

St. Michael the Archangel Antiochian Orthodox Church

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Sunday, December 9, 2018

Conception of the Theotokos by Righteous Anna /10th Sunday of Luke

Celebrant: Fr. Benjamin Kjendal

LITTLE ENTRANCE WEEKLY VARIABLES

THE EISODIKON (ENTRANCE HYMN) OF ORDINARY SUNDAYS Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ. 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 CONCEPTION OF THE THEOTOKOS BY ST. ANNA IN TONE FOUR Today have the bonds of barrenness been loosened; God, having heard the prayers of Joachim and Anna, promised them openly that they should give birth, beyond hope, to the Maiden of God, from whom He, the infinite One was to be born, becoming man, commanding the angel to shout to her: Rejoice, O full of grace, the Lord is with 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 CONCEPTION OF THE THEOTOKOS BY ST. ANNA IN TONE FOUR All the world doth celebrate * Anna's conception * on this day with festive joy, * because it came to pass through God; * for by divine grace she hath conceived * her that beyond words conceiveth the Word of God

In case of emergency, there are emergency numbers posted next to the
telephones in the coat room and in the kitchen

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.

Welcome! أهلا بك καλως ΗΡΘΑΤΕ!
добро пожаловать! Bine ati venit!

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

Sunday December 9 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy / 9:15 Church School
Please stay after Liturgy for our Annual Meeting today followed by coffee hour

Saturday December 15 5:00 PM Vespers

Sunday December 16 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy / 9:15 Church School

PLEASE SEE ST MICHAEL HAPPENINGS FOR UPCOMING EVENTS AND CHARITABLE NEEDS
OVER THE COMING WEEKS. MAY GOD CONTINUE TO BLESS YOU!

***** DON'T FORGET NON-PERISHABLE ITEMS FOR FOOD PANTRY *****

THANK YOU to Jasmine & Paul Andrews. Jourdan & Charlie Clough and to Anna Lemanis for their
tireless efforts in purchasing /delivering food donations! We need your support. The need is great!
Please make your non-perishable or monetary donation

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS. PLEASE JOIN US FOR COFFEE HOUR

THANK YOU TO OUR PARISHIONERS FOR MAKING COFFEE HOUR POSSIBLE

This week hosted by: **Parish Council – NATIVITY FAST**

Next week: **Kjendal Family– NATIVITY FAST**

Please let us know if you are interested in being included on the coffee hour rotation schedule!

Trisagion Prayer

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| 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 |
| Russian | Svyatij Bozhe, Svyatij Krepkij, Svatij Bessmertnij pomiluj nas |

THE EPISTLE

(For the Conception of the Theotokos by Righteous Anna)
God is wondrous in His saints. Bless God in the congregations.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Galatians. (4:22-27)

Brethren, Abraham had two sons, one by a slave and one by a free woman. But the son of the slave was born according to the flesh, the son of the free woman through promise. Now this is an allegory: these women are two covenants. One is from Mount Sinai, bearing children for slavery; she is Hagar. Now Hagar is Mount Sinai in Arabia; she corresponds to the present Jerusalem, for she is in slavery with her children. But the Jerusalem above is free, and she is our mother. For it is written, "Rejoice, O barren one who does not bear; break forth and shout, you who are not in travail; for the children of the desolate one are many more than the children of her that is married."

THE GOSPEL

(For the Tenth Sunday of Luke)

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (13:10-17)

At that time, Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. And there was a woman who had had a spirit of infirmity for eighteen years; she was bent over and could not fully straighten herself. And when Jesus saw her, He called her and said to her, "Woman, you are freed from your infirmity." And He laid His hands upon her, and immediately she was made straight, and she praised God. But the ruler of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath, said to the people, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be healed, and not on the Sabbath day." Then the Lord answered him, "You hypocrite! Does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his ass from the manger, and lead it away to water it? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan bound for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath day?" As Jesus said this, all His adversaries were put to shame; and all the people rejoiced at all the glorious things that were done by Him

***Our People are our Choir! We love to hear you sing with us! WELCOME!
We are glad to have you worship with us today!***

Father Ben Kjendal is available to visit with you in your home for pastoral care, counseling and inquiries regarding Orthodoxy by appointment. His cell number is (978) 397-3285.

If you need anyone remembered during services (in Memory of or for Good Health of), please let Fr. Ben know **AT LEAST ONE WEEK IN ADVANCE** so they can be included in all the prayers during Vespers, Matins and Liturgy



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NATIVITY FAST THRU DEC 24 2018

PLEASE SUPPORT SOYO RELIGIOUS ITEMS BOUTIQUE As a steward of St Michael, SOYO is running a religious items store for all your needs. **ALL** proceeds from the store will be **DONATED BACK** to St Michael to support a **NEEDY FUND AND OUTREACH PROGRAMS** for the parish and its friends.

Please stop by and help support your neighbors in need with every purchase!

***** SAVE THE DATE*** ANNUAL PARISH MEETING SUNDAY DECEMBER 9** directly following Liturgy. Learn about our tremendous progress in 2018 and find out how you can help us grow in 2019! There are many ways to serve. We need your support, your prayer, and your participation! May God continue to bless you!

SHOP ON AMAZON AND SUPPORT ST. MICHAEL You start at smile.amazon.com and do your regular logon it. Designate St Michael The Archangel Antiochian Orthodox Church as your charity. That is all! As you shop, Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchase to St Michael. Please consider taking this one extra step to your normal shopping routine! Tell your family and friends about it! Together we can raise some funds for our many programs!

ST MICHAEL RIDE SHARE PROGRAM Do you need a ride to church for any of our services? Can you offer a ride to someone who needs one? This is a good opportunity to spend quality time in the car with one of our church family members. Please see David Easa if you are interested.

CHRISTMAS MEALS!!! It's time to start preparing for our Christmas meal delivery. We are in need of monetary donations to purchase 40 hams and 40 \$25 grocery store gift cards. **Over \$1,000 is needed** to make this project possible. Please be as generous as you are able! Food-insecurity is a real issue for more families than we realize, and we have an amazing opportunity to help 40 families have a nutritious and full meal on Christmas! In addition, **we are in need of 120 dozen cookies** to include with our meal delivery. If you are able to bake a few dozen cookies, please sign up with Kh. Alyssa.

- We will be packing cookies on Sunday 12/16 during Coffee Hour.
- We will be delivering the meals on Wednesday 12/19 @ 1:00.

CHRISTMAS WISHES : Over the next few weeks, as we have in the past, we will be collecting to provide some happiness to a needy family at Christmas. We have selected a family described below through The Christmas Wishes Program of Cape Cod Broadcasting. A collection will be taken in church on December 2, 9 and 16 or you may mail your check to St. Michael the Archangel Church 62 Main Street Cotuit MA 02635 and indicate Christmas Wishes on the memo line. We ask you, yes again, to open your Christian hearts and share the abundance with which God has blessed you. **Our goal is to raise \$350.**

St. Michael will Sponsor this Family!

Mom is a single parent who has had to raise her two children by herself for many years. Mom moved into her mother's house with the children for support but last year her mother passed away due to failing health. The family is currently looking for a new place to live as they cannot afford to stay in the grandmother's house. Finances are tight and she is worried that future landlords will not allow them to rent because of the mental health issues with one of the daughters. Please bring a little cheer to this family this holiday season.

Thank you for your loving generosity