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

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**Sunday, July 07, 2024**

**Tone 1 / Eothinon 2;**

**Great-martyr Kyriaki of Nicomedia**

**& Second Sunday of Matthew**

**Venerable Thm. Maleon**

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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 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 FOR ST. KYRIAKI IN TONE FIVE: Thou didst prove an auspicious and pleasing sacrifice, a holy off'ring, O valiant prizewinner Kyriaki, when thou broughtest thy Creator thine own spotless soul; which Christ in turn hath glorified, for through thee, He poureth forth divine gifts and endless graces upon the faithful who praise thee, since He is the Friend of man.

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.

ORDINARY KONTAKION IN TONE TWO: O protection of Christians that cannot be put to shame, mediation unto the Creator most constant, O despise not the suppliant voices of those who have sinned; but be thou quick, O good one, to come unto our aid, who in faith cry unto thee: Hasten to intercession, and speed thou to make supplication, thou who dost ever protect, O Theotokos, them that honor thee.

### 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.**

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**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***

**SCHEDULE:**

- **Saturday, July 6**
  - 7:00 PM Vespers
- **Sunday, July 7**
  - 8:30 AM Orthros
  - 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy
  - Teen SOYO Meeting
  - Outreach Meeting
- **Saturday, July 13**
  - 1:00 PM Wedding
  - NO Vespers
- **Sunday, July 14**
  - 8:30 AM Orthros
  - 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy

**\*\*\*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

(For St. Kyriaki)

*God is wondrous in His saints. Bless God in the congregations.*

### **The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Galatians. (3:23-4:5)**

Brethren, before faith came, we were confined under the Law, kept under restraint until faith should be revealed. So that the Law was our custodian until Christ came, that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a custodian; for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise. I mean that the heir, as long as he is a child, is no better than a slave, though he is the owner of all the estate; but he is under guardians and trustees until the date set by the father. So with us; when we were children, we were slaves to the elemental spirits of the universe. But when the time had fully come, God sent forth His Son, to redeem those who were under the Law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.

## THE GOSPEL

(For Second Sunday of Matthew)

### **The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (4:18-23)**

At that time, as Jesus was walking by the Sea of Galilee, He saw two brothers, Simon who is called Peter and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. And He said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men." Immediately they left their nets and followed Him. And going on from there He saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and He called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed Him. And He went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the Kingdom and healing every disease and every infirmity among the people.

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## **ST. MICHAEL HAPPENINGS**

**WEEKLY BULLETIN CAN BE VIEWED ON OUR WEBSITE**

**ALL FOR THE GLORY OF GOD AND HIS CHURCH**

### **ST. VLADIMIR'S SEMINARY EDUCATION DAY ONLINE**

**- Sat, July 13, 2024 10:00 am - 4:00 pm**

Ask noted scholars your questions about Scripture, theology, ethics, pan-Orthodoxy, and more at St. Vladimir's Seminary's fourth annual Education Day Online! This free virtual event is a six-hour "Zoomathon" where you get to participate and pose questions to seminary professors and guest scholars. Register here: [https://www.svots.edu/events/Education\\_Day\\_Online\\_2024](https://www.svots.edu/events/Education_Day_Online_2024)

### **SISTERHOOD UPDATE**

The women in the Sisterhood of St. Martha and St. Mary would like to change our potluck coffee hour back to having a few families each week who will volunteer to do the prep work, bring the food, serve and clean. We hope to send out a sign up form shortly. Thank you for all you have done in the past for our potluck coffee hours, and we look forward to those families who can assist in the new sign up process.

### **HISTORY OF ST. MICHAEL**

Now that the snowbirds are back home, it's time to take another look at our church history. Although we completed a brief history to be published in our new directory, now is the time for us to concentrate on a more in-depth story of our parish. We are celebrating our thirtieth year this year! Please start writing stories on your own that you think should be included and we'll come together soon to formalize a plan for this project. We hope to complete this church history by early fall. So if there is some information you think is important to preserve for future generations, please be sure to participate! We would like everyone who is interested to be involved.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Kh. Valerie.

### **VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL "SUPER SAINTS": AUG 5-9, 2024**

A collaboration of St. Michael's and St. George's Orthodox Churches. August 5th-9th 2pm-5pm. Registration: \$10 per child. Location: St. George's Orthodox Church: 1130 Falmouth Rd, Centerville, MA 02632.

For children kindergarten thru 5th grade. Please see Macrina Stewart for more information and to register your children! Also you can find the

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registration form on our website. We need volunteers! Children older than 5th grade and adults!!!



**GIVE YOUR TIME, TALENT AND TREASURE**

It doesn't take much. Just five minutes of your time make a huge difference.

How can you help? Please see someone on the Parish Council to find out what you can do for your parish community. We can all learn lessons from our littlest members.

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## THE SYNAXARION

On July 7 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the holy and glorious Great-Martyr Kyriaki of Nicomedia.

### **Verses**

*Though Kyriaki dieth before beheading, she is perfected by the sword in volition. On the seventh, Kyriaki ascended to her Betrothed.*

Kyriaki means “the Lord’s day” in Greek. Her devoutly Christian parents, Doretheus and Eusebia, gave their only child this name because she was born on a Sunday. From her childhood, Kyriaki consecrated herself to God, restraining from everything that unruly children do. When she matured, beautiful in body and soul, many suitors came to ask for her hand in marriage. Kyriaki refused them all, saying that she betrothed herself to Christ the Lord and desired to die as a virgin. One of the rejected suitors denounced Kyriaki and her parents to Emperor Diocletian as being Christians. The emperor ordered that her parents be tortured and banished to the town of Melitene where they died for Christ. Kyriaki endured trial and similar tortures. When Kyriaki lay in her prison cell, completely covered with wounds, Christ the Lord appeared to her, healed her and said: “Kyriaki, do not be afraid of torture. My grace is with you.” When she was taken from there for beheading, Kyriaki—bearing in mind all of the glorious martyrs before her—offered one last prayer that God would have mercy and save all those who would celebrate her memory, and to give rest to her soul together with the souls of her parents. Kyriaki rendered her soul to God just before the sword was lowered on her head. Many pagans believed in Christ through her, and also received martyrdom. Kyriaki was received into eternal joy in 289 in Nicomedia.

On this day, we also commemorate Venerable Thomas of Mount Maleon. By the intercessions of Thy Saints, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.

### **Save the Date!**

- July 10-14: Sacred Music Institute at Antiochian Village, PA

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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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