
St. Michael the Archangel Antiochian Orthodox Church

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Sunday, May 31, 2026 **Fiftieth Day after Pascha** **The Great Feast of Pentecost**

Hierarchs and Parish Clergy:

His Eminence Metropolitan SABA (Ispere)
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 Good Comforter, who sing to Thee: Alleluia.

APOLYTIKION OF PENTECOST IN TONE EIGHT: Blessed art Thou, O Christ our God, Who hast revealed the fishermen as most wise, having sent upon them the Holy Spirit, and through them Thou hast fished the universe, O Lover of mankind, glory to Thee.

KONTAKION OF PENTECOST IN TONE EIGHT: When the High One descended, confusing tongues, He divided the nations. And when He distributed the fiery tongues He called all to one unity. Wherefore, in unison we glorify the most Holy Spirit.

THE ANTI-TRISAGION HYMN

As many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. Alleluia. (*thrice*)

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Have put on Christ. Alleluia.

Dynamis!

As many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. Alleluia.

MEGALYNARION FOR THE FEAST IN TONE SEVEN: O thou who without experience of corruption wast found to be with child, and didst lend flesh unto the Word Who devised all things, O thou Mother who hast not known wedlock, O Virgin Theotokos, vessel of the Uncontainable One, dwelling place of thy boundless Fashioner, thee do we magnify.

KOINONIKON (COMMUNION HYMN) FOR PENTECOST IN TONE EIGHT:

Thy good Spirit shall lead me in the land of uprightness. 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 service. Unless you are injured or unable, please remain standing during communion.*

SCHEDULE

- **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 with the Kneeling Prayers
 - Church School for kids 4-9 years old
 - Choir Rehearsal
- **Saturday, June 6**
 - 5:00 PM Vespers
- **Sunday, June 7**
 - 8:30 AM Orthros / 8:45 AM Bible Study for Kids 10+
 - 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy with the Kneeling Prayers
 - Church School for kids 4-9 years old
 - Teen SOYO Meeting
 - Outreach Meeting

*****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

Their voice has gone out into all the earth.

The heavens declare the glory of God.

The Reading from the Acts of the Apostles. (2:1-11)

When the day of Pentecost had come, the Disciples were all together in one place. And suddenly a sound came from heaven like the rush of a mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared to them tongues as of fire, distributed and resting on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. And they were amazed and wondered, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians, we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God."

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John. (7:37-52; 8:12)

On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and proclaimed, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, 'Out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.'" Now this He said about the Spirit, which those who believed in Him were to receive; for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified. When they heard these words, many of the people said, "This is really the prophet." Others said, "This is the Christ." But some said, "Is the Christ to come from Galilee? Has not the Scripture said that the Christ is descended from David, and comes from Bethlehem, the village where David was?" So there was a division

among the people over Him. Some of them wanted to arrest Him, but no one laid hands on Him. The officers then went back to the chief priests and Pharisees, who said to them, "Why did you not bring Him?" The officers answered, "No man ever spoke like this man!" The Pharisees answered them, "Are you led astray, you also? Have any of the authorities or the Pharisees believed in Him? But this crowd, who do not know the Law, are accursed." Nicodemus, who had gone to Him before, and who was one of them, said to them, "Does our Law judge a man without first giving him a hearing and learning what he does?" They replied, "Are you from Galilee too? Search and you will see that no prophet is to rise from Galilee." Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world; he who follows Me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."



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 this day, the eighth Sunday of Pascha, we celebrate Holy Pentecost.

Verses

In a mighty wind Christ distributeth the Divine Spirit In the form of fiery tongues unto the Apostles. In one great day, the Spirit was poured out on the Fishermen.

On this day—the fiftieth after Great and Holy Pascha—we commemorate the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the holy Disciples and Apostles in the form of tongues of fire. Numbering about 120, they who followed the Master gathered in Jerusalem in the upper room of a house to await the Lord’s promise to send the Holy Spirit. At about the third hour of the day, there came a sound from Heaven as of a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the house. Cloven tongues immediately appeared, like as of fire, and sat upon the head of each of them. The Apostles began to speak, not with the languages of their ancestors, but with other languages with which the Holy Spirit supplied them, as He inspired them. After the Apostle Peter explained what had happened, 3,000 people joined the Church on the inauguration of the priesthood of grace. The objectives of Pentecost are, namely, the coming of the Holy Spirit into the world, the fulfillment of the promise of Jesus Christ, and the completion of the undefiled hope of the Apostles.

By the intercessions of the Holy Apostles, O Christ our 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.
