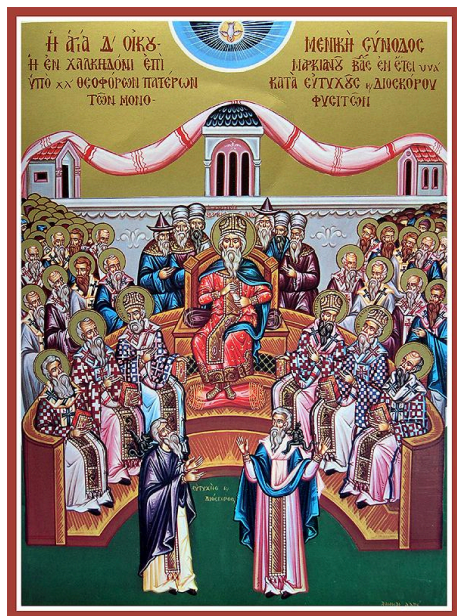

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Sunday, July 13, 2025

Tone 4 / Eothinon 5

**Sunday of the Holy Fathers
of Fourth Ecumenical Council**

**Synaxis of the Archangel Gabriel;
Venerable Stephen of Mar Sabbas monastery**

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 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 HOLY FATHERS IN TONE EIGHT: Thou, O Christ, art our God of exceeding praise Who didst establish our Holy Fathers as luminous stars upon earth, and through them didst guide us unto the true Faith, O most merciful One, 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.

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, Quodoos 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, July 12**
 - 10:00 AM Outside Clean Up Day
 - 1:00 PM Baptism
 - 5:00 PM Vespers
- **Sunday, July 13**
 - 8:30 AM Orthros
 - 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy
- **Saturday, July 19**
 - 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM YARD SALE
 - 5:00 PM Vespers
- **Sunday, July 20**
 - 8:30 AM Orthros
 - 9:30 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!

THE EPISTLE

(For the Holy Fathers)

Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, O ye righteous.

Blessed are those whose iniquities are forgiven!

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to St. Titus. (3:8-15)

Titus, my son, faithful is the saying, and concerning these things I desire you to affirm confidently, that those who have believed in God may be thoughtful of how to preside in honorable occupations. These things are good and profitable to men. But avoid foolish disputes, and genealogies, and contentions, and controversies about the Law; for they are unprofitable and vain. A man who is a heretic after the first and second admonition reject, knowing that such a one is subverted, and sins, being self-condemned. When I send Artemas to you, or Tychicós, give diligence to come to me to Nicopolis; for I have determined to winter there. Set forward Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their journey diligently, that they may be lacking in nothing. And let our people also learn how to preside in honorable occupations, so as to help in cases of urgent need, that they should not be unfruitful. All who are with me salute you. Salute those who love us in the faith. Grace be with you all. Amen.

THE GOSPEL

(For the Holy Fathers)

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (5:14-19)

The Lord said to His Disciples: "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hid. Nor do men light a lamp and put it under a bushel, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father Who is in heaven. Think not that I have come to abolish the law and the prophets; I have come not to abolish them, but to fulfill them. For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Whoever then relaxes one of the least of these commandments, and teaches men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but he who does them and teaches them shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven."



ST. MICHAEL HAPPENINGS

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

4th OF JULY PARADE Everyone had a great time at the 4th of July parade in Cotuit! St. Michael was well represented!



PARISH YARD SALE A large parish wide yard sale is being planned for **July 19th** (rain or shine). Please save the date and put aside any household items you can donate for the sale.

Drop off: At church to Elaine Burke or Pauline Rassias at fellowship after Liturgy beginning JUNE 1.

Needed: DONATIONS and VOLUNTEERS. Call your relatives, friends, neighbors for donations. Women, *Contact Elaine Burke (540 272 0433) or Pauline Rassias (781) 690 2891). Men, Contact Mike Simoneau. We need people to sort, price, display and sell, set up and break down, donate leftovers.

DONATIONS WE WILL ACCEPT

***ONLY clean items in good condition and/or good working order.

***Nothing rusted, bent, chipped, cracked or worn.

- Antiques and collectables...See or call Zondra Davis
- Artwork, preferably framed
- Baskets (not bread baskets)
- Books, hardcover and paperback
- China/crystal, cups/saucers, dinnerware, decorative items such as vases, platters, figurines, candy dishes,
- Furniture. Small pieces only. End tables, chairs, folding tables and chairs, stools, benches. Please plan to take back anything that does not sell.
- Home Goods, such as pots and pans, lamps, mixing bowls, kitchen utensils, coffee or tea pots, toasters, Correlle Dinnerware, Corning Ware, Pyrex ware, Tupperware.**No plastic, please!
- Jewelry White or yellow gold. Costume jewelry.
- 4 or more matching mugs, cups and saucers, plates, glasses, cereal and soup bowls.
- No odd or single items unless fine china or collectable.
- Pocketbooks/wallets/totes. Must be clean with no signs of wear!
- Sporting Goods. Golf clubs, balls, tennis rackets, etc
- Tools, Toys

WE WILL HAVE A SMALL RACK OF CLOTHING. Only accepting clean, pressed, on hangers, no rips, tears, stains. Limited space. Only like new items, please!

- Coats, Jackets, blazers, suits, sport jackets, skirts, pants, dresses
 - Wraps, shawls, hats, scarves, and gloves
 - NO CHILDREN'S CLOTHING, NO bedding, NO undergarments, pajamas or socks.
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Yard Sale

Saturday July 19 • 9am – 3pm

Home Goods • Jewelry • Vintage/Designer Clothing • Toys
Sporting Goods • Tools • Antique/Vintage

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Light refreshments will be available for purchase.



THE SYNAXARION

On July 13 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the Synaxis of the Archangel Gabriel; and Venerable Stephen of Mar Sabbas monastery.

On this Sunday, we commemorate the 630 holy and God-bearing Fathers of the Fourth Ecumenical Council, which convened in Chalcedon in 451 against the Monophysites.

Verses

*Shunning opposite errors like the sea monsters Scylla and Charybdis,
The Fathers steer the Church on a straight course to safety.*

The Holy Fathers were, once again, concerned with the nature of Jesus Christ. The false teaching arose that Christ's human nature (considered by heretics as less perfect) dissolved itself in His divine nature (considered by heretics as more perfect): like a cube of sugar in a parcel of water. Thus, in that scenario, Christ had only one nature, the Divine. These false preachers were called Monophysites ("mono", meaning "one" and "physis", meaning "nature"), and they were led by Eutyches and Dioscorus. Monophysitism overemphasized the divine nature of Christ, at the expense of the human. The Fourth Ecumenical Council condemned Monophysitism and proclaimed that Christ has two complete natures: the divine and the human, as defined by previous Councils. These two natures function as equally perfect, without confusion, and are neither divided nor separate. The Fathers declared that at no time did they undergo any change.

By the intercessions of Thy Saints, O Christ God, have mercy upon us.
Amen.

If you 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.
