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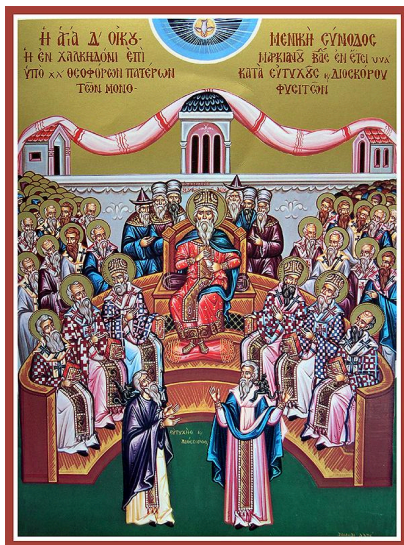
## **St. Michael the Archangel Antiochian Orthodox Church**

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**Sunday, July 14, 2024**

**Tone 2 / Eothinon 3**

**Sunday of the Holy Fathers  
of Fourth Ecumenical Council**

**Apostle Aquila of the Seventy;**

**Joseph the Confessor, archbishop of Thessalonica**

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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 TWO: When Thou didst submit Thyself unto death, O Thou deathless and immortal One, then Thou didst destroy hell with Thy Godly power. And when Thou didst raise the dead from beneath the earth, all the powers of Heaven did cry aloud unto Thee: O Christ, Thou giver of life, glory to Thee.

APOLYTIKION OF THE HOLY FATHERS IN TONE EIGHT: Thou, O Christ, art our God of exceeding praise Who didst establish our Holy Fathers as luminous stars upon earth, and through them didst guide us unto the true Faith, O most merciful One, 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.

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 13**
  - 1:00 PM Wedding
  - NO Vespers
- **Sunday, July 14**
  - 8:30 AM Orthros
  - 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy
- **Saturday, July 20**
  - 7:00 PM Vespers
- **Sunday, July 21**
  - 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 the Holy Fathers)

*Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, O ye righteous.*

*Blessed are those whose iniquities are forgiven!*

**The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to St. Titus. (3:8-15)**

Titus, my son, faithful is the saying, and concerning these things I desire you to affirm confidently, that those who have believed in God may be thoughtful of how to preside in honorable occupations. These things are good and profitable to men. But avoid foolish disputes, and genealogies, and contentions, and controversies about the Law; for they are unprofitable and vain. A man who is a heretic after the first and second admonition reject, knowing that such a one is subverted, and sins, being self-condemned. When I send Artemas to you, or Tychicós, give diligence to come to me to Nicopolis; for I have determined to winter there. Set forward Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their journey diligently, that they may be lacking in nothing. And let our people also learn how to preside in honorable occupations, so as to help in cases of urgent need, that they should not be unfruitful. All who are with me salute you. Salute those who love us in the faith. Grace be with you all. Amen.

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## THE GOSPEL

(For the Holy Fathers)

### **The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (5:14-19)**

The Lord said to His Disciples: "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hid. Nor do men light a lamp and put it under a bushel, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father Who is in heaven. Think not that I have come to abolish the law and the prophets; I have come not to abolish them, but to fulfill them. For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Whoever then relaxes one of the least of these commandments, and teaches men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but he who does them and teaches them shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven."

### **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.

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## ST. MICHAEL HAPPENINGS

WEEKLY BULLETIN CAN BE VIEWED ON OUR WEBSITE

ALL FOR THE GLORY OF GOD AND HIS CHURCH

**VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL "SUPER SAINTS": AUG 5-9, 2024 @ 2-5PM each day**

**\*\*\* VOLUNTEERS NEEDED \*\*\* ADULTS AND TWEENS / TEENS PLEASE HELP!\*\*\***

**\*\*\* REGISTRATION DEADLINE FOR K thru 5 IS JULY 17 \*\*\* registration form on our website.**

SEE MACRINA OR CONTACT:

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A collaboration of St. Michael's and St. George's Orthodox Churches

- Dates: August 5th-9th
- Time: 2pm-5pm
- Registration: \$10 per child
- Location: St. George's Church 1130 Falmouth Rd, Centerville, MA

For children kindergarten thru 5th grade. Please reach out Macrina Stewart for more information and to register your children! Also you can find the registration form on our website.

More about our Vacation Church School curriculum:

Super Saints is a dynamic Vacation Church/Bible School (VBS) program designed specifically for children from Kindergarten to 5th grade. It offers an engaging and interactive platform for kids to learn more about the Saints and the path to Holiness through fun activities, inspiring stories, and meaningful lessons.

Throughout the week, children will embark on a journey through the lives of various saints, learning important lessons about repentance, seeking truth, standing firm in faith, witnessing to others, and enduring through struggles. Each day will feature lively songs, creative crafts, fun games, and delicious snacks, ensuring an enriching and enjoyable experience for every participant!



**INVITATION TO ATTEND THE NEW SKETE ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE:  
AUGUST 10, 2024 IN CAMBRIDGE, NY**

<https://newskete.org/events-seminars-workshops#c9f0b49e-6655-4f3c-91a4-c03576d7b69d>

*We invite you to our*  
**ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE**

**August 10, 2024**

The event is free and open to all.  
**Come for the day or come for the conference.**

Guest speaker

**Patricia Fann Bouteneff**



Patricia Fann Bouteneff (D.Phil. Oxon.) a former academic and corporate chief of staff, is a strategic communications consultant as well as an independent scholar specializing in folklore and Pontic Greek studies. Her corporate, consulting, and academic work has always maintained a focus on discerning women's voices within folktale repertoires, corporate histories, or religious tradition, and on amplifying those voices so that they can be heard. Baptized as an adult in Thessaloniki at a metochi of Simonopetra Monastery and formerly parish council president at Holy Trinity Church in Yonkers, NY, she has been active in church communities in Greece, England, Switzerland, and the US. She is the President of Axia Women, a network by, for, and about Orthodox women, in the service of Christ.



**Schedule**

8:30 am - Festal Matins  
Holy Wisdom Church

9:30 am - Divine Liturgy  
Holy Wisdom Church

11:00 am - Church Tour  
with Brother Gregory

1:00 pm - Tersext  
Transfiguration Church

1:30 pm - **Morning Routine  
from the Christian East;  
Ideas and Practices for All**  
Guest speaker, Patricia Fann  
Bouteneff

3:00 pm - Gentle Chair Yoga

3:45 pm - **Living in the Presence**  
Brother Theophan, Monk of New Skete  
and The Reverend Masud Ibn  
Syedullah, TSSF

5:00 pm - Vigil with Healing Service  
Holy Wisdom Church

Please check website for updates on  
other activities during the day.

*Lunch available for purchase.*

**No reservations required.  
Attendance is free and open to the public.**



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## THE SYNAXARION

On July 14 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the Apostle Aquila of the Seventy; and Joseph the Confessor, archbishop of Thessalonica.

On this Sunday, we commemorate the 630 holy and God-bearing Fathers of the Fourth Ecumenical Council, which convened in Chalcedon in 451 against the Monophysites.

### **Verses**

*Shunning opposite errors like the sea monsters Scylla and Charybdis,  
The Fathers steer the Church on a straight course to safety.*

The Holy Fathers were, once again, concerned with the nature of Jesus Christ. The false teaching arose that Christ's human nature (considered by heretics as less perfect) dissolved itself in His divine nature (considered by heretics as more perfect): like a cube of sugar in a parcel of water. Thus, in that scenario, Christ had only one nature, the Divine. These false preachers were called Monophysites ("mono", meaning "one" and "physis", meaning "nature"), and they were led by Eutyches and Dioscorus. Monophysitism overemphasized the divine nature of Christ, at the expense of the human. The Fourth Ecumenical Council condemned Monophysitism and proclaimed that Christ has two complete natures: the divine and the human, as defined by previous Councils. These two natures function as equally perfect, without confusion, and are neither divided nor separate. The Fathers declared that at no time did they undergo any change.

By the intercessions of Thy Saints, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.

### **Save the Date!**

- July 21-26: Clergy Symposium at Antiochian Village
- July 26-28: Summer Meetings/NAC Bible Bowl & Oratorical at Antiochian Village
- August 22-25: Ancient Faith Men's Retreat at Antiochian Village
- November 7-10: Ancient Faith Women's Retreat at Antiochian Village

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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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