
St. Michael the Archangel Antiochian Orthodox Church

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Sunday, October 19, 2025

Tone 2 / Eothinon 8;

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

& Third Sunday of Luke

The Holy Prophet Joel;

Martyr Varos and seven martyrs with him;

Mother Cleopatra of Palestine; Venerable John of Rila

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 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.

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, 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.

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, October 18**
 - 5:00 PM Vespers
- **Sunday, October 19**
 - 9:00 AM Orthros / 9:15 AM Bible Study (kids 10+)
 - 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy
 - Church School
- **Saturday, October 25**
 - 9:00 AM Shred-It Event
 - 5:00 PM Vespers
- **Sunday, October 26**
 - 9:00 AM Orthros / 9:15 AM Bible Study (kids 10+)
 - 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy
 - Church School
 - 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 Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost)

The Lord is my strength and my song.

The Lord has chastened me severely.

The Reading from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians.

(11:31-12:9)

Brethren, the God and Father of the Lord Jesus, He Who is blessed forever, knows that I do not lie. At Damascus, the governor under King Aretas guarded the city of Damascus in order to seize me, but I was let down in a basket through a window in the wall, and escaped his hands. I must boast; there is nothing to be gained by it, but I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. I know a man in Christ who 14 years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows. And I know that this man was caught up into Paradise—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows—and he heard things that cannot be told, which man may not utter. On behalf of this man I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. Though if I wish to boast, I shall not be a fool, for I shall be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think more of me than he sees in me or hears from me. And to keep me from being too elated by the abundance of revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan, to harass me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I besought the Lord about this, that it should leave me; but He said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in weakness.” I will all the more gladly boast of my weaknesses, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

THE GOSPEL

(For the Third Sunday of Luke)

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (7:11-16)

At that time, Jesus went to a city called Nain, and many of His disciples and a great crowd went with Him. As He drew near to the gate of the city, behold, a man who had died was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow; and a large crowd from the city was with her. And when the Lord saw her, He had compassion on her and said to her, "Do not weep." And He came and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And Jesus said, "Young man, I say to you: arise." And the dead man sat up, and began to speak. And Jesus gave him to his mother. Fear seized them all; and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has arisen among us!" and "God has visited His people!"



ST. MICHAEL HAPPENINGS

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

VERY IMPORTANT NOTICE - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Our parish depends on the help of many people. Just as in the early church, the activities and functions are shared by those in the community. Some were and are teachers for example, while others' talents might be in the kitchen, or helping on

the altar, visiting the homebound, organizing, or doing etc.

Below is an incomplete list of the volunteer activities at St. Michael. Please take a look at them (and any other ideas you may have) to see if any fit with your skills or interests.

In the immediate future (Saturday, October 25th from 9-12) is a paper shredding fundraiser event where five people are needed to help set up the parking lot for the event, direct the flow of traffic, and assist with collecting fees. Please contact Father James if you can help. If you cannot volunteer, share the information with your friends, family, and business you frequent. Flyers are available at the church or we can email or text you one.

Time, Treasure, Talent

Below is a list of the volunteer opportunities needed at St. Michael. Please consider donating your time, treasure and talent to one of these essential activities. Time, treasure and talent-means recognizing that everything we have — our hours, our gifts, and our resources — are blessings from God. Your unique gift, whether it's a few hours a week, a special skill, or a financial contribution, can enrich our church community. By volunteering, you aren't just helping a ministry, you are directly participating in the mission of the church.

Joining a committee or a group team is a rewarding way to deepen your faith. Whether you have a little time or a lot, your unique gifts can make a difference. Serving the church not only strengthens our community but also helps you grow spiritually. If you've been searching for a way to get more involved, feel needed, and actively live out your faith, consider lending a hand. Please Contact Fr. James or any Member of the Parish Council.

Volunteer Opportunities

- Maintenance Committee
- Fundraising Committee
- Outreach Group
- Men's Group
- Altar Server/Usher
- St. Mary and Martha Society
- Bible Study/Book Club
- Sunday School Assistant
- Parish Council Member
- Bread Baking
- Stewardship Committee
- Fellowship/coffee hour
- Epistle Reader
- Choir Member
- Chanter
- Website/email/bulletin coordinator

HELP VETERANS

David Easa is helping collect socks, gloves and hats for veterans this October. If anyone would like to participate in this collection, please let David know before the end of October.

GET YOUR THANKSGIVING BAKED GOODS!

Saint Michael Sisterhood is holding a bake sale the Sunday before Thanksgiving (November 23rd). Mark your calendars!!!

Diocesan Choral Workshop with Mareena Boosamra Ball, Chairwoman of the Department of Sacred Music Saturday, November 15, 10am - 4pm at St. John of Damascus Church

Registration: \$30 (includes lunch). Please register by October 31 at <http://choral25.eventbrite.com/>

SHRED-IT EVENT

A veteran owned Mashpee company Great White Shred will be at the church from 9-12 on Saturday October 25th offering paper shredding services. This is a way to destroy personal or financial records and to help raise money for our community. The cost is \$10 per box with no minimum of boxes and a portion of the proceeds donated to the church.

THE SYNAXARION

On October 19 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the holy and glorious Prophet Joel.

Verses

*Joel, who in tragic strains sang the earth's sufferings,
Hath passed from the earth to a place above sufferings.*

On the nineteenth, death concealed Joel.

Joel was the son of Phanuel of the tribe of Reuben. He lived 800 years before Christ, and foretold the misfortunes of the Israelites and their captivity in Babylon for the sins that they had committed against God. He called the people to fasting and the priests to penitent and tearful prayer that God would have mercy on them; and they heard him. Joel also prophesied the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles, and the outpouring of His grace on all the faithful. He foretold and described the Dreadful Judgment of God, and also the glory of God's holy Church.

On this day, we also commemorate the Martyr Varos and seven martyrs with him; Righteous Mother Cleopatra of Palestine; and Venerable John of Rila. By the intercessions of Thy saints, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.

SAVE THE DATE!

- October 25: Shred-It Event
- November 15: Diocesan Choral Workshop-St. John of Damascus
- November 16: Bishop John visiting for the Feast Day of St. Michael
- November 23: Thanksgiving Bake Sale

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.
