
St. Michael the Archangel Antiochian Orthodox Church

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Sunday, June 7, 2026

Tone 8 / Eothinon 1

First Sunday after Pentecost &

First Sunday of Matthew

The Sunday of All Saints

**Hieromartyr Theodotos, bishop of Ancyra; Venerable
Sebastiana the wonderworker**

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 EIGHT: From the heights Thou didst descend, O compassionate One, and Thou didst submit to the three-day burial, that Thou might deliver us from passion; Thou art our life and our Resurrection, O Lord, glory to Thee.

APOLYTIKION OF ALL SAINTS IN TONE FOUR: Thy Church, O Christ God, hath regaled herself in the blood of Thy Martyrs throughout the entire world, as in porphyry and purple. Through them she lifteth her voice crying: Turn with Thy compassion toward Thy people, and grant peace to Thy city, and to our souls 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 OF ALL SAINTS IN TONE EIGHT: As first-fruits of our nature to the Planter of created things, the world presenteth the God-bearing martyred Saints in off'ring unto Thee, O Lord. Through their earnest entreaties, keep Thy Church in deep peace and divine tranquility, through the pure Theotokos, O Thou Who art greatly merciful.

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.

KOINONIKON (COMMUNION HYMN) OF ALL SAINTS IN TONE EIGHT: Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous; praise is meet for the upright. 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, 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
 - Church School for kids 4-9 years old
 - Teen SOYO Meeting
 - Outreach Meeting
- **Saturday, June 13**
 - 5:00 PM Vespers
- **Sunday, June 14**
 - 8:30 AM Orthros / 8:45 AM Bible Study for Kids 10+
 - 9:30 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

God is wondrous in His saints. In the churches, bless ye God.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews. (11:33-12:2)

Brethren, all the saints through faith subdued kingdoms, worked righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, from weakness were made strong, became mighty in war, and turned to flight armies of the aliens. Women received their dead by resurrection, and others were tortured, not accepting their deliverance, that they might obtain a better resurrection. And others suffered mocking and scourging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn asunder, they were tempted, they were slain with the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, being destitute, afflicted, tormented (of whom the world was not worthy), wandering in deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, having obtained a witness through their faith, did not receive the promise, since God had foreseen something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect. Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which does so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the Author and Perfecter of our faith.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.

(10:32-33, 37-38; 19:27-30)

The Lord said to His disciples, "Everyone who acknowledges Me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father Who is in heaven; but whoever denies Me before men, I also will deny before My Father Who is in heaven. He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me; and he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me; and he who does not take his cross and follow Me is not worthy of Me." Then Peter said in reply, "Lo, we have left everything and followed Thee. What then shall we have?" Jesus said to them, "Truly, I say to you, in the New World, when the Son of Man shall sit on His glorious throne, you who have followed Me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And every one who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands, for My Name's sake, will receive a hundred fold, and inherit eternal life. But many that are first will be last, and the last first."



ST. MICHAEL HAPPENINGS

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

SUMMER BOOKCLUB - ST. JUSTIN'S DIALOGUE WITH TRYPHO THE JEW

Looking for an interesting read? Join us Sundays in July – 5, 12, 19, 26 at 8:30 am – during Orthros, before Liturgy which starts at 9:30 during the summer.

Whether you can make one or all four sessions, this will be an interesting topic into which to delve.

Get a free download here:

https://wiswo.org/books/_resources/book-reference-pdfs/Lukyn-Williams-1930-dialogue-with-trypho.pdf

Or purchase at online booksellers.

If you are interested in participating, please reach out to Ned nedchatelain@gmail.com so we have an idea of how many can join us.

Happy Summer!

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!

THE SYNAXARION

On June 7 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the Hieromartyr Theodotos, bishop of Ancyra; and Venerable Sebastiana the wonderworker.

On this day, the Sunday after Pentecost, we celebrate the feast of All Saints who shone forth throughout all the world, North and South, East and West.

Verses

*Of all my Lord's friends, I laud and sing the praises;
And let any to come, with them all be numbered.*

David the Prophet and king, who revered the beloved of God, and respected them because of his great piety, said in the Psalms, "How precious are Thy beloved unto me, O God" (138:17). And the Apostle Paul, in his Epistle to the Hebrews, recounted the lives of the saints, when he wrote, "Wherefore, seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin that so easily besets us; and let us run with patience the race that is set before us" (12:1). Therefore, as Orthodox Christians, we honor the beloved saints of God, respecting them as keepers of God's commandments, shining examples of virtue and benefactors of humanity. We commemorate all of the holy ones every year on this day, as the list of saints ever increases, even though some of their names escape us. Nevertheless, we honor them for their piety and strive to imitate their good works.

By the intercessions of Thine immaculate Mother, O Christ God, and of all Thy Saints from the beginning of time, have mercy and save us, since Thou alone art good and the Lover of mankind. 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.
