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

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**Sunday, August 11, 2024**

**Tone 6 / Eothinon 7;**

**Seventh Sunday after Pentecost**

**& Seventh Sunday of Matthew**

**After-feast of the Transfiguration of Christ**

**Martyr and Archdeacon Euplos of Catania in Sicily;**

**Niphon, patriarch of Constantinople;**

**New-martyrs Anastasios and Demetrios of Lesbos**

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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 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 THE TRANSFIGURATION IN TONE SEVEN: When, O Christ our God, Thou wast transfigured on the mountain, Thou didst reveal Thy glory to Thy Disciples in proportion as they could bear it. Let Thine everlasting light also enlighten us sinners, through the intercessions of the Theotokos. O Thou Bestower of light, 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 OF THE TRANSFIGURATION IN TONE SEVEN: Thou wast transfigured on the mount, and Thy Disciples, in so far as they were able, beheld Thy glory, O Christ our God; so that, when they should see Thee crucified, they would remember that all Thy suffering was voluntary, and could declare to all the world that Thou art truly the effulgent Splendor of the Father.

### 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, August 10**
  - 7:00 PM Vespers
- **Sunday, August 11**
  - 8:30 AM Orthros
  - 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy
  - Choir Rehearsal
- **Thursday, August 15**
  - 9:00 AM Divine Liturgy for the Dormition of the Theotokos
- **Saturday, August 17**
  - 7:00 PM Vespers
- **Sunday, August 18**
  - 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 Seventh Sunday after Pentecost)

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

*Unto Thee, O Lord, will I cry, O my God!*

### **The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Romans. (15:1-7)**

Brethren, we who are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak, and not to please ourselves. Let each one of us please his neighbor for that which is good for his edification. For Christ also did not please Himself; but, as it is written: "The reproaches of those who reproached Thee fell on Me." For whatever was written beforehand was written for our learning, that we might have hope, through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures. Now may the God of patience and comfort grant you to be of the same mind with one another, according to Christ Jesus, that with one accord and one mouth you may glorify God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, receive one another, even as Christ has also received you, to the glory of God.

## THE GOSPEL

(For the Seventh Sunday of Matthew)

### **The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (9:27-35)**

At that time, as Jesus passed on from there, two blind men followed him, crying aloud: "Have mercy on us, Son of David." When He entered the house, the blind men came to Him; and Jesus said to them, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?" They said to Him, "Yes, Lord." Then He touched their eyes, saying, "According to your faith be it done to you." And their eyes were opened. And Jesus sternly charged them, "See that no one knows it." But they went away and spread His fame through all that district. As they were going away, behold, a dumb demoniac was brought to Him. And when the demon had been cast out, the dumb man spoke; and the crowds marveled, saying, "Never was anything like this seen in Israel." But the Pharisees said, "He casts out demons by the prince of demons." And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every disease and every infirmity.

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## ST. MICHAEL HAPPENINGS

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

### BACKPACK BLESSINGS

It's BACK-TO-SCHOOL time of year again! Cataumet Village, a transitional housing facility in Falmouth, supports families coming out of homelessness. These clients, mostly mothers and children, are getting ready for back to school and need our help.

We are filling **backpacks for 15 children** this year and collecting items and monetary donations to be brought to St. Michael by August 18. Add your name for the items you would like to purchase to the list

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1puIRZ4H4IdQ8h4wn9VApQJ6XgaQtS2em/edit?usp=sharing&oid=105026730219340043777&rtpof=true&sd=true>. The bin for the school supplies is next to the bookstore.

We will purchase what's left. Please help to fill the backpacks on August 24 before Vespers. We will deliver the backpacks on August 25. If you're not able to purchase the supplies, please consider making a monetary donation to St. Michael Outreach with Backpack Blessings in the memo. As always, thank you for your generosity as we care for those in need. If you have any questions, please see Anastasia or Soraya.



### COFFEE HOUR SET-UP AND CLEAN-UP

Thanks to all for bringing a great variety of foods for us to share. COFFEE HOUR IS POT LUCK. We appreciate all the effort that you make to bring

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an item to share so we can all enjoy a beautiful morning of fellowship! With our increased number of visitors over the summer, please consider increasing the quantity so everyone can enjoy an abundant gathering.

Our challenge during coffee hour seems to be set up and clean up. Please consider coming in a little early or staying a little late so we all get a chance to be part of fellowship. As it is, we always find the same people in the kitchen. Please sign up for dates that work for you and your family. The names are "per family" - you don't need to register for each family member who will be there to help.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F44A5AD2FA4FCC52-coffee1/124663452#/> When you sign up please include your phone number. If you can't make the dates you signed up for please reach out to your teammates on that day so they can plan to find other volunteers to help. We appreciate all that people do for our flourishing community!

### **VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL 2024**

Many thanks to Macrina Stewart and all the volunteers who were helping at the Vacation Church School! Kids had a lot of fun learning about saints!

### **Save the Date!**

- August 21: Men's Group Meeting
  - August 22-25: Ancient Faith Men's Retreat at Antiochian Village
  - September 8: Parish Cookout hosted by Parish Council after Coffee Hour
  - September 14: Parish Clean Up day after Liturgy for Feast of the Elevation of the Cross
  - **November 3: Bishop John visiting us for the Feast of St. Michael and our Anniversary Luncheon**
  - November 7-10: Ancient Faith Women's Retreat at Antiochian Village
  - July 20-27, 2025: Antiochian Orthodox Archdiocese Convention, Chicago
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# Antiochian Charities

Website: [www.antiochian.org/charities](http://www.antiochian.org/charities)

Email: [childrensrelieffund@gmail.com](mailto:childrensrelieffund@gmail.com)

*“Whoever receives one little child like this in my name receives me.” (Matthew 18:5)*

August 5, 2024

## *TO BE READ FROM THE PULPIT AND DISTRIBUTED TO ALL PARISHIONERS*

For over forty years the Children's Relief Fund has provided financial support to help defray the cost of education for children in Lebanon and Palestine. Requests for such support have increased significantly in recent years. As a result of dire circumstances in Lebanon, many parents have become unable to pay tuition to send their children to Orthodox Christian schools. Our Orthodox schools are at risk of closing, and consequently many of our children will now have to attend a public school or to discontinue their schooling altogether.

With the blessing of His Eminence Metropolitan SABA, we are seeking your help. We have approximately forty Lebanese children from the Archdioceses of Beirut, Koura, Tripoli, Akkar, and Zahle who need assistance to continue their education at an Orthodox Christian school this coming school year. The tuition cost per student varies from \$750 to \$1200 per school year, depending on the school and the student's grade level.

Donated funds will be wired directly to the Orthodox school in the child's name. The child and their family will receive a notice of your support, and you will receive contact information so that you can communicate directly with the child if you wish. Children receiving a tuition scholarship will not receive any other funding from the Children's Relief Fund. Sponsorship in any amount will be appreciated.

School begins in a few weeks, so if you can help, please contact CFR Administrator Amy Stiffler at: [childrensrelieffund@gmail.com](mailto:childrensrelieffund@gmail.com).

**Children's Relief Fund**  
**Scholarship Program**  
Antiochian Village  
140 Church Camp Trail  
Bolivar, PA 15923

God bless you for your consideration of this urgent request.

In Christ's work,

Amy Stiffler, CRF Administrator & Executive Director  
Anne Bouzjaily Thomas, Charitable Outreach Chair

cc: His Eminence Metropolitan SABA

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## THE SYNAXARION

On August 11 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we continue to celebrate the Transfiguration of Christ; and we commemorate the Holy Martyr and Archdeacon Euplos of Catania in Sicily.

### Verses

*By his raiment, Euplos is a hallowed Levite;  
by his beheading, a truly steadfast hoplite.*

*On the eleventh Euplos was smitten with a cutting sword.*

The Emperor Diocletian dispatched Commander Pentagurus to Sicily to exterminate any Christians he found there. Pentagurus did not find a single Christian, for the few that were there, hid from the persecutor and did not reveal themselves. Then someone accused Euplos of taking a book—the Book of the Holy Gospels—to secret Christians and reading to them. They soon brought him to court, hung that book around his neck and led him to prison. After seven days of imprisonment and hunger Euplos was handed over for torture. While they were beating him with iron rods, Euplos mockingly said: “O ignorant one, do you not see that because of God’s help, these tortures are for me as a cobweb? If you can, find other harsher tortures, for all of these are as toys.” Finally, they led the martyr of Christ out to the scaffold. Then Euplos opened the Holy Gospel and read from it to the people for a long time. Many converted to the Faith of Christ. Euplos was beheaded in the year 304 and took up habitation in the Kingdom of Heaven. His miracleworking relics repose in a village near Naples called Vico della Batonia.

On this day, we also commemorate Niphon, patriarch of Constantinople; and New-martyrs Anastasios and Demetrios of Lesbos. By the intercessions of Thy Saints, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.

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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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