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

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**Sunday, October 20, 2024**

**Tone 8 / Eothinon 6;**

**Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**& Sixth Sunday of Luke**

**Great-martyr Artemius at Antioch**

**Venerable Gerasimos the New Ascetic of Kephallenia;**

**Venerable Matrona of Chios**

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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**

**Father John Bacon, Celebrant**

**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 EIGHT: From the heights Thou didst descend, O compassionate One, and Thou didst submit to the threeday burial, that Thou might deliver us from passion; Thou art our life and our Resurrection, O Lord, glory to Thee.

APOLYTIKION OF ST. ARTEMIUS THE GREAT-MARTYR IN TONE FOUR: Thy Martyr, O Lord, in his courageous contest for Thee received as the prize the crowns of incorruption and life from Thee, our immortal God. For since he possessed Thy strength, he cast down the tyrants and wholly destroyed the demons' strengthless presumption. O Christ God, by his prayers, save our souls, since Thou art merciful.

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:**

**\*\*\* October - Youth Month and Seminary Month \*\*\***

**We have 2nd collection on Sunday for Hurricane Relief -  
appeal letter from His Eminence Metropolitan SABA**

- **Sunday, October 20**
  - 9:00 AM Church School (kids 4-9 years) & Bible Study (kids 10+)
  - 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy, Celebrant - Fr. John Bacon
- **Saturday, October 26**
  - 5 PM Vespers
- **Sunday, October 27**
  - 9:00 AM Orthros / Church School (kids 4-9 years) & Bible Study (kids 10+)
  - 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy
  - Pancake Breakfast Hosted by Men's Group
  - St. Martha & St. Mary Sisterhood Meeting
  - Choir Rehearsal

Fr. John Bacon is covering for Fr. James on October 20. There will be Liturgy only, no Vespers or Orthros. Kids still have the Church School and Bible Study.

**\*\*\*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 Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost)

*Make your vows to the Lord our God and perform them.*

*God is known in Judah; His Name is great in Israel*

**The Reading from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (6:16-7:1)**

Brethren, we are the temple of the living God; as God said, "I will live in them and move among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. Therefore, come out from them, and be separate from them," says the Lord, "and touch nothing unclean; then I will welcome you, and I will be a father to you, and you shall be My sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty." Since we have these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit, and make holiness perfect in the fear of God.

## GOSPEL

(For the Sixth Sunday of Luke)

**The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (8:26-39)**

At that time, Jesus arrived at the country of the Gadarenes, which is opposite Galilee. And as He stepped out on land, there met Him a man from the city who had demons; for a long time he had worn no clothes, and he lived not in a house but among the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him, and said with a loud voice, "What hast Thou to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beseech Thee, do not torment me." For Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. [For many a time it had seized him; he was kept under guard, and bound with chains and fetters, but he broke the bonds and was driven by the demon into the desert.] Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. And they begged Jesus not to command them to depart into the abyss. Now a large herd of swine was feeding there on the hillside; and they begged Jesus to let them enter these. So He gave them leave. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned. When the herdsmen saw what had happened, they fled, and told it in the city and in the country. Then people went out to see what had happened, and they came to Jesus, and found the man from whom the demons had gone, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his

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right mind; and they were afraid. And those who had seen it told them how he who had been possessed with demons was healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gadarenes asked Jesus to depart from them; for they were seized with great fear; so He got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with Jesus; but Jesus sent him away, saying, "Return to your home, and declare all that God has done for you." And he went away, proclaiming throughout the whole city all that Jesus had done for him.

# SPECIAL OLYMPICS

## Awareness Day

AS NAC TEEN SOYO PREPARES TO SPONSOR THE 44TH ANNUAL SPECIAL OLYMPICS SPORTS CAMP, WE ASK FOR YOUR GENEROSITY AND HELP IN MAKING THIS MINISTRY POSSIBLE. APPROXIMATELY 300 ATHLETES AND COACHES PARTICIPATE IN OUR CAMP EACH YEAR. TEEN SOYO MEMBERS TRAVEL FROM ACROSS OUR ARCHDIOCESE TO VOLUNTEER THEIR TIME, TO LIVE IN SERVICE TO OTHERS AND TO FULFILL THE CALL TO DO ALL THINGS "AS WORKING FOR THE LORD, NOT FOR MEN."

*Colossians 3:23*



### DID YOU KNOW?

Each year, NAC Teen SOYO covers the cost of the camp, approximately \$75,000, through the generosity of our fellow parishioners. Through the years, we have hosted more than 8,500 athletes and coaches. Around 1,200 of our teens have had the unique experience of being a coach or volunteer at the camp.

Today, our teens request your financial donations to enable them to sponsor the 44th Annual Special Olympics Sports Camp, which will be held at the Antiochian Village, in August of 2025. Your donations make it possible for every athlete to attend this event free of charge and also help Teen SOYO members travel to serve as Coaches at the camp.

As an expression of gratitude for your donation to this effort, teens will be handing out bookmarks with the icon of the Theotokos.

Thank you for considering the support of this wonderful ministry that allows our children to be a witness and blessing to others!

Please make checks payable to your local Teen SOYO group with "SOAD 2024" in the memo.

Donations can also be made online at [www.teensoyo.org/special-olympics](http://www.teensoyo.org/special-olympics).





## ST. MICHAEL HAPPENINGS

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

### TEEN SOYO ELECTION RESULTS

Please join us in congratulating our new Teen SOYO Officers:

- Paul Irving - President,
- Sophia Chatelain - Vice President,
- Aubrey Moeck - Secretary,
- Ethan Simmoneau - Treasurer,
- Max Stewart - Bookstore Manager.

Our thanks go to the outgoing Teen SOYO Officer: Alison Irving - President, and Sophia DiSavino - Vice President. Blessing to all for a successful year.

### FEAST DAY & 30TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION WITH BISHOP JOHN

Help is needed for our celebration on November 3rd!

There are many ways to help. Some are below:

- Put your name on the Sign Up Genius to help serve food and clean up on November 3rd.
- Prepare and bring food for the buffet. Elaine B. will be our Kitchen Manager.
- Buy a raffle ticket for \$10. (3 for \$25.) for a chance to win two tickets to see the N.E.Patriots vs.the Colts at Gillette Stadium on 12/1/24. [See flyer for payment instructions]
- Become a sponsor of this event by making a donation of any amount and put "30th Anniversary" in the memo line of your check.

Thank you for your continued support. Please contact Kh. Valerie with any questions 781-727-4621, [valerieirving@verizon.net](mailto:valerieirving@verizon.net)

### JOIN US FOR ST. MICHAEL CLEAN UP DAY!

On Saturday, November 23 at 2 PM we will all come together to clean and decorate the church for the Nativity. Vespers to follow.

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PANCAKE BREAKFAST HOSTED BY MEN'S GROUP – October 27, 2024

PANCAKE BREAKFAST  
FUNDRAISER



**Come join us  
during  
Coffee hour for a  
Pancake and  
Sausage  
Breakfast  
October 27, 2024**

**Prepared by the  
St. Micheal Men's Group  
Donation: \$8 per person  
\$20 per family**

**Save the Date!**

- November 1-2: Annual Bazaar @ St. John of Damascus, Dedham
  - November 1-3: Annual Bazaar @ St. Mary, Pawtucket
  - **November 3: Bishop John visiting us for the Feast of St. Michael and our Anniversary Luncheon**
  - November 23, from 2 PM: St. Michael Clean Up Day
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## THE SYNAXARION

On October 20 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the holy Great-Martyr Artemius at Antioch.

### Verses

*Artemius, who in all things in life shone brightly,  
was beheaded, departing for the highest glory.*

*On the twentieth, the neck of swift-witted Artemius was cut.*

This glorious saint was Egyptian by birth and the chief commander under Emperor Constantine the Great. Artemius was present with the emperor when the victorious Cross appeared to him. At that moment, Artemius believed in the Lord Christ and was baptized. He was appointed as imperial prefect in Egypt and remained in this position under Emperor Julian the Apostate. He summoned Artemius to Antioch where the apostate emperor subjected two Christian priests, Eugenius and Macarius, to torture. Seeing this, Artemius became greatly enraged and told Julian, "Your death is near." Julian then stripped Artemius of his military rank and ordered him to be flogged and torn asunder. Artemius was thrown into prison, where the Lord Jesus Christ appeared and healed him. Artemius was beheaded in the year 362. Emperor Julian went out against the Persians and perished dishonorably, as Artemius had foretold.

On this day, we also commemorate the Venerable Gerasimos the New Ascetic of Kephallenia; and Venerable Matrona of Chios. 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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