

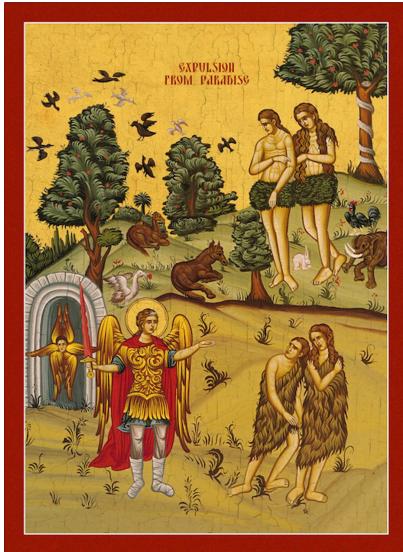
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## **St. Michael the Archangel Antiochian Orthodox Church**

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**Sunday, February 22, 2026**

**Tone 4 / Eothinon 4**

**Sunday of Forgiveness (Cheese Fare)**

**Uncovering of the Seven Martyrs' relics at Gate of  
Eugenios in Constantinople;  
Martyr Anthusa and her twelve servants**

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**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**

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## 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.*

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**SCHEDULE:**

- **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
  - **Lenten Vespers with Ceremony of Mutual Forgiveness**
  - Church School
  - Choir Rehearsal
- **Wednesday, February 25**
  - 5:00 PM Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts
- **Friday, February 27**
  - 5:00 PM Little Compline with Akathist Hymn
- **Saturday, February 28**
  - 9:00 AM Divine Liturgy for the Miracle of the Koliva
- **Sunday, March 1**
  - 9:00 AM Orthros / 9:15 AM Bible Study (kids 10+)
  - 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy with Procession of Icons
  - Church School
  - Outreach Meeting
  - Teen SOYO Meeting
- **Wednesday, March 4**
  - 5:00 PM Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts
- **Friday, March 6**
  - 5:00 PM Little Compline with Akathist Hymn

**\*\*\*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!***

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### THE EPISTLE

(For Sunday of Forgiveness)

*O Lord, how magnified are Thy works.*

*In wisdom hast Thou made them all. Bless the Lord, O my soul.*

**The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Romans. (13:11-14:4)**

Brethren, now is our salvation nearer than when we believed. The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light. Let us walk becomingly, as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in chambering and licentiousness, not in strife and jealousy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh to fulfill its lusts. But as for the one who is weak in faith, receive him, but not for disputes over opinions. For one believes he may eat anything; but the weak person eats herbs. Let not him who eats despise him who does not eat, and let not him who does not eat judge him who eats; for God has received him. Who are you to be the judge over the servant of a stranger? To his own master he either stands or falls; but he will be made to stand; for God is able to make him stand.

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### THE GOSPEL

(For Sunday of Forgiveness)

**The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (6:14-21)**

The Lord said to His Disciples: If you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father also will forgive you; but if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses. And when you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces that their fasting may be seen by men. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, that your fasting may not be seen by men but by your Father Who is in secret; and your Father Who sees in secret will reward you. Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

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# St. Michael the Archangel 2026 Great Lent

## First Week of Lent

Wednesday, February 25, 2026

5:00 PM Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

Friday, February 27, 2026 5:00 PM Little Compline with Akathist Hymn

Saturday, February 28, 2026 Miracle of the Koliva

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy-Miracle of the Koliva  
NO Vespers

Sunday, March 1, 2026

Sunday of Orthodoxy-Procession of Icons

9:00 AM Orthos and Liturgy-Procession

## Second Week of Lent

Wednesday, March 4, 2026

5:00 PM Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

Friday, March 6, 2026

5:00 PM Little Compline with Akathist Hymn

Saturday, March 7, 2026

5:00 PM Great Vespers

Sunday, March 8, 2026

Saint Gregory Palamas

9:00 AM Orthos and Liturgy

## Third Week of Lent

Wednesday, March 11, 2026

5:00 PM Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

Friday, March 13, 2026

5:00 PM Little Compline with Akathist Hymn

Saturday, March 14, 2026

5:00 PM Great Vespers

Sunday, March 15, 2026

Veneration of the Cross

9:00 AM Orthos and Liturgy

## Fourth Week of Lent

Wednesday, March 18, 2026

5:00 PM Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

Friday, March 20, 2026

5:00 PM Little Compline with Akathist Hymn

Saturday, March 21, 2026

5:00 PM Great Vespers

Sunday, March 22, 2026

Saint John the Ladder

9:00 AM Orthos and Liturgy

## Schedule Subject to Change:

Please, check our website

[stmichaelcapecod.org/schedule/](http://stmichaelcapecod.org/schedule/)

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### Fifth Week of Lent

Tuesday, March 24, 2026	<b><u>Feast of Annunciation</u></b>	
		5:00 PM Divine Liturgy
Thursday, March 26, 2026		5:00 PM Canon and Life of Saint Mary of Egypt
Friday, March 27, 2026		5:00 PM Little Compline with Akathist Hymn
Saturday, March 28, 2026		5:00 PM Great Vespers
Sunday, March 29, 2026	<b><u>Saint Mary of Egypt</u></b>	9:00 AM Orthos and Liturgy

### Sixth Week of Lent

Wednesday, April 1, 2026		5:00 PM Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts
Saturday, April 4, 2026	<b><u>Lazarus Saturday</u></b>	
		9:00 AM Divine Liturgy
		5:00 PM Great Vespers
Sunday, April 5, 2026	<b><u>Palm Sunday</u></b>	
		9:00 AM Orthos and Liturgy-Procession

### Great & Holy Week

Monday, April 6, 2026		
Tuesday, April 7, 2026		5:00 PM Bridegroom Orthos for Holy Tuesday
Wednesday, April 8, 2026		5:00 PM Bridegroom Orthos for Holy Wednesday
Thursday, April 9, 2026		5:00 PM Holy Unction
		9:00 AM Vesperral Divine Liturgy of St Basil the Great
		5:00 PM Service of 12 Passion Gospels-Procession of the Cross
Friday, April 10, 2026	<b><u>Great and Holy (Good) Friday</u></b>	
		9:00 AM Great (Royal) Hours
		4:00 PM Great Vespers for Holy Saturday
		taking down Jesus from the Cross
		6:00 PM Orthos with Lamentations for Holy Saturday
		Procession of the Sepulcher
Saturday, April 11, 2026	<b><u>Holy Saturday</u></b>	
		9:00 AM Vesperral Divine Liturgy of St Basil the Great
		Baptism and Chrismation
		10:00 PM Rush Service, Paschal Orthos
		Paschal Divine Liturgy
Sunday, April 12, 2026	<b><u>Great and Holy Pascha</u></b>	
		12:00 AM PASCHAL Orthos and Divine Liturgy
		12:00 PM Agape Service



## ST. MICHAEL HAPPENINGS

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

### **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>

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## 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.

### **verses**

*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 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)

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**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](mailto:dnjamesirving@gmail.com). Fr. James is available for confession by appointment.**

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