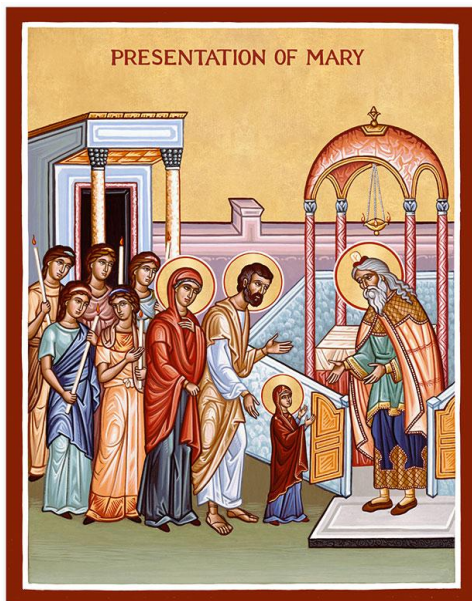

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Sunday, November 23, 2025

Tone 7 / Eothinon 2; Twenty-Fourth Sunday after

Pentecost & Ninth Sunday of Luke

After-feast of the Entrance of the Theotokos

Amphilokios, bishop of Iconium;

Gregory, bishop of Agrigentum

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 SEVEN: Thou didst shatter death by Thy Cross, Thou didst open paradise to the thief; Thou didst turn the sadness of the ointment-bearing women into joy. And didst bid Thine Apostles proclaim a warning, that Thou hast risen O Christ, granting to the world the Great Mercy.

APOLYTIKION OF THE ENTRANCE OF THE THEOTOKOS IN TONE FOUR: Today the Virgin is the foreshadowing of the pleasure of God, and the beginning of the preaching of the salvation of mankind. Thou hast appeared in the Temple of God openly and hast gone before, preaching Christ to all. Let us shout with one thrilling voice, saying: Rejoice, O thou who art the fulfillment of the Creator's dispensation.

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 ENTRANCE OF THE THEOTOKOS IN TONE FOUR: The sacred treasury of God's holy glory, the greatly precious bridal chamber and Virgin, the Savior's most pure temple, free of stain and undefiled, into the House of the Lord on this day is brought forward and bringeth with herself the grace of the Most Divine Spirit; her do God's Angels hymn with songs of praise, for she is truly the heavenly tabernacle.

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:

- **Thursday, November 20**
 - 5:00 PM Divine Liturgy for the The Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple
- **Saturday, November 22**
 - 5:00 PM Vespers
 - 6:00 Youth Game Night
- **Sunday, November 23**
 - 9:00 AM Orthros / 9:15 AM Bible Study (kids 10+)
 - 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy
 - Church School
 - Choir Rehearsal
- **Saturday, November 29**
 - 5:00 PM Vespers
 - 6:00 Youth Game Night
- **Sunday, November 30**
 - 9:00 AM Orthros / 9:15 AM Bible Study (kids 10+)
 - 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy
 - Church School

*****In case of emergency, there are emergency numbers posted next to the telephones in the coat room and in the kitchen*****

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 Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost)

The Lord will give strength to His people.

Ascribe to the Lord, O sons of God, ascribe to the Lord honor and glory.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Ephesians. (2:14-22)

Brethren, Christ is our peace, Who has made us both one, and has broken down the dividing wall of hostility, by abolishing in His flesh the law of commandments and ordinances, that He might create in Himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the Cross, thereby bringing the hostility to an end. And He came and preached peace to you, who were far off, and peace to those who were near; for through Him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and sojourners, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the cornerstone, in Whom the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in Whom you also are built into it for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

THE GOSPEL

(For the Ninth Sunday of Luke)

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (12:16-21)

The Lord spoke this parable: "The land of a rich man brought forth plentifully; and he thought to himself, 'What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?' And he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns, and build larger ones; and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; take your ease, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul is required of you; and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God." As He said this, Jesus called out, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."



ST. MICHAEL HAPPENINGS

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

GET YOUR THANKSGIVING BAKED GOODS!

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

FOOD DONATIONS FOR THOSE IN NEED

As we do every Fall, St. Michael is helping to collect food and donations for those in need. This year there are two ways to participate - Thanksgiving meals for Independence House is one. The other is bringing food items to church for the food pantry in Mashpee.

THANKSGIVING MEALS FOR INDEPENDENCE HOUSE (10 MEALS NEEDED)

A Sign-Up request has been sent out via email to parish members and friends to help provide 10 Thanksgiving Meals to Independence House in Hyannis, which provides services to battered women and their children. Ways to participate include:

- Register to pick up a few items the next time you are at the grocery store
- Donate your time to help package the items and to help with delivery
- If can't shop for any of the items, please consider donating funds to help us with the purchase the items on the list

Please bring any items to the hall downstairs and put in the boxes labeled Independence House. The sign-up request covers all these requests. If you don't have access to a computer, please reach out to the Outreach committee to let us know how you can help: Michelle, Olga and Emma If you don't receive the Sign-up request in your email, please see Soraya so your name can be added to our distribution list. Thank you for your support of St. Michael outreach and its programs. The deadline is November 23rd.

FOOD COLLECTION FOR CHRIST THE KING FOOD PANTRY IN MASHPEE

Canned goods, non-perishable items, grocery store gift certificates etc. are welcome. *There will be boxes placed by the back door labelled FOOD PANTRY, and food items can be left on the bench there.* For gift certificate and cash donations, or if you want to donate a frozen or fresh item like turkeys etc., please see one of the Council members (including Stephen Winters) or Father James. Thank you!

THE SYNAXARION

On November 23 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we continue to celebrate the Entrance of the Theotokos into the Holy of Holies, and we commemorate our father among the saints Amphilokios, bishop of Iconium.

Verses

*Sent forth in dead man's dress, O Amphilokios,
Though dead, thou dost scatter spiritual ambushes.
On the twenty-third, death took Amphilokios.*

Amphilokios was a friend of St. Basil the Great and other great saints of the fourth century. He lived in a cave in asceticism for forty years. After that, he was consecrated Bishop of Iconium. He took part in the Second Ecumenical Council in 381. He zealously fought the impious Macedonius and the Arians. He personally begged Emperor Theodosius the Great to expel all the Arians from every city in the empire, but the emperor did not heed him. Days later, Amphilokios came before the emperor again, but ignored his son, Arcadius, sitting next to him. The saint said to the enraged emperor: "Do you see, O Emperor, how you do not tolerate disrespect to your son? So too, God the Father does not tolerate disrespect to His Son, and is disgusted with the corruptness of those who blaspheme Him." Amphilokios died in great old age in 395.

On this day, we also commemorate our father among the saints Gregory, bishop of Agrigentum. By the intercessions of Thy saints, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.

SAVE THE DATE!

- November 22: Youth Game Night
- 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.
