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

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**Sunday, April 5, 2026**

**Feast of Palm Sunday:**

**Entrance of Our Lord Jesus Christ into Jerusalem**

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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 didst sit upon the foal of an ass, who sing to Thee: Alleluia.

APOLYTIKION OF LAZARUS SATURDAY IN TONE ONE: In confirming the common Resurrection, O Christ God, Thou didst raise up Lazarus from the dead before Thy Passion. Wherefore, we also, like the children, bearing the symbols of victory, cry to Thee, the Vanquisher of death: Hosanna in the highest; blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord.

APOLYTIKION OF PALM SUNDAY IN TONE FOUR: As by baptism we were buried with Thee, O Christ our God, so by Thy Resurrection we were deemed worthy of immortal life; and praising Thee, we cry: Hosanna in the highest; blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord.

KONTAKION OF PALM SUNDAY IN TONE SIX: As by baptism we were buried with Thee, O Christ our God, so by Thy Resurrection we were deemed worthy of immortal life; and praising Thee, we cry: Hosanna in the highest; blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord.

### 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 FOR PALM SUNDAY IN TONE FOUR: God is the Lord and hath appeared unto us; ordain a feast, and rejoicing, come let us magnify Christ with palms and branches, crying out with hymns: Blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord, our Savior.

KOINONIKON (COMMUNION HYMN) FOR PALM SUNDAY IN TONE EIGHT: Blessed is He Who cometh in 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*

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service. Unless you are injured or unable, please remain standing during communion.

## **SCHEDULE**

- **Saturday, April 4**
  - 9:00 AM Divine Liturgy for the **Lazarus Saturday**
  - **Church Clean Up Day**
  - 5:00 PM Vespers
- **Sunday, April 5**
  - 9:00 AM Orthros / 9:15 AM Bible Study (kids 10+)
  - 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy for **Palm Sunday**
  - Church School
  - Bake Sale
  - Outreach Meeting
  - Teen SOYO Meeting
- **Monday, April 6**
  - 5:00 PM Bridegroom Orthros
- **Tuesday, April 7**
  - 5:00 PM Bridegroom Orthros
- **Wednesday, April 8**
  - 5:00 PM Holy Unction
- **Thursday, April 9**
  - 9:00 PM Vespereal Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great
  - 5:00 PM Service of 12 Passion Gospels with Procession of the Cross
- **Friday, April 10**
  - 9:00 PM Royal Hours
  - 4:00 PM Great Vespers for Holy Saturday
  - 6:00 PM Orthros with Lamentations with Procession of the Sepulcher
- **Saturday, April 11**
  - 9:00 AM Vespereal Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great with Baptism and Chrismation
  - 10:00 PM Rush Service, Paschal Orthros
  - **PASCHAL Divine Liturgy**
- **Sunday, April 12**
  - 12:00 PM Agape Vespers

**\*\*\*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**

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## THE EPISTLE

*Blessed is He Who cometh in the Name of the Lord. O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good; for His mercy endures forever.*

### **The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Philippians. (4:4-9)**

Brethren, rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice! Let your forbearance be known to all people. The Lord is at hand. Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your petitions be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are honorable, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report; if there is any virtue, and if there is any praise, think about these things. The things which you both learned and received, and heard and saw in me, these things do; and the God of peace will be with you.

## THE GOSPEL

### **The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John. (12:1-18)**

Six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus who had died was, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. There they made Him a supper; Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at table with Him. Mary took a pound of costly ointment of pure nard and anointed the feet of Jesus and wiped His feet with her hair; and the house was filled with the fragrance of the ointment. But Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, one of His Disciples (he who was to betray Jesus), said, "Why was this ointment not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?" This he said, not because he cared for the poor but because he was a thief, and as he had the moneybox he used to take what was put into it. Jesus said, "Let her alone, let her keep it for the day of My burial. The poor you always have with you, but you do not always have Me." When the great crowd of the Jews learned that He was there, they came, not only on account of Jesus but also to see Lazarus, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. So the chief priests planned to put Lazarus also to death, because on account of him many of the Jews were going away and believing in Jesus. The next day a great crowd who had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying, "Hosanna! Blessed is He Who cometh in the Name of the Lord, the King of Israel!"

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And Jesus found a young ass and sat upon it; as it is written, “Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on an ass’s colt!” His Disciples did not understand this at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that this had been written of Him and had been done to Him. The crowd that had been with Jesus when He called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead bore witness. The reason why the crowd went to meet Jesus was that they heard He had done this sign.

## **CAMP ST. JOSEPH ACCEPTING REGISTRATIONS**

The official summer camp of the Diocese of Worcester & New England, Camp St. Joseph of Damascus offers a joyful, faith-centered experience for youth ages 9–17. Camp runs August 10–16, 2026. Learn more and register at <https://campstjoseph.org/>



**A one-week Orthodox summer experience  
YOUR CHILD WILL REMEMBER**

- ✔ Rooted in Faith – Daily prayer, worship, and Orthodox community
- ✔ Built on Fellowship – Friendships that form in a nurturing environment
- ✔ Full of Summer Fun – Water activities, games, and fun team competitions

**Location**  
Hosted at a lakeside campground in the Berkshires of Massachusetts. Conveniently located—about two hours from most churches in the Diocese.

**Registration is now open**  
Scan with your phone app to visit [campstjoseph.org](https://campstjoseph.org) and learn more.  
Staff applications welcome for adults ages 18 and older.



**CAMP ST. JOSEPH  
OF DAMASCUS**

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## **ST. MICHAEL HAPPENINGS**

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

### **PALM SUNDAY BOOKSTORE SALE**

Teen Soyo is excited to announce 10% off all items at the bookstore on Sunday April 5. Get ready for Pascha with gifts for those special to you or for yourself.

A large selection of books, icons, jewelry, and gift items is available. Please support our teens who run

the bookstore. All proceeds support Soyo projects.

Please see any of the teens or Ned Chatelain for any items or special orders.

Happy Palm Sunday and Kalo Pascha ☩

May God always bless you

### **FLOWER DONATIONS**

We welcome any donations for flowers to beautify the church for Holy Week and Pascha. Checks or cash can be placed in the basket at the back of the church. Thank you!

### **BAKE SALE**

The Women's Group will be holding a bake sale on Palm Sunday.

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Help is needed to prepare for Pascha. If anyone can volunteer some time on one of these days it would be greatly appreciated. See Kh. Valerie for more information.

- Thursday April 9: Dye eggs
- Friday April 10: Decorate the bier and/or prepare lunch

### **PASCHA CARD SIGNUP**

The Women's Group has mailed out the Pascha Card order form. If you would like your name on the St. Michael Pascha Card, please fill out the form and return it by April 5, 2026. A copy of the form is available to download and print at [stmichaelcapecod.org](http://stmichaelcapecod.org)

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## **FOOD FOR THE HUNGRY**

The containers are now available at the back of the church to collect coins for this important Lenten Antiochian Archdiocese ministry that provides food for people around the globe. Parishioners save their change and bring it to church at the end of Lent.



## **DONATE ONLINE**

Scan the QR code with your smart phone to give online at [antiochian.org](http://antiochian.org)



## **SOUP FOR THE SOUL 2026**

The Soup Chefs of St. Michael are offering another Lenten Season of Soup for the Soul. We are preparing soups for sale which can be picked up after Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts on Wednesdays or on Sundays after Divine Liturgy throughout Lent.

**\$** Cost: \$10 per quart

**♥** Proceeds: Donated to St. Michael's general operating fund.

As in past years, to give our chefs an idea of how much soup to make, we will take orders on Sundays prior.

Here is the soup schedule:

- April 8 Fasolatha by Lula Sroczenski takes us almost to the finish line!

Please contact Mike at [msim429@gmail.com](mailto:msim429@gmail.com) Text: 774-836-8479 with any questions or to place orders.

Thank you to all our soup chef volunteers and to you, our amazing parish, for supporting all their hard work for St. Michael.

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## THE SYNAXARION

On this day in the Holy Orthodox Church, the Sunday of Palms, we celebrate the radiant and glorious festival of the Entrance of our Lord Jesus Christ into Jerusalem.

### **Verses**

*Riding a colt, He that with a word stretched out Heaven,  
Seeketh to loose mortals from brutish want of reason.*

Jesus came to Bethany on the Sunday falling before the six days of the Mosaic Passover. On the following day He sent two of His Disciples, who brought Him a donkey on which He sat to enter the city. And when the great multitude heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, they immediately took palm branches in their hands and went out to meet Him. All cried, "Hosanna! Blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord, King of Israel!" The branches of palm trees were a symbol of Christ's victory over Satan and Death. And the meaning of "Hosanna" is, "We pray Thee, save." The donkey's colt, which was still an untamed animal, and impure according to the law, as well as Christ's sitting thereon, symbolize the former savagery and impurity of the Gentiles; and their subsequent taming and obedience to the holy law of the Gospel.

By Thine ineffable compassion, O Christ our God, make us victors over our deceitful passions, and deem us worthy to behold Thy brilliant victory over death and Thy radiant and lifebringing Resurrection, and have mercy on us. Amen.

### SAVE THE DATE

- April 18: Antiochian **Women Meeting** - St. George Pawtucket
- May 9: DOWNE SOYO Spring Retreat - Worcester
- June 20: **Parish Life Conference** - St. George W. Roxbury

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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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