
St. Michael the Archangel Antiochian Orthodox Church

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Sunday, May 11, 2025

Tone 3 / Eothinon 5; Fourth Sunday of Pascha

Sunday of the Paralytic

Hieromartyr Mokios, priest in Macedonia;

Cyril and Methodios, equals-to-the-Apostles and

enlighteners of the Slavs

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 didst sit upon the foal of an ass, who sing to Thee: Alleluia.

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE THREE: Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad, for the Lord hath done a mighty act with His own arm. He hath trampled down death by death, and become the first-born from the dead. He hath delivered us from the depths of Hades, granting the world the Great Mercy.

THE KONTAKION OF PASCHA IN TONE EIGHT: Though Thou didst descend into the grave, O Immortal One, yet didst Thou destroy the power of Hades, and didst arise as victor, O Christ God, calling to the myrrh-bearing women, Rejoice, and giving peace unto Thine Apostles, O Thou Who dost grant resurrection to the fallen.

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.

MEGALYNARION FOR PARALYTIC SUNDAY IN TONE ONE: *The angel spake to her that is full of grace, saying, O pure Virgin, rejoice; and I say also, Rejoice; for thy Son is risen from the tomb on the third day.*

We believers in unison bless thee, O Virgin, crying: Rejoice, O gate of the Lord. Rejoice, O living city. Rejoice, O thou from whom didst rise upon us from the dead the Light of Resurrection, He Who was born of thee.

KOINONIKON (COMMUNION HYMN) OF PASCHA IN TONE EIGHT

Receive ye the body of Christ; taste ye the Fountain of immortality.

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.

Albanian: Krishti Ungjall! Vertete Ungjall!

Arabic: Al Maseeh Qam! Haqqan Qam!

English: Christ is Risen! Truly He is Risen!

French: Le Christ est Resucité! Vraiment est Resucité!

Greek: Christos Anesti! Alithos Anesti!

Polish: Khristus Zmartvikstau! Zaiste Zmartvikstau!

Portuguese: Christo Ressuscitou! Em Verdade Ressuscitou!

Romanian: Hristos a Inviat! Adevarat a Inviat!

Russian: Khristos Voskres! Voistinu Voskres!

Spanish: Cristo ha resucitado! En verdad ha resucitado!

SCHEDULE:

- **Saturday, May 10**

- 5:00 pm Vespers

- **Sunday, May 11**

- 9:00 AM Orthros / 9:15 Bible Study for kids 10+
- 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy
- Church School for kids 4-9 years old
- Choir Rehearsal

- **Saturday, May 17**

- 5:00 pm Vespers

- **Sunday, May 18**

- 9:00 AM Orthros / 9:15 Bible Study for kids 10+
- 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy
- Church School for kids 4-9 years old
- 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!

THE EPISTLE

O chant unto our God, chant ye. Clap your hands, all ye nations.

The Reading from the Acts of the Holy Apostles. (9:32-42)

In those days, as Peter went throughout all regions, he came down also to the saints who dwelt at Lydda. There he found a certain man named Aeneas, who was bedridden for eight years and paralyzed. And Peter said to him: "Aeneas, Jesus Christ heals you; arise and make your bed." And immediately he arose. And all who dwelt at Lydda and Sharon saw him, and they turned back to the Lord. Now there was at Joppa a certain disciple named Tabitha (which means Gazelle). She was full of good works and of charitable deeds which she did. And it came to pass in those days that she fell sick and died; and when they had washed her, they placed her in an upper chamber. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, hearing that Peter was there, sent two men to him entreating him: "Come to us without delay!" So Peter arose and went with them. And when he arrived, they took him into the upper chamber. All the widows stood by him weeping, showing the tunics and other garments which Tabitha made while she was with them. But Peter put them all outside and knelt down and prayed; then turning to the body, he said: "Tabitha, arise!" And she opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter, she sat up. And he gave her his hand, and raised her up. Then he called the saints and widows and presented her alive. And it became known throughout all Joppa, and many believed in the Lord.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John. (5:1-15)

At that time, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, in Hebrew called Bethesda, which has five porticoes. In these lay a multitude of invalids, blind, lame, paralyzed, waiting for the moving of the water. For an angel of the Lord went down at certain seasons into the pool and troubled the water; whoever stepped in first, after the troubling of the water was healed of whatever disease he had. One man was there, who had been ill for 38 years. When Jesus saw him and knew that he had been lying there a long time, He said to him, "Do you want to be healed?" The sick man answered Him, "Sir, I have no man to put me into the pool when the water is troubled, and while I am going another steps down before me." Jesus said to him, "Rise, take up your pallet, and walk." And at once the man was healed, and he took up his pallet and walked. Now that day was the Sabbath. So the Jews said to the man who was cured, "It is the Sabbath, it is not lawful for you to carry your pallet." But he answered them, "The man who healed me said to me, 'Take up your pallet, and walk.'" They asked him, "Who is the man who said to you, 'Take up your pallet, and walk'?" Now the man who had been healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had withdrawn, as there was a crowd in the place. Afterward, Jesus found him in the temple, and said to him, "See, you are well! Sin no more, that nothing worse befalls you." The man went away and told the Jews that it was Jesus Who had healed him.



ST. MICHAEL HAPPENINGS

WEEKLY BULLETIN CAN BE VIEWED ON OUR WEBSITE
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SCHOLARSHIPS FOR ANTIOCHIAN STUDENTS

The Antiochian Archdiocese shares this listing of scholarships from a variety of sources for the benefit of applicants and benefactors. Contact the benefactors directly for rules, qualifications and deadlines for their scholarships. Please visit the Antiochian Archdiocese website for more details:

<https://www.antiochian.org/regulararticle/386>

PRAYER ROPE FUNDRAISER In an effort to raise money for scholarships for our kids to go to the New England Region Camp St. Joseph in Lenox Ma. this Summer, we will be making and selling Orthodox Prayer Ropes. That means that we need people to make them and donate them. We have the materials to make them, so if you know how, or would like to learn, please talk to David Easa. If you would like to order one in advance you can also talk to David, and there will be different colors and sizes available. Our goal is to help as many of our 9 campers as possible with the tuition which is \$575 per person. Thank you for your help.

QUILT RAFFLE: The Sisterhood of St. Martha & St. Mary are holding a raffle of a beautiful quilt handmade by Connie L., Father James' cousin. The quilt measures approximately 80" by 70".

Raffle tickets can be purchased for \$10 each or 3 tickets for \$25. Please see our Treasurer, Pauline R., or our President, Kh. Valerie for tickets.



Worcester County's Premier Middle Eastern Festival is BACK!



St. George Orthodox Cathedral
30 Anna St. Worcester, MA 01604



Friday, June 6: 3-11 PM | Saturday, June 7: Noon - 11 PM | Sunday, June 8: Noon - 6 PM

Festival Highlights

Authentic Middle Eastern food prepared on site!

All your favorites from kabobs to kibbe, shawarma sandwiches, stuffed grape leaves, tabouli, hummus, pastries and so much more!

Exciting live entertainment
(music, singing, dabke, dancing and more!)

Beer, wine, and cocktails

Hookah | Marketplace

Children's Zone: A Place to Play

Raffles, prizes, community, surprises and so much more fun!

Tour our beautiful Cathedral and learn about Eastern Orthodox Christianity.



Friday: Andre Keedy



Saturday: Chadi Nadat



Sunday: Mitch Kalktsunas

Scan the QR codes for festival updates!



WorcesterMiddleEasternFest.com [@WORCESTERMIDDLEEASTERNFEST](https://www.instagram.com/WORCESTERMIDDLEEASTERNFEST) Facebook Event Page

Join us rain or shine under the big tent!

THE SYNAXARION

On May 11 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate Hieromartyr Mokios, priest in Macedonia; and Cyril and Methodios, equals-to-the-Apostles and enlighteners of the Slavs.

On this day, the fourth Sunday of Pascha, we commemorate the Paralytic and, as is right, we celebrate the miracle wrought for him.

Verses

*The word of Christ was strength for the paralytic;
So that this word alone was the man's full healing.*

Jesus healed the Paralytic at the Sheep's Pool, located near the Sheep's Gate of Jerusalem, where people sacrificed their beasts and washed their insides. The pool had five sides, with a porch and arch on each. A number of people, afflicted with various diseases, passed through them, waiting at the water for an angel to come down and stir it. Once it moved, whoever stepped into the water first was instantly healed. One poor man, whose story is recounted in today's Gospel lection in the Divine Liturgy, waited 38 years for someone to lower him into the water, because he was unable to move into the water himself. However, the Savior merely commanded the man to get up and walk, and he was healed.

In Thine infinite mercy, O Christ our God, have mercy on us. Amen.

Save the Date!

- June 8: FEAST OF PENTECOST
- June 21: Saturday PLC at St. George in Norwood (see flyer below)
- July 20-27, 2025: Antiochian Orthodox Archdiocese Convention, Chicago
- August 11-16: Diocese Summer Camp

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.
