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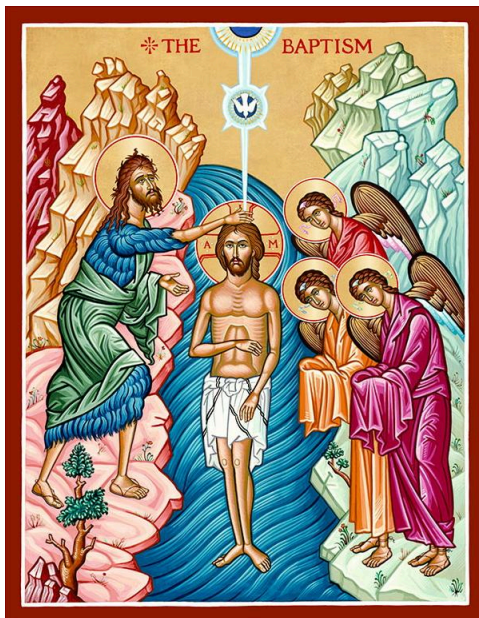
## **St. Michael the Archangel Antiochian Orthodox Church**

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**Sunday, January 12, 2025**

**Tone 4 / Eothinon 7**

**Sunday after the Theophany of Christ**

**Martyr Tatiana of Rome and those with her;**

**Martyr Peter Absalom of Palestine**

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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 FOUR: Having learned the joyful message of the Resurrection from the angel the women disciples of the Lord cast from them their parental condemnation. And proudly broke the news to the Disciples, saying: Death hath been spoiled; Christ God is risen, granting the world Great Mercy.

APOLYTIKION OF THE THEOPHANY OF CHRIST IN TONE ONE: When Thou, O Lord, wast baptized in the Jordan, worship of the Trinity wast made manifest; for the voice of the Father bore witness to Thee, calling Thee His beloved Son. And the Spirit in the likeness of a dove confirmed the truth of His word. O Christ our God, Who hast appeared and enlightened the world, 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 THEOPHANY OF CHRIST IN TONE FOUR: On this day Thou hast appeared unto the whole world, and Thy light, O Sovereign Lord, is signed on us who sing Thy praise and chant with knowledge: Thou hast now come, Thou hast appeared, O Thou Light unapproachable.

### 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, January 11**
  - 5:00 PM Vespers
- **Sunday, January 12**
  - 9:00 AM Orthros / Church School (kids 4-9 years) & Bible Study (kids 10+)
  - 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy with the Memorial Service for the Newly Departed Charles Henry Allison
  - Teen SOYO Meeting
  - 2:30 PM **Blessing of the Waters Outside-Cape Cod Canal @ 12 Freezer Rd, Sandwich, MA**
- **Saturday, January 18**
  - 5:00 PM Vespers
- **Sunday, January 19**
  - 9:00 AM Orthros / Church School (kids 4-9 years) & Bible Study (kids 10+)
  - 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy
  - St. Martha & St. Mary Sisterhood Meeting

**\*\*\*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 Sunday after Theophany of Christ)

*Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us. Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous.*

### **The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Ephesians. (4:7-13)**

Brethren, grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore, it is said, "When He ascended on high He led a host of captives, and He gave gifts to men." (In saying, "He ascended," what does it mean but that He had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is He who also ascended far above all the heavens, that He might fill all things.) And His gifts were that some should be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.

## GOSPEL

(For the Sunday after Theophany of Christ)

### **The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (4:12-17)**

At that time, when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee; and leaving Nazareth he went and dwelt in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: "The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, toward the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned." From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of Heaven is at hand."

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## ST. MICHAEL HAPPENINGS

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

### MEDICATION AND FASTING

Orthodox Christians fast from food and drink from midnight the night before receiving Holy Communion. There are some exceptions. In regard to health: Fasting should not be detrimental to one's health. For example, if you need to take medicine in the morning, you can take it with food.

### PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS 2025:

	Term Expires
Stephen Winters - Chairman	2027
David Esa - Vice-Chairman	2027
Anton Williams - Treasurer	2027
Julia Shangina Petitt - Recording Secretary	2026
Anastasia Klokova - Corresponding Secretary	2027
Natalie Leva	2026
SubDeacon Joseph Boroush	2026

Above are our Parish Council members. The Parish Council also has members from each of the organizations of St. Michael. Please support them as they lead the church. Reach out to them with any questions and concerns and consider serving on the Parish Council in the future.

The purpose of the Parish Council is to work together with the Pastor. To Foster a spirit of harmony and spiritual unity among the members of the Parish. To encourage the deeping of the Orthodox faith. To lift and strengthen the dignity of the parish. To administer the business of the Parish.



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**SOYO had a terrific trip to the Icon Museum last Sunday!**



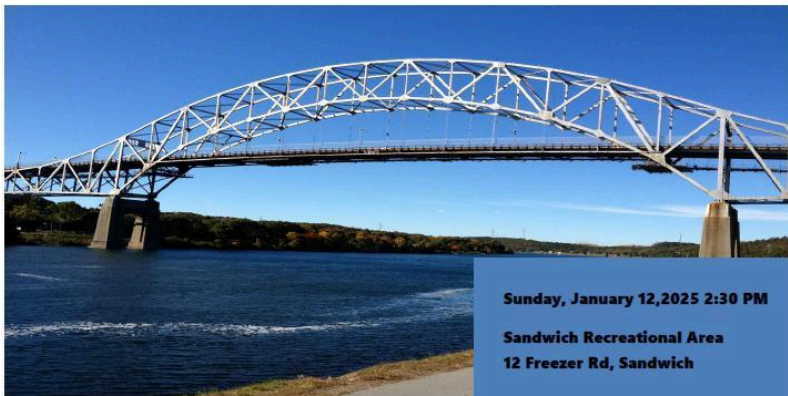
**2025 CALENDARS:** St. Michael church has purchased calendars displaying beautiful icons. These calendars help us to know when to fast, the readings for services, Saints of the day and feast day information. Please pick up a calendar for your home or work, and leave a donation to help offset the cost. If you or you know someone that would like to sponsor the calendars for 2026 let Fr. James or Soraya know.

**DIOCESE SUMMER CAMP ST. JOSEPH OF DAMASCUS: taking place August 10-16, 2025 in Lenox, MA: Registration opened on Jan 2.** Camp St. Joseph of Damascus is open to all youth in the Diocese of Worcester and New England, ages 9-17. Tuition will be \$575 per camper. More information at [www.campstjoseph.org](http://www.campstjoseph.org)

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# Great Blessing of the Waters



## Come together in faith for the Pan Orthodox Outdoor Blessing of Cape Cod Canal Waters

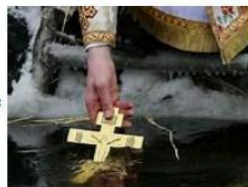


Celebrate the feast of Theophany with:

**St. George of Centerville**

**St. Michael the Archangel in Cotuit**

**St. Mark of Ephesus in Kingston**



### Save the Date!

- **Jan 12 at 2:30 pm: Blessing of the Waters outside-Cape Cod Canal**
  - January 19: St. Martha & St. Mary Sisterhood Meeting
  - February 1: Mini Retreat @ St. Mary's Church Hall, Cambridge MA
  - March 3: Great Lent begins
  - March 22: Diocese Family Day
  - April 13: Palm Sunday
  - April 20: PASCHA
  - June 20 - 21: PLC
  - August 10-16: Diocese Summer Camp
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## THE SYNAXARION

On January 12 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we continue to celebrate the Theophany (Epiphany) of our Lord Jesus Christ, and we commemorate the holy Martyr Tatiana of Rome, the Deaconess, and those with her.

### **Verses**

*For Tatiana, who was in all things resplendent,  
The bright sword gave her head a resplendent laurel.  
On the twelfth, they trimmed Tatiana's neck.*

Tatiana lived during the reign of Emperor Alexander Severus, whose chief assistants persecuted Christians without the emperor's orders. When they brought out the virgin Tatiana for torture, she prayed to God for her torturers. And behold, their eyes were opened and they saw four angels around the martyr. Seeing this, eight of them believed in Christ for which they also were tortured and slain. The tormentors continued to disfigure Tatiana, but God sent His angels to the dungeon to encourage her and to heal her wounds. Each morning, Tatiana appeared before the torturers completely healed. Finally, Tatiana and her father were both beheaded in about the year 225. Thus, this heroic woman and those with her were crowned with immortal wreaths of glory.

On this day, we also commemorate Martyr Peter Absalom of Palestine. 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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