy Prophet Obadiah; Martyr Barlaam of Antioch;
Martyr Azi the wonderworker of Isauria in Asia Minor and 150
soldiers with him**

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 SEVEN: Thou didst shatter death by Thy Cross, Thou didst open paradise to the thief; Thou didst turn the sadness of the ointment-bearing women into joy. And didst bid Thine Apostles proclaim a warning, that Thou hast risen O Christ, granting to 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 ENTRANCE OF THE THEOTOKOS IN TONE FOUR: The sacred treasury of God's holy glory, * the greatly precious bridal chamber and Virgin, * the Savior's most pure temple, free of stain and undefiled, * into the House of the Lord * on this day is brought forward * and bringeth with herself the grace * of the Most Divine Spirit; * her do God's Angels hymn with songs of praise, * for she is truly the heavenly tabernacle.

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.

SCHEDULE:

***** NATIVITY FAST STARTED ON NOVEMBER 15th AND LASTS UNTIL CHRISTMAS *****

Here are some resources on Feasts and Fasting in the Orthodox Church:

ww1.antiochian.org/discover/feasts

- **Saturday, November 18**
 - 9:00 AM - 2:00: PM WHITE ELEPHANT BOUTIQUE & BAKE SALE
- **Sunday, November 19**
 - 9:00 AM Orthros / Church School/ 9:15 AM Bible Study for Kids 10+
 - 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy
- **Monday, November 20**
 - 6:00 PM Orthros
 - 7:00 PM Divine Liturgy for the Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple
- **Saturday, November 25**
 - 5:00 PM Vespers
- **Sunday, November 26**
 - 9:00 AM Orthros / Church School/ 9:15 AM Bible Study for Kids 10+
 - 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy
- **Tuesday, November 28**
 - 6:30 PM Men's Group Meeting at Asia restaurant in the Mashpee Commons

*****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-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost)

The Lord will give strength to His people.

Ascribe to the Lord, O sons of God, ascribe to the Lord honor and glory.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Ephesians. (2:14-22)

Brethren, Christ is our peace, Who has made us both one, and has broken down the dividing wall of hostility, by abolishing in His flesh the law of commandments and ordinances, that He might create in Himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the Cross, thereby bringing the hostility to an end. And He came and preached peace to you, who were far off, and peace to those who were near; for through Him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and sojourners, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the cornerstone, in Whom the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in Whom you also are built into it for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

THE GOSPEL

(For the Ninth Sunday of Luke)

The Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (12:16-21)

The Lord spoke this parable: "The land of a rich man brought forth plentifully; and he thought to himself, 'What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?' And he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns, and build larger ones; and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; take your ease, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul is required of you; and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God." As He said this, Jesus called out, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH - SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2024

Please hold the date of Sunday, February 11 for the Annual Meeting of the members in good standing of Saint Michael Antiochian Orthodox Church. As you know, 2023 has been a year of change for us. Our next annual meeting will be held in February to provide us with sufficient time to prepare our 2024 budget in light of these changes.

As in years past, we will hold the annual meeting in the church following Divine Liturgy. We will also be streaming the meeting as we know parishioners may be unable to attend in person.

During the meeting we will review our accomplishments as a parish during 2023, review and approve the 2024 budget and elect new Parish Council members. Anyone interested in serving on Parish Council please reach out to Father James or Rick Bardine.

We will be mailing our annual stewardship appeal shortly and count on your continued generous support for the parish. We ask that you return your stewardship pledge forms as soon as possible and no later than February 1, 2024.

Peace in Christ
Father James Irving,
Pastor

Rick Bardine,
Chair, Parish Council
St. Michael the Archangel Antiochian Church



ST. MICHAEL HAPPENINGS

WEEKLY BULLETIN CAN BE VIEWED ON OUR WEBSITE

ALL FOR THE GLORY OF GOD AND HIS CHURCH

THANKSGIVING MEALS FOR INDEPENDENCE HOUSE

We are providing Thanksgiving Meals to Independence House in Hyannis, which provides services to battered women and their children. Please consider donating your time to help package the items for delivery on Nov 19 and to help with delivery on Nov 20. Thank you for your support of St. Michael outreach and its programs.

HISTORY OF ST MICHAEL CHURCH

Kh. Valerie is interested in writing a comprehensive history of our church and has already started speaking with some of our founding members and collecting articles and photos. If you are interested in helping, or would like to write something of particular historical interest, please contact Kh. Valerie if you haven't done so already. She can be reached by email at valerieirving@verizon.net or by cell phone or text at (781) 727-4621.

BOOK CLUB

St Michael's will be starting a book club soon. The book we will be reading is "Pearl of Great Price" by Sergei Hackel.

Pearl of Great Price is the moving story of Mother Maria Skobtsova, a nun of the Orthodox Church, who was born into a Russian aristocratic home but who died a martyr's death in one of Hitler's concentration camps. In the intervening years, the vicissitudes of life led her through two marriages, childbirth and childrearing, and exile from her homeland-until she became an unconventional nun, devoted to the service of the destitute and the despairing in Nazi-occupied France during WWII. Mother Maria was eventually consigned to Ravensbrück concentration camp because of her support of the Jews in Paris. There she continued to help those around her up until-and even by means of-her own death. Now canonized by the Orthodox Church as St Maria, she demonstrates how to love the image of God in each person, even when surrounded by hatred, undiluted evil, and brutality.

Please email Fr James, dnjamesirving@gmail.com, if you would like to join the book club. When we have a count of people we will order the book and get started.

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.

MEN'S GROUP - by Stephen Winters

After SOYO and Young Adult Fellowship, where do Antiochian men go to collectively grow in Faith, Fellowship, and Service; supporting each other and the church? Is it clergy or nothing? Certainly, men do great work in our parish. But consider the idea that our efforts will have a greater effect if we are organized and are supported by the clergy of our parish and our diocese. If you agree or would like to know more, please reach out to me personally at coffee hour or by email at swinters@stmichaelmencapecod.com. Our next meeting will be on November 28 at 6:30 PM at Asia restaurant in the Mashpee Commons. They have some good options there if you are tracking the Nativity fast this year. There, we will discuss the actionable opportunities for our parish and develop a plan to meet them. Also, I have been working with the Antiochian men's group of the Archdiocese of North America who are more mature in this process. I will send out a Zoom meeting invite to every man within the next couple of weeks to discuss best practices with Michael Baclig, the President of the Antiochian Men's group for the Diocese of Miami and the Southeast. They are 4 and a half years into their journey and are coordinating strong work across 11 parishes. If you want to ensure you are on the email list, come see me or email me at the email address that I mentioned above.

CAMP AT HOME Dec 15-16 at St. George Boston, W. Roxbury, MA

This event is meant to imitate a day in life at the Antiochian Village. It is a great way for younger kids and teens to experience the joy of going to camp. Staying overnight is open for grades 7-12, but children ages 7-18 are welcome for the Saturday portion of the event. Email questions to downeyouthdirector@gmail.com.

THE SYNAXARION

On November 19 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the Holy Prophet Obadiah.

Verses

*Since John gave and dispersed to poor men and paupers,
Now standing before Christ, what things he receiveth!
The Almsgiver, owning nought, departed the twelfth.*

Obadiah lived at the court of King Ahab of Israel, but when the king turned away from true worship and bowed down to idols, Obadiah did not follow the king, but continued to serve the one, true God. When the evil Queen Jezebel raised a persecution against all the prophets of God, Obadiah gathered one hundred of them, hid them in two caves, and fed them to the end of the persecution (I Kings 18:4). A contemporary of the great Prophet Elias, Obadiah revered him greatly and served him in all things, as his follower and disciple. He lived 900 years before Christ and entered peacefully into rest.

On this day, we also commemorate the Martyr Barlaam of Antioch. Because of his faith in Christ the Lord, an impious judge tortured him harshly. He took Barlaam to the pagan temple and set a burning coal on his palm and incense on the coal. The judge thought that the pain would cause the martyr to shake the coal and incense off his hand before the idols, and thus involuntarily cense them. However, the soldier of Christ heroically held the burning coal on his palm with no thought of casting it before the idols, until his fingers were burned through and fell off and his palm was completely burnt. After that, elder Barlaam's whole body fell to the ground and his soul went to the eternal rest of our Lord the Savior. This glorious, heroic elder suffered in 304.

On this day, we also commemorate the Martyr Azi the wonderworker of Isauria in Asia Minor and 150 soldiers with him. By the intercessions of Thy saints, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.

ECCLESIASTICAL CALENDARS 2024

It's hard to believe it - but that time of year is here!! There is a new ecclesiastical calendar for 2024 at the back of the church. The suggested donation is \$10 for each calendar. Due to limited quantity, please only take one per family.

Thanks for your continued support of St Michael.

