
St. Michael the Archangel Antiochian Orthodox Church

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Sunday, September 01, 2024
Beginning of the Indiction:
Ecclesiastical New Year
Righteous Simeon the Stylite;
Synaxis of the Theotokos at Miasinae

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 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 OF THE INDICTION IN TONE TWO: O Maker of all creation, Who hast established the times and the seasons in Thine own power: Bless the crown of this year with Thy goodness, O Lord, and keep our rulers and Thy flock in peace, by the intercessions of the Theotokos, and save us.

APOLYTIKION OF THE SYNAXIS OF THE THEOTOKOS IN TONE SEVEN: Rejoice, thou who art full of grace, O Virgin Theotokos, haven and protection of the race of man; for the Redeemer of the world became incarnate of thee; for thou alone art both mother and virgin, ever blessed and glorified. Intercede with Christ God that peace be granted unto all the world.

APOLYTIKION OF ST. SIMEON THE STYLITE IN TONE ONE: Thou becamest a pillar of patience and didst emulate the Forefathers, O righteous one: Job in his sufferings, Joseph in temptations, and the life of the bodiless while in the body. O Simeon, our righteous Father, intercede with Christ God that our souls be saved.

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 NATIVITY OF THE THEOTOKOS IN TONE FOUR: O God of all, Thou Who hast made all the ages, O Sovereign Lord, truly transcendent in essence, bestow Thy grace and blessing on the year to come; and, O Most Compassionate, in Thine infinite mercy save all them that worship Thee, Who alone art our Master, and that with fear, O Savior, cry to Thee: Grant unto all men a fruitful and godly year.

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**

SCHEDULE:

- **Saturday, August 31**
 - 7:00 PM Vespers
- **Sunday, September 1 - Indiction**
 - 8:30 AM Orthros
 - 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy with Service of Supplication on the First Day of the New Year
 - Teen SOYO Meeting
- **Saturday, September 7**
 - 5:00 PM Vespers
- **Sunday, September 8**
 - 9:00 AM Orthros
 - 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy
 - Blessing of Church School Children and Teachers
 - Parish Cookout hosted by Parish Council

*****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 the Indiction)

Great is our Lord, and great is His power.

Praise the Lord, for the Lord is good.

The Reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to St. Timothy. (2:1-7)

Timothy, my son, first of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all men, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life, godly and respectful in every way. This is good, and it is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, Who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, Who gave Himself as a ransom for all, the testimony to which was borne at the proper time. For this I was appointed a preacher and apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

GOSPEL

(For the Indiction)

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (4:16-22)

At that time, Jesus came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up; and He went to the synagogue, as His custom was, on the Sabbath day. And He stood up to read; and there was given to Him the book of the prophet Isaiah. Jesus opened the book and found the place where it was written, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He has anointed Me to preach good news to the poor and to heal the broken hearted. He has sent Me to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord." And Jesus closed the book, and gave it back to the attendant, and sat down; and the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on Him. And He began to say to them, "Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." And all spoke well of Him, and wondered at the gracious words which proceeded out of His mouth.



ST. MICHAEL HAPPENINGS

WEEKLY BULLETIN CAN BE VIEWED ON OUR WEBSITE

ALL FOR THE GLORY OF GOD AND HIS CHURCH

JOIN US FOR ST. MICHAEL CLEAN UP DAY!

On Saturday September 14, after Liturgy, we will all come together to clean the church. After liturgy, please plan to stay and help as our ecclesiastical year begins. The more hands, the lighter the work! We will mop, vacuum, and dust the entire church,

Atrium, bookstore area, stairwells and fellowship hall. We will have a light meal after liturgy and before we start working. This is a fast day, so please bring a Lenten dish to share.

This will be the first of quarterly cleaning days we will plan. Please sign up on the coffee hour sign up sheet that is in every bulletin or see Soraya to add your name.

While you are at it, please sign up to help set up and clean up during coffee hour

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F44A5AD2FA4FCC52-coffee1/124663452#/>

BACKPACK BLESSINGS THANK YOU

Thank you so much to all who helped purchase backpacks and supplies for 15 kids from Cataumet Village, a transitional housing facility in Falmouth, supporting families coming out of homelessness.



CHURCH SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Attention St. Michael's Families - Church School will be starting again on Sunday, **September 15**. We are very excited to get back together and begin working on this year's theme of The Gospel of Luke and Acts! As in past years, church school will be held every Sunday during Orthros. We have a lot of fun and all children of all ages are welcome to attend!!! To help us break the students into age groups, please complete the registration form below by **September 7**. If you have any questions, please contact Ned Chatelain at nedchatelain@gmail.com

Macrina and Ned

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SAVE THE DATE

On **Sunday, November 3rd**, Bishop John will be visiting us for Hierarchical Divine Liturgy in celebration of our Feast Day and our Thirtieth Anniversary! We are planning a special luncheon in our hall to welcome Bishop John and celebrate our special day.

We have a menu planned and some cooks have already volunteered to prepare their specialties. We still need volunteers to prepare additional salads and desserts, and to set up, serve the meal and clean up. Please see Kh Valerie on how you can help. If you would like to become a sponsor, please mark "30th Anniversary" in the memo section of your check.

Thank you for all your continued support. We could not be at this milestone without the community's support.

Let's all come together to celebrate with Bishop John!

CHURCH HISTORY UPDATE

Now that we have a brief history of St. Michael that will be published soon in our new directory, we have started the process of writing a more detailed history. Several parish members and friends of St. Michael have already begun writing! If you would like to write a memory to be included in our history, please join us! If you have any questions, please see Kh. Valerie

SONIA DALY BELCHER FUND SCHOLARSHIP



A Scholarship Opportunity for College & Post-Graduate Students!

This Scholarship is an annual academic scholarship awarded to young Orthodox Christian women and men of outstanding character who desire to serve the Church and others with joy.

For more details about applying, visit www.TheSoniaFund.org.
The scholarship deadline is September 1, 2024.

**To Support The Sonia Fund, visit www.TheSoniaFund.org/donate or, make checks payable to: The Sonia Daly Belcher Fund and mail to
The Sonia Fund
c/o Saint George Orthodox Church
6 Atwood Avenue | Norwood, MA 02062**

Save the Date!

- September 8: Parish Cookout hosted by Parish Council
 - 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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THE SYNAXARION

On September 1 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we celebrate the Beginning of the Indiction—the Ecclesiastical (Church) New Year.

Verses

*Do thou bless for our sakes the new year's Indiction
Thou Ancient, Who, for man's sake, tookest on newness.*

The First Ecumenical Council in Nicaea in 325 decreed that the Church year should begin on September 1. The month of September was, for the Hebrews, the beginning of the civil year, the month of gathering the harvest and of the offering of thanks to God. It was on this feast that the Lord Jesus entered the synagogue in Nazareth, and opened the book to read from the Prophet Isaiah, as found in today's Liturgy Gospel reading. The month of September is also important in the history of Christianity, because Emperor Constantine the Great was victorious over Maxentius, the enemy of the Christian Faith, in September. Following this victory, Constantine granted freedom of confession to the Christian Faith throughout the Roman Empire.

On this day we also commemorate the miracle wrought by the Most-holy Theotokos at Miasinae Monastery. The Virgin's holy icon had been cast into Lake Zaguru so that the iconoclasts would not desecrate it. It miraculously arose intact from the lake's depths after many years in 864.

On this day we also commemorate our righteous Father Simeon the Stylite. He was born in Syria of peasant parents. At the age of eighteen, Simeon left home and was tonsured a monk. He undertook the most difficult ascetic practices, including a strict fast for forty days. Simeon eventually took upon himself a form of asceticism that was previously unknown. He stood day and night on a pillar, in unceasing prayer. At first, his pillar was six cubits (7.5 feet) high; Simeon eventually raised it to forty cubits (60 feet) high. The saint worked many great miracles, healing infirmities by word and prayer, comforting those in need, instructing others, and reproaching some who held heretical beliefs. Simeon lived to be 103 years old. He reposed in the Lord on September 1, 459. His pillar and the cathedral named in his honor still stand outside of Aleppo, Syria.

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

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.
