
St. Michael the Archangel Antiochian Orthodox Church

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Sunday, November 03, 2024

Tone 2 / Eothinon 8;

**Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
& Fifth Sunday of Luke**

**Martyrs Akepsimas, Joseph and Aeithalas of Persia;
Dedication of St. George Church in Lydda of Palestine;
Hieromartyr George of Neapolis;
Theodore the Confessor, bishop of Ancyra**

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 TWO: When Thou didst submit Thyself unto death, O Thou deathless and immortal One, then Thou didst destroy hades 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 FOR THE PERSIAN MARTYRS IN TONE FOUR: Thy martyrs, O Lord, in their courageous contest for Thee received as the prize the crowns of incorruption and life from Thee, our immortal God. For, since they possessed Thy strength, they cast down the tyrants and wholly destroyed the demons' strengthless presumption. O Christ God, by their prayers, save our souls, since Thou art merciful.

APOLYTIKION FOR ST. GEORGE THE GREAT-MARTYR IN TONE FOUR: Since thou art a liberator and deliverer of captives, a help and support of the poor and needy, a healing physician of the sick, a contender and fighter for kings, O great among Martyrs, the victory-clad George; intercede with Christ God for the salvation of our souls.

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.

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, November 2**
 - 5:00 PM Vespers

***** DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS *****
- **Sunday, November 3**
 - 9:00 AM Orthros / Church School (kids 4-9 years) & Bible Study (kids 10+)
 - **10:00 AM Hierarchical Divine Liturgy with Bishop JOHN**
 - **Feast of St. Michael and 30th Anniversary Luncheon**
- **Saturday, November 9**
 - 5:00 PM Vespers
- **Sunday, November 10**
 - 9:00 AM Orthros / Church School (kids 4-9 years) & Bible Study (kids 10+)
 - 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy
 - Women's Group Bake Sale
 - Choir Rehearsal

*****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 Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost)

The Lord is my strength and my song.

The Lord has chastened me severely.

The Reading from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians.

(11:31-12:9)

Brethren, the God and Father of the Lord Jesus Christ, the One who is blessed for evermore, knows that I do not lie. In Damascus, the governor under Arétas the king guarded the city of the Damascenes, willing to seize me, and through a window I was let down in a basket by the wall, and escaped his hands. I must boast, though it is not expedient; but I will come to visions and revelations of the Lord. I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago—whether in the body, I do not know, or whether out of the body, I do not know; God knows—who was caught up to the third heaven. And I know that this man—whether in the body or out of the body, I do not know; God knows—was caught up into Paradise, and heard unspeakable words, which no person is allowed to utter. On behalf of this one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my infirmities. For if I would desire to boast, I shall not be foolish, for I shall speak the truth.

But I refrain from it, lest anyone should think of me above that which he sees me to be, or hears from me. And to keep me from being exalted above measure through the abundance of revelations, I was given a thorn in the flesh, an angel of Satan to buffet me, to keep me from being exalted above measure. For this thing I beseeched the Lord three times, that it might depart from me. And He said to me, “My grace is sufficient for thee, for My strength is made perfect in weakness.” Most gladly therefore will I rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

GOSPEL

(For the Fifth Sunday of Luke)

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (16:19-31)

The Lord said, “There was a rich man, who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, full of sores, who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man’s table; moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. The poor man died and was carried by the angels to

Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried; and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes, and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus in his bosom. And he called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy upon me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in anguish in this flame.' But Abraham said, 'Son, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.' And he said, 'Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house, for I have five brothers, so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.' But Abraham said, 'They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.' And he said, 'No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to him, 'If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead.'"

NEW ICON OF THE THEOTOKOS

Fr. James blessed the Icon that Zoya gifted to St. Michael last Sunday. It's the Theotokos, Mother of God. May God grant Zoya many years and safe travels.



ST. MICHAEL HAPPENINGS

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

10 THANKSGIVING MEALS FOR INDEPENDENCE HOUSE

A Sign-Up request has been sent out via email to parish members and friends to help provide Thanksgiving Meals to Independence House in Hyannis, which provides services to battered women and their children.

- Please register to pick up a few items the next time you are at the grocery store.
- Please consider donating your time to help package the items on Nov 17 and 21 and to help with delivery on Nov 23.
- If can't shop for any of the items, please consider donating funds

to help us with the purchase of food to supplement what is being generously donated.

The sign-up request covers all these requests. If you don't have access to a computer, please reach out to the Outreach committee to let us know how you can help: Michelle, Olga and Emma

If you didn't receive the Sign-up request in your email, please see Soraya so your name can be added to our distribution list.

Thank you for your support of St. Michael outreach and its programs.

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.

Save the Date!

- **November 3: Bishop John visiting us for the Feast of St. Michael and our Anniversary Luncheon**
 - **November 10: Women's Group Bake Sale**
 - **November 23, from 2 PM: St. Michael Clean Up Day**
 - January 25: Diocese Ladies Meeting at St Mary's, Pawtucket
 - March 3: Great Lent begins
 - April 13: Palm Sunday
 - April 20: PASCHA
 - June 20 - 21: PLC
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FEAST DAY & 30TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION WITH BISHOP JOHN

To sponsor the event 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.

Thank you for your continued support. Please contact Kh. Valerie with any questions 781-727-4621, valerieirving@verizon.net

**RAFFLE FOR TWO FOOTBALL TICKETS
PATRIOTS VS. COLTS
GILLETTE STADIUM
DECEMBER 1 ST 1:00 pm**

Tickets

\$10 EACH

3 FOR \$25



Send checks to St. Michael

62 Main St., Cotuit MA 02635 or

Venmo to @soraya-bandeli

**put Patriots raffle in the memo
and also send an email to**

stmichael@stmichaelapcod.org

Drawing on Nov. 24th

**Proceeds support St. Michael 30th
Anniversary Celebration.**

THE SYNAXARION

On November 3 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the holy Martyrs Akepsimas the bishop, Joseph the priest and Aeithalas the deacon of Persia.

Verses

*Akepsimas is slain by thrashings with cudgels,
and Akepsimas' friends, by merciless stoning.*

On the third, Akepsimas is beaten, and his fellow athletes stoned.

A child prophesied that 80-year-old Bishop Akepsimas would suffer for Christ. He told a member of his household that he would not return home, but instead go to his "home on high." King Sapor raised a bitter persecution of Christians throughout Persia, and Akepsimas was apprehended and thrown into prison. The following day Joseph, a 70-year-old priest, and Aeithalas, a deacon, were also imprisoned. After three years of imprisonment and many tortures, Akepsimas was beheaded. Joseph and Aeithalas were buried up to their waists in the ground and stoned to death. That night, by God's providence, Joseph's body disappeared, and a myrtle tree grew over Aeithalas' body that healed all diseases and pain. This tree stood for five years before the wicked pagans cut it down. These soldiers of Christ suffered in Persia in the fourth century.

On this day, we also commemorate the Consecration of the Temple of the holy GreatMartyr George in Lydda in Palestine, as well as the deposition of his holy body therein. George's relics came from Nicomedia, where he suffered at the time of Emperor Diocletian. Anticipating his martyrdom, George begged his servant to take his relics to Palestine, where his mother had been born, and where he had distributed his large estate to the poor. The servant did so. During the reign of Emperor Constantine, pious Christians built the beautiful church to house the miracleworking relics of the Great Martyr. On this day, we also commemorate the Hieromartyr George of Neapolis; and Venerable Theodore the Confessor, bishop of Ancyra. 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.
