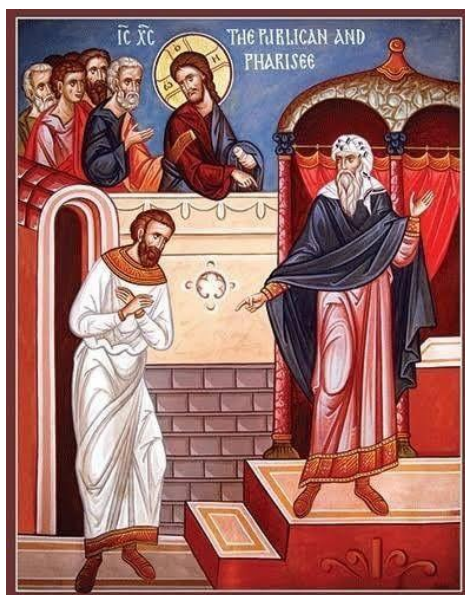

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Sunday, February 25, 2024

Tone 5 / Eothinon 5

Sunday of the Pharisee and Publican

Tarasios the confessor, archbishop of Constantinople;

Hieromartyr Markellos, bishop of Apamea in Syria

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.

KONTAKION FOR THE PHARISEE AND PUBLICAN IN TONE FOUR: Let us flee the Pharisee's conceited vaunting; let us learn the Publican's humility, and cry with groans unto the Savior: Thou Who alone art swiftly reconciled, be gracious unto us.

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:

- **Saturday, February 24**
 - 3:30 PM Book Club (Chapters 3 and 4)
 - 5:00 PM Vespers
 - **Sunday, February 25**
 - 9:00 AM Orthros / Church School
 - 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy
 - Catechumen Gathering
 - Choir Rehearsal
- *** MARCH IS ANTIOCHIAN WOMEN'S MONTH *****
- **Saturday, March 2**
 - 5:00 PM Vespers
 - **Sunday, March 3**
 - 9:00 AM Orthros / Church School/ 9:15 AM Bible Study for Kids 10+
 - 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy
 - Teen SOYO Meeting
 - Outreach 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 Sunday of the Pharisee and Publican)

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 Second Epistle of St. Paul to St. Timothy. (3:10-15)

My son Timothy, you have followed my teaching, conduct, purpose, faith, longsuffering, love, patience, persecutions, sufferings, what things befell me at Antioch, at Iconium, and at Lystra. What persecutions I endured! And out of them all the Lord delivered me. Indeed all who would live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted. But people who are wicked and deceivers will proceed from worse to worse, deceiving and being deceived. But as for you, continue in the things which you have learned and have been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned them, and how from infancy you have known the sacred temple writings which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

THE GOSPEL

(For Sunday of the Pharisee and Publican)

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (18:10-14)

The Lord spoke this parable: "Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, 'God, I thank Thee that I am not like other men, extortionists, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted."



ST. MICHAEL HAPPENINGS

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

POST-SOUPER BOWL

The Men's group would like to thank all that purchased soup last Sunday. The money raised will be used for the sponsorship of the Parish Life Conference. There is still soup available to purchase which we froze from last week.

CATECHUMEN GATHERING

People interested in joining the Orthodox Church will meet Sunday, February 25 after liturgy. Please come to explore the process, traditions, and the beliefs of the church. If you would like to attend contact Fr. James so he can email you materials for the meetings.

OUTREACH COMMITTEE MEETING

The Outreach Committee is holding a meeting on Sunday, March 3rd after Liturgy. Please join us during coffee hour to be part of the upcoming programs for reaching communities that are disenfranchised. See Macrina or Soraya if you have any questions.
Thanks for your continued love and support!

PARISH DIRECTORY 2024

The Parish Directory team is working on finalizing details for our 2024 Parish Directory. The directory will not be posted online or on any social media. It is just a printed tool for our parish family to have contact information and see faces with names in an effort to create a stronger sense of community. Pictures will be taken March 3, 24 & 31.

If you want your picture updated, or have not had one taken, please let Soraya know which day you can have it done. At that time, we will review your address / phone info to make sure all the information is correct. Soraya Bandeli / 617-842-8591 // sbandeli@comcast.net
Thank you for your support!

DIOCESE SCHOLARSHIP

If your child will be graduating from High School this year, please contact Fr. James.

DIOCESE TEEN SOYO ICE SKATING - Saturday, March 2

All teens from the Diocese in grades 7-12 are invited to a day of ice skating, fellowship and vespers!

Tentative Event Schedule:


- 2:00 PM - Ice Breakers & Lunch
- 3:30 PM - Get in Cars
- 3:40 PM - Ice Skating @ JIM ROCHE ARENA (1275 VFW Pkwy, West Roxbury, MA)
- 5:30 PM - Return to St. John's
- 6:00 PM - Vespers
- 6:30 PM - Pickup & Farewell

Please email

downeyouthdirector@gmail.com

with any questions or concerns.


Please register by February 24th here:





**DIOCESE OF WORCESTER
NEW ENGLAND TEEN SOYO**

ICE SKATING


All teens 7th-12th grade are invited to join us for a day of ice skating, fellowship & vespers!

 **MARCH 2ND, 2024 @ 2PM**

 **ST. JOHN'S DEDHAM
300 WEST ST DEDHAM MA, 02026
& JIM ROCHE ICE ARENA**

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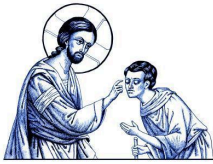
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HOLY UNCTION SERVICE - MAR 9 **at Noon at St. Stephen Ludlow**



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!

FORGIVENESS SUNDAY - MAR 17 **at 5 PM at St. George Norwood**

Forgiveness
Sunday:
March 17th
5:00 pm
Saint George
Norwood

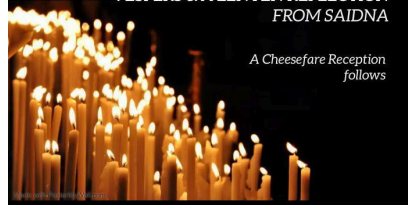


*His Grace Bishop John
The Clergy of New England
& the Antiochian Women*

INVITE YOU TO JOIN US

**VESPERS & A LENTEN REFLECTION
FROM SAIDNA**

*A Cheeseare Reception
follows*



LENTEN RETREAT & FAMILY DAY - **APR 5&6 at St George W Roxbury** April 5 at 6 PM - Akathist Service followed by Fr. Michael Elias speaking with the Teen SOYO.



Antiochian Orthodox
Diocese of New England

LENTEN RETREAT & FAMILY DAY

**"Orthodox Ethics at Every
Stage of Life: Practical
Thinking About Life Issues"**

Friday, April 5th
Saint George, Norwood
6:00 Akathist & Talk for Teen SOYO

Saturday, April 6th
Saint George, West Roxbury
9:00 Divine Liturgy
Breakfast & First Session
Family Day activities begin
Lunch, Second Session, Q & A
Vespers



Retreat Speaker:
Archpriest Michael Elias
Pastor, Saint Mary Church
Bay Ridge, NY

Advance Registration Required



<https://Diocese-retreat.eventbrite.com>
Friday Night - Free
Saturday: Adults - \$30 / Children - Free
Questions, Contact Kh. Erin Kimmitt

Sponsored by the
Diocesan Council
& Antiochian Women

PARISH LIFE CONFERENCE 2024 - **JUN 21-23, Hotel 1620 Plymouth** **Hosted by St. Michael Church**

**DIOCESE OF WORCESTER &
NEW ENGLAND**



PARISH LIFE CONFERENCE 2024

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HIS GRACE
**BISHOP
JOHN**



CELEBRATE
LITURGY
**FR. TED
PULCINI**



WELCOMING
PRESENCE
**MICHAEL
BAGLIO**



JUNE 21 - 23, 2024

Along with yearly events like Bible Bowl, exciting events await:

- Enlivened to Christ - Seven Deadly Sins: Slith with Anthony Barber & Richard Robust
- Meet & Greet Reception
- Men's Workshop: Introducing "The Antiochian Man"
- SOYO Beach Event at Nelson Memorial Park
- Children Walking Tour of Plymouth & Mayflower II
- Movie Night "Man of God"
- Sunset Cruise, Dinner & Dance
- Hierarchical Divine Liturgy for the Great Feast of Pentecost

Something for everyone! Something for you!
See the full schedule of events and register here



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THE SYNAXARION

On February 25 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate Tarasios the confessor, archbishop of Constantinople; and Hieromartyr Markellos, bishop of Apamea in Syria. On this day, we make remembrance of the Parable of the Pharisee and the Publican, which occurs in the Holy Gospel according to Luke the Evangelist.

Verses

*If you resemble the Pharisee, run far away from the Temple;
For inside is Christ before Whom only the humble are acceptable.*

Verses for the Triodion

*O Creator of everything heavenly and earthly,
receive Thou from the Angels a Trinitarian song,
And from us men a noble and reverent Triodion.*

In our Savior's parable, Jesus uses a Pharisee, a leader of the synagogue, who was regarded in public opinion as virtuous; and a publican, a tax collector, who was regarded as oppressive, greedy and a sinner. In their prayers to God, we discover the real hearts of these two men. We thus learn of the harm that comes from pride and the good that comes from humility. The divine Church Fathers sought to alert and prepare the Christ-loving clergy and laity for the upcoming period of the Great Fast. Therefore, on this Sunday we are reminded that humility is the greatest weapon against pride, as we imitate the humility of the publican to ascend to the divine heights.

Through the intercessions of the wonderworking Saints, O Christ our God, have mercy upon us and save us. Amen.

PARISH LIFE CONFERENCE 2024

St Michael the Archangel of Cape Cod is very excited to host DOWNE 2024 PLC in Plymouth MA Jun 21-23. Join your Diocesan family as we come together in worship and love to grow in our Faith.

- The Hotel 1620 link www.hotel1620.com is now live for your reservations. Book early with the group code **SMPLC365**
 - The event registration link www.worcesterplc.org is live, please, register.
 - Please book your sunset boat dinner cruise early. Limited spots are available.
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