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Divine Liturgy Variables on Sunday, March 03, 2024

Tone 6 / Eothinon 6

Sunday of the Prodigal Son

Martyrs Eutropios, Kleonikos, and Basilikos of Amasea;

Hieromartyr Theodore of Antioch

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 SIX: When Mary stood at Thy grave, looking for Thy sacred body, angelic powers shone above Thy revered tomb; and the soldiers who were to keep guard became as dead men. Thou led Hades captive and wast not tempted thereby. Thou didst meet the Virgin and didst give life to the world, O Thou, Who art risen from the dead, O Lord, 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.

KONTAKION FOR THE PRODIGAL SON IN TONE THREE: Foolishly I sprang away from Thy great fatherly glory, and dispersed in wicked deeds the riches that Thou didst give me. With the Prodigal I therefore cry unto Thee now: I have sinned against Thee, O compassionate Father. But receive me in repentance; make me as one of Thy hired servants, O Lord.

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.

***** MARCH IS ANTIOCHIAN WOMEN'S MONTH *****

SCHEDULE:

- **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
- **Wednesday, March 6**
 - 7:00 PM Book Club Online Meeting (Chapters 5 and 6)
- **Saturday, March 9**
 - 12:00 PM Holy Unction Service at **St. Stephen Ludlow**
 - NO Vespers at St. Michael
- **Sunday, March 10**
 - 9:00 AM Orthros / Church School/ 9:15 AM Bible Study for Kids 10+
 - 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy
 - Choir Rehearsal

*****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 Prodigal Son)

O Lord, save Thy people, and bless Thine inheritance.

Unto Thee will I cry, O Lord my God.

The Reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (6:12-20)

Brethren, all things are lawful for me, but not all things are expedient. All things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the authority of anything. Foods are for the belly, and the belly for foods; but God will destroy both it and them. Now the body is not for fornication, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body; and God both raised up the Lord, and will also raise us up through His power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I therefore take away the members of Christ, and make them members of a harlot? God forbid! Or, do you not know that he who is joined to a harlot is one body with her? For, "The two," He says, "shall become one flesh." But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit. Flee fornication! Every sin that a person commits is outside the body, but whoever commits fornication sins against his own body. Or, do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have received from God, and that you are not your own? For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.

THE GOSPEL

(For Sunday of the Prodigal Son)

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (15:11-32)

The Lord spoke this parable: "There was a man who had two sons; and the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of property that falls to me.' And he divided his living between them. Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took his journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in loose living. And when he had spent everything, a great famine arose in that country, and he began to be in want. So he went and joined himself to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed swine. And he

would gladly have fed on the pods that the swine ate; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have bread enough and to spare, but I perish here with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me as one of your hired servants."' And he arose and came to his father. But while he was yet at a distance, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet; and bring the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and make merry; for this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to make merry. Now his elder son was in the field; and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. And he called one of the servants and asked what this meant. And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has received him safe and sound.' But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, but he answered his father, 'Lo, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command; yet you never gave me a kid that I might make merry with my friends. But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your living with harlots, you killed for him the fatted calf!' And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. It was fitting to make merry and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.'"

BOOK CLUB ONLINE MEETING - March 6

Book club meeting chapters 5 and 6 will be on Wednesday 3/6 at 7:00 pm. We will meet online with Google Meet, look for an email with a link to the meeting.



ST. MICHAEL HAPPENINGS

WEEKLY BULLETIN CAN BE VIEWED ON OUR WEBSITE

ALL FOR THE GLORY OF GOD AND HIS CHURCH

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!

I received a question last week: Why is it called the Triodion?

It is called Triodion, because many of its hymns, the so-called Canons (especially the Canons of weekday Matins), are not complete, in other words, they do not contain eight or nine Odes, but they contain three Odes. Of course, there are also Canons that are complete, but because many, and indeed most (especially those of weekday Matins, as we said), have three Odes, the whole book has been called the Triodion. Because it is full of hymns that are solemn, it is also called the Solemn Triodion. Source <https://orthodoxtimes.com/what-is-the-triodion/>

Orthodox Volunteer Corps (OVC) sends Thank You

St. Michael's received a note thanking us for the collective support for the OVC Boston project. The year-of-service for young adults is an impactful and meaningful to the community and OVC is grateful for our church support. The thank you note is posted on the bulletin board.

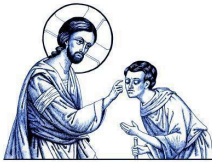


PARISH DIRECTORY 2024

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

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

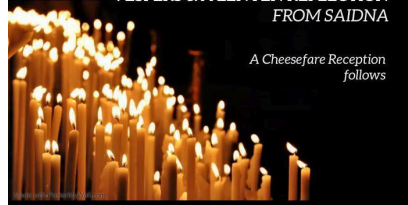


*His Grace Bishop John
The Clergy of New England
& the Antiochian Women*

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

HOSTED BY:
ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL CHURCH (COTUIT, MA)

HIS GRACE
**BISHOP
JOHN**



CELEBRATE
LITURGY
**FR. TED
PULCINI**



WELFARE
PROVIDER
**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 Robbott
- 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 March 3 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate Martyrs Eutropios, Kleonikos, and Basilikos of Amasea; and Hieromartyr Theodoretos of Antioch.

On this day, we make remembrance of the Parable of the Prodigal Son, which occurs in the noble Gospel and which our deified Fathers reinstituted in the Triodion.

Verses

O thou who art like me, a prodigal, come forward with confidence and tranquility;

For unto all has been opened the door of Divine Mercy.

In the parable our Savior tells, Jesus illustrates three things: the condition of the sinner, the canon of repentance and the knowledge of God's compassion. For in the person of the prodigal son, we view the wretched condition that sin creates for us, distant from God and His Sacraments. However, we become aware of ourselves and awaken, hastening with hope to return to Him through repentance. Our Savior wants to call back to His mansions all those who have been overtaken by despair, lacking hope of forgiveness for their grave sins. The Father encourages all of his lost children to remove the desperation from their hearts, and revive their energies for virtuous deeds.

Through Thine ineffable love for mankind, O Christ our God, have mercy upon 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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