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

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**Sunday, August 24, 2025**

**Tone 2 / Eothinon 11; Eleventh Sunday after**

**Pentecost & Eleventh Sunday of Matthew**

**Martyr Eutyches, disciple of John the Theologian;**

**New Hieromartyr Cosmas Aitolos,**

**equal-to-the-Apostles and evangelizer of southern Albania**

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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 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 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 NATIVITY OF THE THEOTOKOS IN TONE FOUR: By thy holy nativity, O pure one, Joachim and Anna were delivered from the reproach of barrenness; and Adam and Eve were delivered from the corruption of death; thy people do celebrate it, having been saved from the stain of iniquity, crying unto thee: The barren doth give birth to the Theotokos, who nourisheth our life.

### 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, August 23**
  - 5:00 PM Vespers
- **Sunday, August 24**
  - 8:30 AM Orthros
  - 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy
  - Choir Rehearsal
- **Saturday, August 30**
  - 5:00 PM Vespers
- **Sunday, August 31**
  - 8:30 AM Orthros
  - 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy

**\*\*\*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 Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost)

*The Lord is my strength and my song.*

*The Lord has chastened me severely.*

### **The Reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (9:2-12)**

Brethren, you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord. This is my defense to those who would examine me. Do we not have the right to our food and drink? Do we not have the right to be accompanied by a wife, as the other apostles and the brothers of the Lord and Cephas? Or is it only Barnabas and I who have no right to refrain from working for a living? Who serves as a soldier at his own expense? Who plants a vineyard without eating any of its fruit? Who tends a flock without getting some of the milk? Do I say this on human authority? Does not the law say the same? For it is written in the Law of Moses, "You shall not muzzle an ox when it is treading out the grain." Is it for oxen that God is concerned? Does he not speak entirely for our sake? It was written for our sake, because the plowman should plow in hope and the thresher thresh in hope of a share in the crop. If we have sown spiritual good among you, is it too much if we reap your material benefits? If others share this rightful claim upon you, do not we still more? Nevertheless, we have not made use of this right, but we endure anything rather than put an obstacle in the way of the Gospel of Christ.

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## THE GOSPEL

(For the Eleventh Sunday of Matthew)

**The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (18:23-35)**

The Lord spoke this parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. When he began the reckoning, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents; and as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, 'Lord, have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him the lord of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. But that same servant, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat he said, 'Pay what you owe.' So his fellow servant fell down and besought him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you besought me; and should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. So also My heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart."

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## ST. MICHAEL HAPPENINGS

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

### **BACKPACK BLESSINGS**

It's BACK-TO-SCHOOL time of year again! Cataumet Village, a transitional housing facility moved from Falmouth to South Dennis. Now it is called The Family Empowerment Center, supporting families coming out of homelessness.

These clients, mostly mothers and children, are getting ready to go back to school and need our help. We will be collecting school supplies through the month of August. Please let Michelle know via email [Mick1583@yahoo.com](mailto:Mick1583@yahoo.com) or text 508 284-3611 what items you are planning to purchase so she can avoid duplicates. The items are needed at the church by 8/24 (there is a labeled box in the bookstore) to assemble the backpacks. There is also a need for a volunteer to deliver the backpacks to Dennis.

The items needed are as follows:

- 10 Composition books (wide ruled)
- 10 1" three ring binders
- 5 "Pen and Gear" 12 pocket spiral poly organizers
- 5 index dividers with pockets for three ring binders
- 5 blunt tip scissors
- 10 # 2 pencil 12 packs (pre sharpened )
- 5 packs of black dry erase markers
- 5 erasers for dry erase makers (small)
- 5 packs of pencil grips (to better hold the pencils)
- 5 packs of colored pencils
- 5 24 packs of crayons
- 5 two hole pencil sharpeners
- 5 packs of rubber erasers
- 5 two packs of glue sticks
- 5 washable school glues
- 3 black three ring pencil pouches
- 10 packs of pens (blue or black)
- 5 packs of wide ruled filler paper
- 5 packs of college ruled filler paper
- 10 packs of index cards
- 5 basic calculators



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Monetary donations can be made to St. Michael Outreach with a memo – Backpack Blessings, and will be used to purchase what is not brought in. As always, thank you for your generosity as we care for those in need. If you have any questions, please see Michelle, Emma or Soraya.

### **CALENDAR SPONSORSHIP NEEDED**

We are looking for businesses or individuals who would like to help sponsor the calendars we publish and distribute in December. These list the Feast days, and other information such as fast days. Please see or contact Father James before August 26 if you're interested.

### **SILENT AUCTION**

St. Michael is excited to offer an online auction for a beautiful hand-painted icon by Zoya Sheglov, in traditional Russian style. Please click the link for the icon and bid details. The highest bidder will be supporting St. Michael's general fund.

<https://forms.gle/MMFrDVqp5cWNdhn29>

May you always be blessed. Thank you for your generosity and your prayerful consideration on our behalf.

For questions, please contact  
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<b>RAFFLE FOR TWO FOOTBALL TICKETS</b>	
<b>PATRIOTS VS. STEELERS</b>	
<b>GILLETTE STADIUM</b>	
<b>SEPTEMBER 21st 1:00 pm</b>	
<b>Tickets</b> <b>\$10 EACH</b> <b>3 FOR \$25</b>	
Send checks to St. Michael 62 Main St., Cotuit MA 02635 or Venmo to @soraya-bandeli show Patriots Raffle in the memo Venmo payers send an email with your name/address/tel to <a href="mailto:stmichael@stmichaelcapecod.org">stmichael@stmichaelcapecod.org</a> Drawing on Sept. 7 <sup>th</sup> Proceeds Support St. Michael Women's Group Stewardship	

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### THE SYNAXARION

On August 24 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the holy Martyr Eutyches, disciple of John the Theologian and Paul the Apostle.

#### **Verses**

*Prosperously hast thou prospered, prosperity's namesake;*

*With God as thy portion, O Eutyches, hast thou prospered.*

*On the twenty-fourth, a stone hid Eutyches.*

Though not numbered among the Seventy Apostles, Eutyches is also called an apostle because he was a disciple of the great apostles and he displayed true apostolic zeal in his evangelical service. Consecrated a missionary bishop, Eutyches traveled much, having an angel as his companion. In prison, he received heavenly bread from an angel. When his body was scraped with a serrated iron rod, blood flowed from him with unusual fragrant myrrh. Eutyches was thrown into a fire and before wild beasts and finally beheaded with a sword in Sebastopol, where he had been born. He now resides with the Apostles in the Heavenly Kingdom.

On this day, we also commemorate the New Hieromartyr Cosmas Aitolos, equal-to-the-Apostles and evangelizer of southern Albania. By the intercessions of Thy saints, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.

### **SAVE THE DATE! DIOCESAN CHORAL WORKSHOP NOVEMBER 15**

Diocesan Choral Workshop with Mareena Boosamra Ball Chairwoman of the Department of Sacred Music

**Saturday, November 15**

**10am - 4pm**

**St. John of Damascus Church**

Registration for Fall Semester at Antiochian Orthodox Ecclesiastical Online Music School is open. Classes start the week of September 8.

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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](mailto:dnjamesirving@gmail.com). Fr. James is available for confession by appointment.

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