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Sunday, December 01, 2024

Tone 6 / Eothinon 1;

**Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost
& Fourteenth Sunday of Luke**

The Holy Prophet Nahum;

Venerable Philaret the Almsgiver of Amnia;

Martyr Ananias the Persian

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 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 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 PREPARATION OF CHRIST'S NATIVITY IN TONE THREE: On this day the Virgin cometh to the cave to give birth to God the Word ineffably, Who was before all the ages. Dance for joy, O earth, on hearing the gladsome tidings; with the Angels and the shepherds now glorify Him Who is willing to be gazed on as a young Child Who before the ages is God.

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 30**
 - 5:00 PM Vespers
- **Sunday, December 1**
 - 9:00 AM Orthros / Church School (kids 4-9 years) & Bible Study (kids 10+)
 - 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy
 - Teen SOYO Meeting
 - Outreach Meeting
- **Saturday, December 7**
 - 5:00 PM Vespers
- **Sunday, December 8**
 - 9:00 AM Orthros / Church School (kids 4-9 years) & Bible Study (kids 10+)
 - 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy
 - 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 Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost)

O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance.

To Thee, O Lord, have I cried, O my God.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Ephesians. (2:4-10)

Brethren, God, Who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up with Him, and made us sit with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, that in the coming ages He might show the immeasurable riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith; and this is not your own doing, it is the gift of God—not because of works, lest any man should boast. For, we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

GOSPEL

(For the Fourteenth Sunday of Luke)

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (18:35-43)

At that time, when Jesus drew near to Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging; and hearing a multitude going by, he inquired what this meant. They told him, "Jesus of Nazareth is passing by." And he cried, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" And those who were in front rebuked him, telling him to be silent; but he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" And Jesus stopped, and commanded him to be brought to him; and when he came near, Jesus asked him, "What do you want me to do for you?" He said, "Lord, let me receive my sight." And Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight; your faith has made you well." And immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus, glorifying God; and all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God.



ST. MICHAEL HAPPENINGS

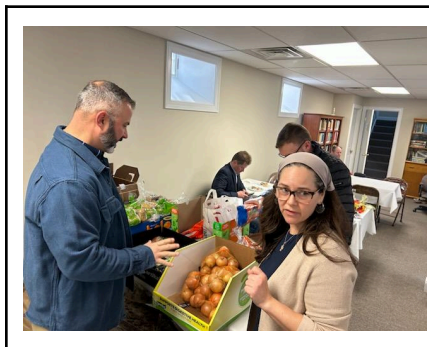
**WEEKLY BULLETIN CAN BE VIEWED ON OUR WEBSITE
ALL FOR THE GLORY OF GOD AND HIS CHURCH**

SOYO SPONSORING A CHRISTMAS "GIVING TREE"

from Homeless Prevention Council to help local families in need. Starting on December 1, please pick up an ornament from the tree in the Fellowship hall to adopt a family, purchase gifts, donate a bike for the HPC annual bike drive, or donate funds. Gifts must be returned to church by Dec. 13. Thank you for your generosity!

THANKSGIVING MEALS - THANK YOU

Thanks to everyone who donated food, money and helped with packing the food. Emma and Soraya delivered to Independence House on Monday Nov 25. Blessed and Happy Thanksgiving to everyone!



CHURCH LIBRARY

George Sopel will be our new church librarian! Thank you George for donating your time for this important ministry. If you have any library books at your house, please bring them into church so George can add them to the new catalogue and others can learn from them. There are a number of books missing from the library and we would like to have them returned. Many or most of the library books were donated by Fr. Manikus and Kh. Effie. Fr. Bob Sulinski recently replaced some of the books he previously donated to the library but were no longer there.

RAFFLE

Congratulations to Soraya, the winner of our Patriots tickets raffle! Also thanks to the donor of the tickets.

NATIVITY FLOWERS

On Sunday, December 8th after Liturgy, Olga will be decorating the Iconostasis with garland. Please help if you are able. We will be buying flowers and garland and also using local "greens" from the area. Please see Olga if you are able to help or bring them on December 8th.

ALTAR BOYS ROBES

For the season leading up to Pascha, purple altar boys robes are used in most Orthodox churches. It is the color of mourning and repentance and also of royalty. St. Michael has no purple altar boys robes and we will be ordering some soon. If you would like to contribute to these robes, please mark it clearly on your check or on the envelope when you donate.

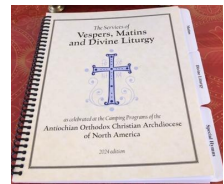
THANK YOU

Thanks to everyone who came out to help with church cleanup. More hands make for light work. Not pictured is Patti who was a group photographer. Blessed Nativity Fast to everyone!



SPONSOR A MUSIC BOOK

The Archdiocese had updated the music books for North American. St Michael had purchased new books to replace the current books. If you would like to sponsor one or more books please place a donation in the collection basket or talk to myself or David Easa. The suggested donation is \$10 per book. The sponsorship will be recognized by the person(s) name displayed on the inside cover of the book. You can sponsor a book for yourself, a family member, a loved one, for the health or in remembrance of someone.



ST. MICHAEL NATIVITY CARD 2024

This year, St. Michael Women will be sending out a Nativity Greeting to all our parish members. This isn't just a greeting card - a portion of the proceeds of this year's Nativity card will be going to the CLERGY WIDOWS FUND. These women who have dedicated their lives and their families to the church will always be our "Khourie" / "Presvitera" / "Matushka" – even after they suffer the loss of their priest-husbands. This fund will cover some of their needs for utilities, food, shelter.

The order form for the Nativity Greeting has been mailed out. If you would like your name on the St. Michael Nativity Card, please fill out the form and return it no later December 15, 2024. Please make your donations out to St. Michael Women and write 'Nativity Card' in the memo. You also have the option to donate via VENMO.

We thank you for your continued generosity.

HIS EMINENCE METROPOLITAN SABA FEAST DAY AND ORDINATION

IN WEST ROXBURY: By the grace of God and through the Apostolic tradition of the laying of hands, His Eminence Metropolitan SABA will ordain to the Holy Diaconate Walid Awad on Wednesday, December 4, 2024 at the Vigil of St. Sabbas the Sanctified at 6:00 pm at St. George Orthodox Church of Boston (55 Emmonsedale Rd, West Roxbury, MA).

Save the Date!

- December 4: Vigil for St. Saba at St. George West Roxbury with His Eminence presiding and the ordination of Walid Awad
 - December 6-8: Metropolitan SABA visit to St. John of Damascus, Dedham
 - **December 15: Annual Parish Meeting**
 - January 25: Diocese Antiochian Women Meeting @ St Mary, Pawtucket
 - March 3: Great Lent begins
 - March 22: Diocese Family Day
 - April 13: Palm Sunday
 - April 20: PASCHA
 - June 20 - 21: PLC
 - July 20-27, 2025: Antiochian Orthodox Archdiocese Convention, Chicago
 - August 10-16: Diocese Summer Camp
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THE SYNAXARION

On December 1 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the holy and glorious Prophet Nahum.

Verses

Longing doth draw me to anoint with the myrrh of discourse

Nahum the Elkoshite, who hath yielded up his spirit.

On the first, Nahum was conveyed out of life.

Nahum was born of the tribe of Simeon in a place called Elkosh on the far side of the Jordan. He lived about seven hundred years before Christ and prophesied the destruction of Nineveh about two hundred years after the Prophet Jonah had warned the Ninevites. Because of Jonah's preaching, the Ninevites had repented, and God had spared them and not destroyed them. In time, however, they forgot God's mercy and again became corrupt. The Prophet Nahum prophesied their destruction, and since there was no repentance, God did not spare them. The entire city was destroyed by earthquake, flood and fire, so that its location is no longer known. The Prophet Nahum lived for forty-five years and entered into rest in the Lord, leaving us a small book of his true prophecies.

On this day, we also commemorate the Venerable Philaret the Almsgiver of Amnia; and Martyr Ananias the Persian. 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.
