
St. Michael the Archangel Antiochian Orthodox Church

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Stone 1 / Eothinon 1; Thirty-first Sunday after

Pentecost & Fourteenth Sunday of Luke

Our Righteous Father Ephraim the Syrian

Venerable Palladios of Antioch; Venerable Theodosios of Totma

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 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. EPHRAIM THE SYRIAN IN TONE THREE: Out of Paradise, a river floweth, flooding all the earth with joy unending, cheering souls with compunction and saving fear: Ephraim, the wine bowl of gladness inspired of God, from all eternity chosen to light the Church with his sacred hymns, his sermons, his shining canticles, whereby he filleth faithful souls with godliness.

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 THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN TONE ONE: Thou, O Christ God, Who by Thy Birth, didst sanctify the Virgin's womb, and, as is meet, didst bless Simeon's arms, and didst also come to save us; preserve Thy fold in wars, and confirm them whom Thou didst love, for Thou alone art the Lover of mankind.

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:

- **Sunday, January 28**
 - 9:00 AM Orthros / Church School/ 9:15 AM Bible Study for Kids 10+
 - 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy
 - Outreach Committee Meeting
 - Choir Rehearsal
- **Saturday, February 3**
 - 9:00 AM Orthros
 - 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy for the **Presentation of Christ in the Temple**
 - No Vespers
- **Sunday, February 4**
 - 9:00 AM Orthros / Church School/ 9:15 AM Bible Study for Kids 10+
 - 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy
 - Teen SOYO Meeting

*****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 Thirty-first Sunday after Pentecost)

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

The Reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to St. Timothy. (1:15-17)

Timothy, my son, the saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. And I am the foremost of sinners; but I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display His perfect patience for an example to those who were to believe in Him for eternal life. To the King of Ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory to the ages of ages. Amen.

THE GOSPEL

(For the Fourteenth Sunday of Luke)

The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (18:35-43)

At that time, as Jesus drew near to Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging; and hearing a multitude going by, he inquired what this meant. They told him, "Jesus of Nazareth is passing by." And he cried, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" And those who were in front rebuked him, telling him to be silent; but he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" And Jesus stopped, and commanded him to be brought to Him; and when he came near, Jesus asked him, "What do you want me to do for you?" He said, "Lord, let me receive my sight." And Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight; your faith has made you well." And immediately he received his sight and followed Him, glorifying God; and all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God.



ST. MICHAEL HAPPENINGS

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

ANNUAL MEETING

Reminder to mark the date. As previously announced in the Bulletin, the Annual Meeting of the St. Michael the Archangel Church will be held on **Sunday, February 11, 2024** immediately following Divine Liturgy. We look forward to your attendance!

HOUSE BLESSINGS

Our Orthodox Church teaches that we need to bless our homes once a year following the Feast of the Theophany to sanctify them and all the members of our family. This is a short visit with the Priest and a great opportunity to bring the blessing of the Church into our homes.

If you would like your house blessed please contact Fr. James to schedule a visit, 781-468-8709, dnjamesirving@gmail.com.

The MEN'S GROUP has organized an icon tour on Tuesday February 6th at 6pm at St George Greek Orthodox Church (1130 Falmouth Road, Centerville, MA 02632). We hope to see you there.

WE ARE RESUMING FAMILY NIGHTS! SAVE THE DATE - FEB 10, 2024

"Family night" is not only for families and kids but everyone in the parish! Come spend time and have fun with your church family!

- 3:30pm for games and fellowship (bring a board game to share)
- 5:00pm Vespers
- Potluck dinner to follow (please bring a soup, salad or pre-sliced bread).

Contact Macrina for more info.

SAVE THE DATE: POST SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY - FEBRUARY 18

The Men's Group will be offering soup at the coffee hour. The funds raised will be used for the PLC 2024. More details as we get closer to the date.

USHERS NEEDED

We need ushers to serve one Sunday per month. Please see Soraya if you are interested in greeting guests as they enter church and helping with the flow of the liturgy. This is a fun way to serve and meet people.

BISHOP JOHN PARTICIPATED IN 2024 MARCH FOR LIFE

Braving snow and frigid temperatures, hundreds of Orthodox Christian bishops, clergy, seminarians and faithful walked in the annual March for Life at the National Mall in Washington, D.C. on Friday, Jan. 19, 2024. His Grace Bishop John of the Diocese of Worcester and New England offered the opening address and prayer where he said, in part: "O Heavenly Father, Good Comforter, and Lord Jesus Christ, the Creator of all things, you who knew us in our mother's womb and ordered the world for our salvation: Protect your babies both born and unborn, guide their parents, reveal to us the ways which we should walk today and every day."

ORTHODOX VOLUNTEER CORPS

Next Sunday, on February 4, we will have a second collection to benefit the OVC. The OVC started in Pittsburgh in 2022, and will expand to Boston in 2024. They offer young adults ages 21-29 an immersive service opportunity to serve for one year in homeless shelters, after-school programs, free medical clinics, and more. The Corps members also receive weekly formation in Orthodoxy and community-based leadership development. They live in community with other Orthodox young adults and engage local parishes. Please help OVC in their endeavor by contributing to their second collection next Sunday, February 4, or by a direct contribution to them at: Orthodox Volunteer Corps, P.O. Box 5391, Pittsburgh, PA 15206. The OVC is a new agency of the Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of the United States of America. For more information, or if you know a young adult who may be interested in service with OVC in Pittsburgh or Boston, please speak with Father James.



OVC SUNDAY - JANUARY 28



For more info email OVC staff
Michael Sider-Rose and Kyra
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Info@orthodoxvolunteercorps.org



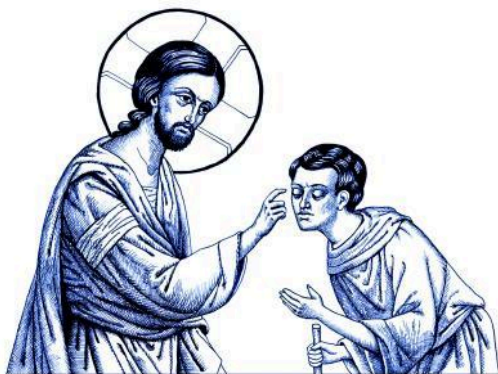
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LIVE YOUR FAITH. SERVE FOR A YEAR.

Orthodox Volunteer Corps (OVC) is a yearlong domestic service program for Orthodox young adults and an official Agency of the Assembly of Bishops. We offer young adults from across the country an immersive year of service in Pittsburgh and Boston, working at homeless shelters, after-school programs, free medical clinics, and more. In addition, Corps Members receive weekly formation & training in Orthodoxy and community-based leadership development, live in community with other Orthodox young adults, and engage local parishes. Housing, transportation, and food are 100% covered.

OVC began in Pittsburgh in 2022 and is expanding to Boston this fall. To learn more, scan the QR code. Application deadline for Fall 2024 is February 22. Applicants must be 21-29 years old.

Nominate a young adult or apply yourself today!



HOLY UNCTION SERVICE

Healing and prayer offered by the
Antiochian Orthodox Christian Diocese of New England

*"They followed Him, and He received them
and spoke to them about the kingdom of God,
and healed those who had need of healing."*

-Luke 9:11

SATURDAY, MARCH 9th at NOON

Presented at
St. Stephen Orthodox Church
44 Sewall St. Ludlow, MA

www.stsoc.org 413- 474-1415

All are welcome!

THE SYNAXARION

On January 28 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate our righteous Father Ephraim the Syrian.

Verses

*Ephraim, a Syrian by race and tongue, heard an unknown tongue,
As the psalm saith, calling him up to the heights.*

*On the twenty-eighth, angels leddest up Ephraim to sing his
praises before God.*

Ephraim was born in Syria of poor parents in about 306. He spent his youth rather tempestuously, but suddenly a change took place in his soul, and he began to burn with love for the Lord Jesus. Ephraim was a disciple of St. James, bishop of Nisibis. Due to the great grace of God, wisdom flowed from Ephraim's tongue like a stream of honey, and ceaseless tears flowed from his eyes. Industrious as a bee, Ephraim continually wrote books, orally taught the monks in the monastery and the people of Edessa, and dedicated himself to prayer and contemplation. Numerous are his books and beautiful are his prayers, the most famous of which is his prayer recited during Great Lent: "O Lord and Master of my life, take from me the spirit of sloth, meddling, lust of power, and idle talk. But give rather the spirit of chastity, humility, patience and love to me, Thy servant. Yea, O Lord and King, grant me to see my own sins and not to judge my brother; for Thou art blessed unto ages of ages. Amen." When the people wanted to appoint him a bishop by force, he pretended to be insane, racing through the city, dragging his garment behind him. Seeing this, the people left him in peace. Ephraim was a contemporary and friend of St. Basil the Great. Ephraim is considered the apostle of repentance. Even today, his works soften many hearts hardened by sin, returning them to Christ. Ephraim reposed in 378.

On this day, we also commemorate Venerable Palladios of Antioch; and Venerable Theodosios of Totma. By their intercessions, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.
