
St. Michael the Archangel Antiochian Orthodox Church

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Sunday, August 31, 2025

Tone 3 / Eothinon 1;

**Placing of the Sash of the Theotokos in Halkoprateia
& Twelfth Sunday of Matthew**

Gennadius, Patriarch of Constantinople;

Hieromartyr Cyprian, Bishop of Carthage

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 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.

APOLYTIKION FOR PLACING OF THE VIRGIN'S SASH IN TONE EIGHT: Thou hast bestowed upon thy city, O ever-virgin Theotokos and shelter of mankind, the robe and the belt of thy pure body, as a secure mantle, which by thy seedless birth-giving have remained without corruption; for by thee are nature and time regenerated. Wherefore, we implore thee to grant thy city safety, and our souls the Great Mercy.

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 FOR PLACING OF THE VIRGIN'S SASH IN TONE TWO: Thy precious sash, O Theotokos, which encompassed thy God-receiving womb, is an invincible force for thy flock, and an unfailing treasury of every good, O only Ever-virgin Mother.

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, August 30**
 - 5:00 PM Vespers
- **Sunday, August 31**
 - 8:30 AM Orthros
 - 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy
- **Saturday, September 6**
 - 5:00 PM Vespers
- **Sunday, September 7**
 - 9:00 AM Orthros
 - 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy
 - Blessing of Church School Children and Teachers
 - Annual Cookout

*****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 Placing of the Sash of the Theotokos)

My soul doth magnify the Lord,

and my spirit doth rejoice in God my Savior.

For He hath regarded the lowliness of His servant.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews. (9:1-7)

Brethren, even the first covenant had regulations for worship and an earthly sanctuary. For a tent was prepared, the outer one, in which were the lampstand and the table and the bread of the Presence; it is called the Holy Place. Behind the second curtain stood a tent called the Holy of Holies, having the golden altar of incense and the ark of the covenant covered on all sides with gold, which contained a golden urn holding the manna, and Aaron's rod that budded, and the tables of the covenant; above it were the cherubim of glory overshadowing the mercy seat. Of these things we cannot now speak in detail. These preparations having thus been made, the priests go continually into the outer tent, performing their ritual duties; but into the second only the high priest goes, and he but once a year, and not without taking blood which he offers for himself and for the errors of the people.

THE GOSPEL

(For the Twelfth Sunday of Matthew)

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (19:16-26)

At that time, a young man came up to Jesus, kneeling and saying, "Good Teacher, what good deed must I do, to have eternal life?" And He said to him, "Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God. If you would enter life, keep the commandments." He said to Him, "Which?" And Jesus said, "You shall not kill, you shall not commit adultery, you shall not steal, you shall not bear false witness, honor your father and mother, and you shall love your neighbor as yourself." The young man said to Him, "All these I have observed; what do I still lack?" Jesus said to him, "If you would be perfect, go, sell what you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." When the young man heard this, he went away sorrowful; for he had great possessions. And Jesus said to his disciples, "Truly, I say to you, it will be hard for a rich man to enter the Kingdom of Heaven. Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." When the disciples heard this they were greatly astonished, saying, "Who then can be saved?" But Jesus looked at them and said to them, "With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."



ST. MICHAEL HAPPENINGS

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

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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RAFFLE FOR TWO FOOTBALL TICKETS	
PATRIOTS VS. STEELERS	
GILLETTE STADIUM	
SEPTEMBER 21st 1:00 pm	
<u>Tickets</u>	
\$10 EACH	
3 FOR \$25	
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 stmichael@stmichaelcapecod.org Drawing on Sept. 7 th Proceeds Support St. Michael Women's Group Stewardship	

THE SYNAXARION

On August 31 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the Placing of the Sash of our Most Holy Lady the Theotokos in Constantinople's Halkoprateia district during the reign of the emperor Theodosius the Younger.

Verses

*Like an all-golden garland, O august Virgin,
I set thy sash on the year's end as adornment.*

On the thirty-first, they enshrined the Sash of the All-pure.

At her Dormition, the Most Holy Mother of God left her Sash to the Apostle Thomas. This Sash was later taken to Constantinople and kept there in a sealed casket in the church of the Mother of God at Blachernae. This casket was never opened until the time of the Emperor Leo the Wise (886-912). Leo's wife, the Empress Zoë, was taken sick in soul and, as the result of a mysterious vision, desired that the Sash of the holy Theotokos be placed upon her. The Emperor asked the Patriarch, who opened the casket and found the Sash completely whole and undamaged by time. The Sash was taken out and placed upon the sick Empress, who immediately recovered. They sang hymns of thanksgiving to the Most Holy Theotokos, and then returned the venerable Sash back into the casket and resealed it.

On this day, we also commemorate our fathers among the saints Gennadius, Patriarch of Constantinople; and Hieromartyr Cyprian, Bishop of Carthage. By the intercessions of Thy saints, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.

SAVE THE DATE!

- September 13: Antiochian Women Diocese Meeting St. George West Roxbury
- September 20: Church Clean Up Day
- September 21: Sisterhood Meeting
- September 21: Parish Council Meeting
- September 28: Sunday School begins
- November 15: Diocesan Choral Workshop-St. John of Damascus
- November 16: Bishop John visiting for the Feast Day of St. Michael

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.
