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Sunday, May 24, 2026

Tone 6 / Eothinon 10

Sunday of the After-feast of the Ascension

Commemoration of the Holy Fathers

of the First Ecumenical Council

Venerable Stylites Simeon the Younger of the Mountain of Wonders and Nikitas of Pereyaslavl-Zalesski; Martyr Meletios the General of Galatia; Venerable Vincent of Lerins

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 SIX: When Mary stood at Thy grave, looking for Thy sacred body, angelic powers shone above Thy revered tomb. And the soldiers who were to keep guard became as dead men. Thou led Hades captive and wast not tempted thereby. Thou didst meet the Virgin and didst give life to the world, O Thou, Who art risen from the dead, O Lord, glory to Thee.

APOLYTIKION OF THE ASCENSION IN TONE FOUR: Thou hast ascended in glory, O Christ our God, and gladdened Thy Disciples with the promise of the Holy Spirit, making them confident through the blessing that Thou art the Son of God, and Deliverer of the world.

APOLYTIKION OF THE HOLY FATHERS IN TONE EIGHT: Thou, O Christ, art our God of exceeding praise Who didst establish our holy Fathers as luminous stars upon earth, and through them didst guide us unto the true Faith, O most merciful One, 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.

KONTAKION OF THE ASCENSION IN TONE SIX: When Thou didst fulfill Thy dispensation for our sakes, uniting the terrestrials with the celestials, Thou didst ascend in glory, O Christ our God, inseparable in space, but constant without separation, and crying unto Thy beloved: I am with you, and no one shall be against you.

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, May 23**
 - 5:00 PM Vespers
- **Sunday, May 24**
 - 9:00 AM Orthros / 9:15 AM Bible Study for Kids 10+
 - 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy
 - Church School for kids 4-9 years old
 - Choir Rehearsal
- **Saturday, May 30**
 - 5:00 PM Vespers
- **Sunday, May 31**
 - 9:00 AM Orthros / 9:15 AM Bible Study for Kids 10+
 - 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy
 - Church School for kids 4-9 years old
 - 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

Blessed art Thou, O Lord, the God of our Fathers.

For Thou art just in all Thou hast done to us.

The Reading from the Acts of the Apostles. (20:16-18, 28-36)

In those days, Paul was determined to sail past Ephesus, so that he might not have to spend time in Asia; for he was hastening, if possible, to be at Jerusalem on the Day of Pentecost. And from Miletus he sent to Ephesus and called to him the priests of the church. And when they came to him, he said to them: "Take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you bishops, to shepherd the church of the Lord and God, which He purchased with His own blood. For I know that after my departure ravenous wolves will enter among you, not sparing the flock; and from among your own selves will arise men speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after them. Therefore, remain watchful, remembering that for three years I did not cease to admonish every one, night and day with tears. And now, brethren, I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. I coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities, and to those who were with me. In all things I have shown you that by such laboring we ought to help the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how He Himself said: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'" And when he had spoken thus, he knelt down on his knees with them all, and prayed.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John. (17:1-13)

At that time, Jesus lifted up His eyes to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify Thy Son that the Son may glorify Thee, since Thou hast given Him power over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom Thou hast given Him. And this is eternal life, that they know Thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ Whom Thou hast sent. I glorified Thee on earth, having accomplished the work

which Thou gavest Me to do; and now, Father, glorify Thou Me in Thy own presence with the glory which I had with Thee before the world was made. I have manifested Thy Name to the men whom Thou gavest Me out of the world; Thine they were, and Thou gavest them to Me, and they have kept Thy word. Now they know that everything that Thou hast given Me is from Thee; for I have given them the words which Thou gavest Me, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from Thee; and they have believed that Thou didst send Me. I am praying for them; I am not praying for the world but for those whom Thou hast given Me, for they are Thine; all Mine are Thine, and Thine are Mine, and I am glorified in them. And now I am no more in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to Thee. Holy Father, keep them in Thy Name, which Thou hast given Me, that they may be one, even as We are one. While I was with them, I kept them in Thy Name, which Thou have given Me; I have guarded them, and none of them is lost but the son of perdition, that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to Thee; and these things I speak in the world, that they may have My joy fulfilled in themselves.”



ST. MICHAEL HAPPENINGS

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

YARD SALE AND FOOD FARE

Stay tuned for more info on a yard sale sponsored by the Men's Group and Food Fare by the Sisterhood - **July 18th!** As you are doing spring cleaning perhaps keep a box handy to add items to donate for the yard sale. Mike is chairman of the yard sale, and Pauline of the Food Fare - see them with any questions.

COMING SOON, A Food Fest in conjunction with the church yard sale! In the past, our church has organized a Food Festival featuring Ethnic Foods (including our American favorites) representing the diversity of our parishioners. A few of us are hoping to reinstate the Festival this year as it served many purposes. It brought our community together in celebrating "The Foods That Unite Us."

It attracted many from different parts of the Cape who learned of our faith, our diverse cultures and our warm community.

It was a great fundraiser for our church.

TO ACCOMPLISH THIS, WE NEED YOUR PARTICIPATION. Men, don't be shy. We know many of you cook or bake.

We have put together a list of "big sellers" from past festivals. We will be meeting at the church to prepare some of them together in the kitchen. We hope that everyone can give a few hours sometime during the next few months to help in making something, packaging, or cleaning pots and utensils so that we can have a successful Festival. **MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK!**

Proposed Food and Baked Goods:

Spanakopita (spinach pie), Stuffed grape leaves (Dolmathes (Greek) or Yabra (middle eastern), meatballs, marinara sauce (Italian), Kibbe, Humous and Tabouli all middle eastern), Borscht (Russian), Pierogi (Polish). Baklava or Baklawa, Kourambiethes (Greek Shortbread cookies covered in powdered sugar), Biscotti, Paximathia, Koulourakia (twisted butter cookies), rice pudding, Russian Smetannik and Medovic.

We would love to add your favorite to this list.

Sign up sheets coming soon! Hope you can help us!

NEW ENGLAND PARISH LIFE CONFERENCE



THE SPIRIT OF ANTIOCH

Hosted by
St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church
Lowell, Massachusetts

SATURDAY, JUNE 20, 2026



SCHEDULE

Time	Event
8:30 AM - 10:30 AM	Orthros & Divine Liturgy
10:30 AM - 11:00 AM	Breakfast
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Address by Dr. Demetrios Katos
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM	Oratorical Festival
1:00 PM - 2:00 PM	Lunch
2:00 PM - 3:00 PM	• Parish Leadership Video & Workshops
2:00 PM - 3:00 PM	• Antiochian Women Meeting
2:00 PM - 3:00 PM	• Teen SOYO Meeting
4:30 PM - 6:00 PM	Bible Bowl
6:00 PM - 6:30 PM	Great Vespers
6:30 PM - 8:30 PM	Arabic Dinner & Awards

Kids program runs throughout the day



KEYNOTE SPEAKER



**Dr. Demetrios
Katos**

Professor of Theology,
Hellenic College
Holy Cross



EVENT DETAILS

Held at:

Transfiguration Church
25 Father John Sarantos Way
Lowell, MA 01854



TICKET PRICES



CHILD
\$35



TEEN
\$40



ADULT
\$65



CLERGY &
CLERGY
WIVES
\$65

For information, email
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All are welcome to join us for a day of
WORSHIP, FELLOWSHIP, AND CELEBRATION.



THE SYNAXARION

On May 24 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the Venerable Stylites Simeon the Younger of the Mountain of Wonders and Nikitas of Pereyaslavl-Zaleski; Martyr Meletios the General of Galatia; and Venerable Vincent of Lerins.

On this day, the seventh Sunday of Pascha, we celebrate the first Ecumenical Council of the 318 God-bearing Fathers, which took place in Nicaea in Bithynia.

Verses

*O ye light-bearing stars of the spiritual firmament,
enlighten my mind with your rays.*

Verses Against Arius

*Calling the Son a stranger to the Father's essence,
Arius proved to be a stranger to God's glory.*

Arius, the notorious heretic, began to blaspheme against God and His Son the Word, saying that the latter was not God consubstantial with the Father, but that He was created as a stranger to the Substance of the Father and His glory. Alexander, the Archbishop of Alexandria, tried to constrain Arius from disturbing the faithful with this teaching; even though Alexander excommunicated him, Arius did not cease his blasphemy, which spread throughout the Church in all nations. Thus, Emperor Constantine the Great called the First Ecumenical Council, which gathered bishops and teachers in the Church from all lands. They all proclaimed, as by one mouth, the equality of the Son of God with the Father in Substance, thus laying down the noble Confession of Faith, The Creed, which we Orthodox Christians recite to this day. The Church regards these divine Fathers as preachers of the Faith next to the holy Apostles.

By the intercessions of the 318 God-bearing Fathers, O Christ God, have mercy on us. Amen.

SAVE THE DATE

- June 20: **Parish Life Conference** - St. George W. Roxbury
- July 18: **Yard Sale & Food Fair** - St. Michael, Cotuit

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.
