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## **St. Michael the Archangel Antiochian Orthodox Church**

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**Sunday, April 28, 2024**

**Feast of Palm Sunday:**

**Entrance of Our Lord Jesus Christ into Jerusalem**

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**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**

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## LITTLE ENTRANCE WEEKLY VARIABLES

THE EISODIKON (ENTRANCE HYMN): Save us, O Son of God, Who didst sit upon the foal of an ass; who sing to Thee. Alleluia.

APOLYTIKION OF LAZARUS SATURDAY IN TONE ONE: In confirming the common Resurrection, O Christ God, Thou didst raise up Lazarus from the dead before Thy Passion. Wherefore, we also, like the children, bearing the symbols of victory, cry to Thee, the Vanquisher of death: Hosanna in the highest; blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord.

APOLYTIKION OF PALM SUNDAY IN TONE FOUR: As by baptism we were buried with Thee, O Christ our God, so by Thy Resurrection we were deemed worthy of immortal life; and praising Thee, we cry: Hosanna in the highest; blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord.

KONTAKION OF PALM SUNDAY IN TONE SIX: Being borne upon a throne in Heaven, and upon a colt on the earth, O Christ God, Thou didst accept the praise of the angels and the laudation of the children as they cried to Thee: Blessed art Thou Who comest to recall Adam.

### 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

MEGALYNARION FOR PALM SUNDAY IN TONE FOUR: God is the Lord and hath appeared unto us; ordain a feast, and rejoicing, come let us magnify Christ with palms and branches, crying out with hymns: Blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord, our Savior.

KOINONIKON (COMMUNION HYMN) FOR PALM SUNDAY IN TONE EIGHT: Blessed is He Who cometh in the Name of the Lord. Alleluia.

**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*

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service. **UNLESS YOU ARE INJURED OR UNABLE, PLEASE REMAIN STANDING DURING COMMUNION**

**SCHEDULE:**

- **Saturday, April 27**
  - 9:00 AM Divine Liturgy for Lazarus Saturday
  - 5:00 PM Vespers
- **Sunday, April 28**
  - 9:00 AM Orthros / Church School/ 9:15 AM Bible Study for Kids 10+
  - 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy with Procession for Palm Sunday
  - **Annual Palm Sunday collection by the Archdiocese**
- **Holy Monday, April 29**
  - 5:00 PM Bridegroom Orthros
- **Holy Tuesday, April 30**
  - 5:00 PM Bridegroom Orthros
- **Holy Wednesday, May 1**
  - 5:30 PM Holy Unction
- **Holy Thursday, May 2**
  - 9:00 AM Vespereal Divine Liturgy of St Basil the Great
  - 5:00 PM Service of 12 Passion Gospels - Procession of the Cross
- **Holy Friday, May 3**
  - 9:00 AM Great (Royal) Hours
  - 4:00 PM Great Vespers for Holy Saturday
  - 6:00 PM Orthros with Lamentations for Holy Saturday - Procession of the Sepulcher
- **Holy Saturday, May 4**
  - 9:00 AM Vespereal Divine Liturgy of St Basil the Great with Baptism and Chrismation
  - 10:00 PM Rush Service, **PASCHAL Orthos & Divine Liturgy**
- **PASCHA Sunday, May 5**
  - 12:00 PM Agape Service

**\*\*\*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!***

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## THE EPISTLE

*Blessed is He Who cometh in the Name of the Lord.*

*O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good; for His mercy endures forever.*

### **The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Philippians. (4:4-9)**

Brethren, rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice! Let your forbearance be known to all people. The Lord is at hand. Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your petitions be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are honorable, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report; if there is any virtue, and if there is any praise, think about these things. The things which you both learned and received, and heard and saw in me, these things do; and the God of peace will be with you.

## THE GOSPEL

### **The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John. (12:1-18)**

Six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus who had died was, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. There they made Him a supper; Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at table with Him. Mary took a pound of costly ointment of pure nard and anointed the feet of Jesus and wiped His feet with her hair; and the house was filled with the fragrance of the ointment. But Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, one of His Disciples (he who was to betray Jesus), said, "Why was this ointment not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?" This he said, not because he cared for the poor but because he was a thief, and as he had the moneybox he used to take what was put into it. Jesus said, "Let her alone, let her keep it for the day of My burial. The poor you always have with you, but you do not always have Me." When the great crowd of the Jews learned that He was there, they came, not only on account of Jesus but also to see Lazarus, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. So the chief priests planned to put Lazarus also to death, because on account of him many of the Jews were going away and

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believing in Jesus. The next day a great crowd who had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying, "Hosanna! Blessed is He Who cometh in the Name of the Lord, the King of Israel!" And Jesus found a young ass and sat upon it; as it is written, "Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on an ass's colt!" His Disciples did not understand this at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that this had been written of Him and had been done to Him. The crowd that had been with Jesus when He called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead bore witness. The reason why the crowd went to meet Jesus was that they heard He had done this sign.

## **PARISH LIFE CONFERENCE 2024**

St Michael the Archangel of Cape Cod is hosting DOWNE 2024 PLC in Plymouth on June 21-23.

- The event registration link is [www.worcesterplc.org](http://www.worcesterplc.org) please, register.
- Please book your sunset boat dinner cruise early. Limited spots are available.

**If you need help with registration, please reach out to Soraya, Rick or Anastasia.**

**DIOCESE OF WORCESTER & NEW ENGLAND**  
**PARISH LIFE CONFERENCE 2024**  
HOSTED BY ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL CHURCH (COTUIT, MA)

**with Bishop JOHN**  
**with Fr. PAUL**  
**with Fr. RICK**

**JUNE 21 - 23, 2024**

**hotel 1620**  
PLYMOUTH HARBOR

**WWW.WORCESTERPLC.ORG**



## ST. MICHAEL HAPPENINGS

WEEKLY BULLETIN CAN BE VIEWED ON OUR WEBSITE

ALL FOR THE GLORY OF GOD AND HIS CHURCH

We are now accepting donations for **PASCHA FLOWERS** You can find the basket at the back.

### **PALM SUNDAY APPEAL from Metropolitan SABA**

Venerable Hierarchs, Reverend Clergy, and Christ-loving Faithful of this Archdiocese, May you have much joy on this glorious feast of Palm Sunday!

Today we see Christ riding triumphantly into the Holy City of Jerusalem and the crowds welcoming Him with praise and loving service, as they shout “Hosanna!” and lay down palm branches and even their own clothes as a carpet for His entrance. Let us likewise open our hearts to Him and welcome Him into our lives. Let us praise Him not just with hymns at church but also by confessing His goodness in our daily prayers and in our conversations with others. Let us lay down for Him a welcoming carpet of generous deeds toward our neighbors and faithful obedience toward Him. May we thus receive Him to rule in our hearts as our delivering King, and may we remain loyal to Him in word and deed—not betraying and abandoning Him, like the crowds in Jerusalem long ago.

As is our custom in this archdiocese, today we also remember our Father in Christ, His Beatitude Patriarch John X, and all our brothers and sisters of the Patriarchate of Antioch in its historic homeland of the Middle East. As we proclaim this ancient Faith in the New World, they are keeping it alive in the apostolic and historic places of its beginnings. Yet many of them continue to suffer from the aftermath of wars, disasters, and economic collapse. For this reason, we invite you to contribute today toward the patriarchate and its humanitarian work. Through your donations you can provide some comfort to our brothers and sisters in need, showing solidarity with them as one Body in Christ. Please give generously.

Wishing you all a deeply meaningful Holy Week and a glorious Pascha, I remain,

Yours in Christ,

+ SABA

Archbishop of New York and Metropolitan of All North America

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## **SPRING CHURCH CLEANUP**

God Bless all that helped coordinate last Saturday on the clean up of the outside of the church. We filled in the pot holes in the parking area and cleaned up sticks and leaves. Thanks to Chris for the use of his John Deere tractor we made a level path around the church for our upcoming processions. We even had time before the rain to straighten out the sign. See additional pictures on the church website.



## **ST. MARTHA & ST. MARY SISTERHOOD**

We will be having our traditional **Palm Sunday Bake Sale** immediately after Liturgy this Sunday. Please bake something and bring it to the sale, or join us at coffee hour to take home something sweet! We will also have specialty extra virgin olive oil and specialty vinegar available. Proceeds benefit the programs of the Sisterhood.

## **ORDER OF ST. IGNATIUS**

If anyone is interested in joining St. Ignatius at the PLC Conference, or would like more information, please contact Kh. Valerie at [valerieirving@verizon.net](mailto:valerieirving@verizon.net) or 781-727-4621.

## **CHOIR REHEARSALS FOR PARISH LIFE CONFERENCE BEGIN MAY 19**

Choir rehearsals for the PLC are as follows:

- Sunday, May 19 4p - 6p
- Sunday, June 2 4p - 6p
- Sunday, June 9 4p - 6p
- Either Monday, June 17 or Tuesday, June 18 7p - 9p

Please contact Diocese Sacred Music Coordinator Charlie Marge ([charlie.marge@verizon.net](mailto:charlie.marge@verizon.net)) with any questions.

## **SPRING MEN'S RETREAT: MAY 10-11 IN ORLEANS, MA**

Save the date for the Spring Men's Retreat at the Paraclete House, Orleans, MA on Fri, May 10 - Sat, May 11, 2024. The cost for overnight accommodation is \$125 which includes room and 3 meals. The weekend will start Friday afternoon and conclude Saturday afternoon. Come and enjoy fellowships, worship and discussions to strengthen our Faith. Worship will be in the Western Rite and Eastern Rite. Please email Fr. James Irving at [dnjamesirving@gmail.com](mailto:dnjamesirving@gmail.com) with any questions or to participate in the event.

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## THE SYNAXARION

On this day in the Holy Orthodox Church, the Sunday of Palms, we celebrate the radiant and glorious festival of the Entrance of our Lord Jesus Christ into Jerusalem.

### **Verses**

*Riding a colt, He that with a word stretched out Heaven,  
Seeketh to loose mortals from brutish want of reason.*

Jesus came to Bethany on the Sunday falling before the six days of the Mosaic Passover. On the following day He sent two of His Disciples, who brought Him a donkey on which He sat to enter the city. And when the great multitude heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, they immediately took palm branches in their hands and went out to meet Him. All cried, "Hosanna! Blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord, King of Israel!" The branches of palm trees were a symbol of Christ's victory over Satan and Death. And the meaning of "Hosanna" is, "We pray Thee, save." The donkey's colt, which was still an untamed animal, and impure according to the law, as well as Christ's sitting thereon, symbolize the former savagery and impurity of the Gentiles; and their subsequent taming and obedience to the holy law of the Gospel.

By Thine ineffable compassion, O Christ our God, make us victors over our deceitful passions, and deem us worthy to behold Thy brilliant victory over death and Thy radiant and lifebringing Resurrection, and have mercy on us. Amen.

### **Save the Date!**

- May 10-12: St. George Weekend Festivities at West Roxbury
- May 10-11: Men's Retreat in Orleans, MA
- June 21-23: Parish Life Conference 2024 in Plymouth, MA

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**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](mailto:dnjamesirving@gmail.com).**

**Fr. James is available for confession by appointment.**

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