
St. Michael the Archangel Antiochian Orthodox Church

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Sunday, September 07, 2025

Tone 4 / Eothinon 2;

**Sunday before the Elevation of the Holy Cross
Transfer of the Nativity of the Theotokos**

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 NATIVITY OF THE THEOTOKOS IN TONE FOUR: Thy nativity, O Theotokos, hath proclaimed joy to the whole universe; for from thee did shine forth the Sun of justice, Christ our God, annulling the curse, and bestowing the blessing, abolishing death and granting us life everlasting.

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.

MEGALYNARION OF THE FEAST IN TONE EIGHT: Virginity is alien to mothers, and childbirth is foreign to virgins; in thee, O Theotokos, both were granted. Wherefore, all we the tribes of the earth bless thee unceasingly.

KOINONIKON (COMMUNION HYMN) OF THE FEAST IN TONE EIGHT: I will take the cup of salvation, and I will call upon the Name of the Lord. Alleluia

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, September 6**
 - 5:00 PM Vespers
- **Sunday, September 7**
 - 9:00 AM Orthros
 - 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy
 - Blessing of Children, Students and Teachers
 - **Annual Cookout**
- **Saturday, September 13**
 - 5:00 PM Vespers
- **Sunday, September 14**
 - 9:00 AM Orthros
 - 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy
 - Choir Rehearsal

*****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 Sunday before the Elevation of the Holy Cross)

O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance.

To Thee, O Lord, I have cried, O my God.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Galatians. (6:11-18)

Brethren, see with what large letters I am writing to you with my own hand. It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that would compel you to be circumcised and only in order that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. For even those who receive circumcision do not themselves keep the Law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may glory in your flesh. But far be it from me to glory except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me and I to the world. For neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. Peace and mercy be upon all, who walk by this rule, upon the Israel of God. Henceforth let no man trouble me; for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brethren. Amen.

THE GOSPEL

(For the Sunday before the Elevation of the Holy Cross)

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

The Lord said, "No one has ascended into heaven but He who descended from heaven, the Son of man. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of man be lifted up, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. For God sent His Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through Him."



ST. MICHAEL HAPPENINGS

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

CPR Class with Cotuit Fire Department

The Cotuit Fire Department will be holding a CPR class at the Cotuit Library on September 13th from 10:15 am - 12 pm.

The class will last approximately two hours, during which time you will learn how to perform "hands-only" CPR, how to use an AED, and how to

treat choking in both adults and children.

The class typically requires a moderate amount of physical exertion while practicing your new CPR skills, but modifications can be made to allow anyone, regardless of physical ability, to take the class. We look forward to seeing you there!

Please register for each participant, as there are limited spaces.

<https://cotuitlibrary.libcal.com/calendar/20799/CPRSept>

Questions? Email Casey Staggs, EMS Officer at Cstaggs@cotuitfire.org

Sponsored by Cotuit Fire Department.

2025 FALL VISITATION OF THE WONDERWORKING "HAWAIIAN" MYRRH-STREAMING IVERON ICON TO THE EAST COAST

This Weekend 9/6-9/8

The Wonderworking and Myrrh-Streaming Hawaiian Iveron Icon of the Mother of God is traveling throughout the East Coast this month, bringing the grace and comfort of the Theotokos to the faithful. Beloved by Orthodox Christians worldwide, this holy icon has poured forth abundant miracles, healings, and consolation since it first began streaming myrrh in Hawaii.

During this pilgrimage, parishes along the East Coast will have the opportunity to welcome the Mother of God into their midst, to venerate her wonderworking image, and to join in prayer services and Divine Liturgies offered before the icon. For many, this is a rare and blessed chance to encounter the tender love of the Theotokos and to be strengthened in faith, hope, and devotion.

May the presence of the Hawaiian Iveron Icon renew hearts, heal wounds, and remind all of Christ's abiding mercy through His Most Pure Mother.

Locations near Cape Cod:

September 6, 2025 Saturday

Saint Nicholas Orthodox Church

34 Gold Street

Shrewsbury, MA 01545

- 9:00am, Matins
- 9:45am, Arrival of the Wonderworking Iveron Icon
- 10:00am, Divine Liturgy

Saint Demetrios of Thessaloniki Monastery

162 Edgell Road

Framingham, MA 01701

- 6:00pm, Arrival of the Wonderworking Iveron Icon
- 6:05pm, Supplicatory Canon (Paraklesis) to the Most Holy Theotokos

September 7, 2025 Sunday

Orthodox Church of Saint John the Russian

16 Mount Pleasant Avenue

Ipswich, MA 01938

- 8:30am, Arrival of the Wonderworking Iveron Icon
- 9:00am, Divine Liturgy

Holy Resurrection Orthodox Church

62 Harvard Avenue

Allston, MA 02134

- 5:00pm, Arrival of the Wonderworking Iveron Icon
- 5:15pm, Moleben/Akathist to the Most Holy Theotokos

September 8, 2025 Monday

Saint John the Baptist Orthodox Church

501 E School Street

Woonsocket, RI 02895-1375

- 9:45am, Arrival of the Wonderworking Iveron Icon
- 10:00am, Divine Liturgy and Akathist to the Most Holy Theotokos

Holy Dormition Orthodox Church

71 Manville Hill Road

Cumberland, RI 02864

- 6:00pm, Arrival of the Wonderworking Iveron Icon
- 6:05pm, Moleben/Akathist to the Most Holy Theotokos



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 Soraya Bandeli 617-842-8591 / sbandeli@comcast.net



RAFFLE FOR TWO FOOTBALL TICKETS

PATRIOTS VS. STEELERS

GILLETTE STADIUM

SEPTEMBER 21st 1:00 pm

Tickets
\$10 EACH
3 FOR \$25





Send checks to St. Michael
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Venmo to @soraya-bandeli
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Venmo payers send an email with
your name/address/tel to
stmichael@stmichaelcapecod.org
Drawing on Sept. 7th
Proceeds Support St. Michael
Women's Group Stewardship

THE SYNAXARION

Today in the Holy Orthodox Church, we celebrate the Nativity of our Most-holy Lady, the Theotokos and Ever-virgin Mary.

Verses

*Truly, O Anna, thou surpassest all mothers,
Until that day thy daughter shall become a mother.
On the eighth Anna brought God's Mother into the light.*

The Holy Virgin Mary was born of aged parents, Joachim and Anna. Her father was of the lineage of David, and her mother of the lineage of Aaron. Thus, she was of royal birth by her father and of priestly birth by her mother. In this, she foreshadowed Him Who would be born of her as King and High Priest. Her parents were quite old and had no children. Because of this they were ashamed before men and humble before God. In their humility they prayed to God with tears, to bring them joy in their old age by giving them a child, as He had once given joy to the aged Abraham and his wife Sarah by giving them Isaac. The Almighty and All-seeing God rewarded them with a joy that surpassed all their expectations and all their most beautiful dreams; for He gave them not just a daughter, but the Mother of God. She was Mary, Full of grace, Blessed among women, the Temple of the Holy Spirit, the Altar of the Living God, the Table of the Heavenly Bread, the Ark of God's Holiness, the Tree of the Sweetest Fruit, the Glory of the race of man, the Praise of womanhood, and the Fount of virginity and purity.

Through the intercessions of Thy Mother, 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.
