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Sunday, February 15, 2026

Tone 3 / Eothinon 3

Sunday of the Last Judgment (Meat Fare)

Apostle Onesimos of the Seventy; Venerable Eusebios of Syria; Martyr Major of Gaza

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 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 SUNDAY OF LAST JUDGMENT IN TONE ONE: When Thou comest, O God, to earth with glory, and all creatures tremble before Thee, and the river of fire floweth before the Altar, and the books are opened and sins revealed, deliver me then from that unquenchable fire, and make me worthy to stand at Thy right hand, O righteous Judge.

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, February 14**
 - 5:00 PM Vespers
- **Sunday, February 15**
 - 9:00 AM Orthros / 9:15 AM Bible Study (kids 10+)
 - 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy
 - Church School
 - St. Martha & St. Mary Sisterhood Meeting
- **Saturday, February 21**
 - 5:00 PM Vespers
- **Sunday, February 22**
 - 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 Sunday of the Last Judgment)

Sing praises to our God, sing praises. Clap your hands, all ye peoples.

The Reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (8:8-9:2)

Brethren, food will not commend us to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. Only take care, lest this liberty of yours somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if any one sees you—a man of knowledge—at table in an idol's temple, might he not be encouraged, if his conscience is weak, to eat food offered to idols? And so by your knowledge this weak man is destroyed, the brother for whom Christ died. Thus, sinning against your brethren and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of my brother's falling, I will never eat meat, lest I cause my brother to fall. Am I not free? Am I not an apostle? Have I not seen Jesus our Lord? Are not you my workmanship in the Lord? If to others I am not an apostle, at least I am to you; for you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord.

THE GOSPEL

(For Sunday of the Last Judgment)

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (25:31-46)

The Lord said, "When the Son of man comes in His glory, and all the angels with Him, then He will sit on His glorious throne. Before Him will be gathered all the nations, and He will separate them one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and He will place the sheep at His right hand, but the goats at the left. Then the King will say to those at His right hand, 'Come, O blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave Me food, I was thirsty and you gave Me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed Me, I was naked and you clothed Me, I was sick and you visited Me, I was in prison and you came to Me.' Then the righteous will answer Him, 'Lord, when did we see Thee hungry and feed Thee, or thirsty and give Thee drink? And when did we see Thee a stranger and welcome Thee, or naked and clothe Thee? And when did we see Thee sick or in prison and visit Thee?' And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.' Then He will say to those at his left hand, 'Depart from Me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave Me no food, I was thirsty and you gave Me no drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome Me, naked and you did not clothe Me, sick and in prison and you did not visit Me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when did we see Thee hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to Thee?' Then He will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it not to one of the least of these, you did it not to Me.' And they will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."



ST. MICHAEL HAPPENINGS

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

TIME FOR HOUSE BLESSINGS

It is a tradition within the Orthodox Church that the Priest visits the homes of his parishioners to bless their houses with holy water that is blessed in church on the Feast of Theophany (January 6). In this way, God's sanctification of all things through Christ's Baptism extends into our lives. The family home is considered a small representation of the church where we fill our lives daily with Christ through prayer and togetherness with our family members. When the Priest arrives, he will offer a short prayer, then move through the house sprinkling the holy water and chanting the Theophany hymn. Everyone then gathers back together and the Priest will offer a prayer and blessing for all who are present. It usually takes less than fifteen minutes.

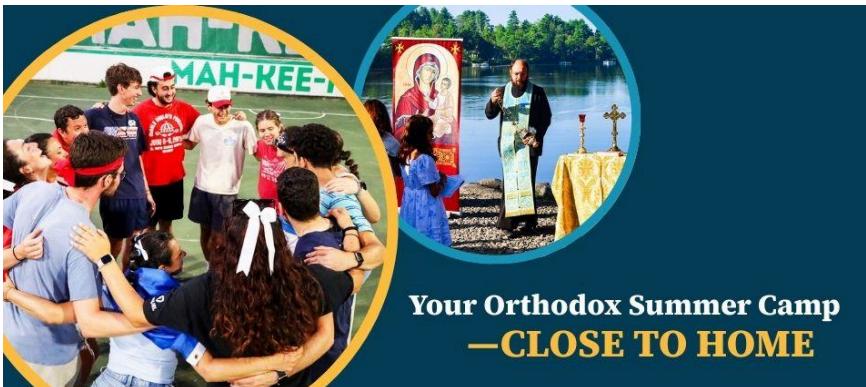
If you want him to pray for any members of your family or friends, also have a piece of paper with first names of the living on one side and those who have passed on the other.

Please call, 781-468-8709, or text or email Father James at, dnjamesirving@gmail.com, to schedule a time for him to come and bless your home.

SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN

Registration for the second season of the Antiochian summer camp in Lenox, Massachusetts is now open. The dates are August 10 - 16.

More information and registration can be found at <https://campstjoseph.org/>



**Your Orthodox Summer Camp
—CLOSE TO HOME**

EVERYTHING PARENTS SHOULD KNOW ABOUT CAMP

Join our 30-minute virtual info session on February 17 @ 7 p.m.

Considering Camp St. Joseph for your child this summer? Join Camp Director Billy Ozone on Tuesday, February 17 at 7 p.m. EST for a live virtual information session designed to help parents feel confident and excited about the camp experience. Billy will walk through a typical day at camp, highlight our facilities and accommodations, explain how campers are grouped, and share what makes our program both joyful and faith-centered.

The session includes a brief 15-minute presentation followed by an open Q&A, giving you the opportunity to ask questions and address any concerns. Whether your child is new to camp or returning, this is a wonderful way to learn more and prepare for the summer ahead.

All details (and the link to join) are available here:

<https://mailchi.mp/campstjoseph/information-session-1>

THE SYNAXARION

On February 15 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the Apostle Onesimos of the Seventy; Venerable Eusebios of Syria; and Martyr Major of Gaza.

Today, we commemorate the Second and impartial Coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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When the Judge of all sitteth to judge the earth,

Come now! Mayest Thou judge me worthy of Thy voice!

It is the Sunday of the Last Judgment—known also as Meat Fare Sunday—the lesson of which occurs in today’s Holy Gospel. Jesus illustrates to us God’s ineffable goodness and His great love for mankind. And so lest some who are lazy should loiter and spend the time appropriate to their salvation in the pursuit of sin, and be suddenly overtaken by death, the divine Fathers decree that on this day the remembrance of the Second Appearance of Christ may be celebrated. The intention is to remind them that, as God is good and loving to mankind, He is also a very righteous Judge Who recompenses each according to his deeds. Our Lord teaches us that when we minister to our brother or sister, we really minister to Him. This brings us righteousness and life eternal.

By Thine ineffable love for mankind, O Christ God, make us worthy of Thy devoted voice, number us among Thy righteous ones and have mercy on us. Amen.

SAVE THE DATE

- February 15: St. Vladimir Seminary Open House
- February 28: Men's Retreat - Worcester
- March 7: Annual Women's Retreat St. George West Roxbury
- April 18: Antiochian Women Meeting - St. George Pawtucket
- June 20: Parish Life Conference - St. George W. Roxbury (hosted by Lowell)

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.
