

St. Michael the Archangel Antiochian Orthodox Church

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Sunday, February 02, 2020

Presentation (Meeting) of Our Lord Jesus Christ

Celebrant: Fr. Ben Kjendal

LITTLE ENTRANCE WEEKLY VARIABLES

THE EISODIKON (ENTRANCE HYMN): 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 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 THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN TONE ONE: Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos, full of grace, for from thee arose the Sun of justice, Christ our God, lighting those who are in darkness. Rejoice and be glad, O righteous elder, carrying in thine arms the Deliverer of our souls, Who granteth us Resurrection.

KONTAKION OF THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN TONE ONE: Thou, O Christ God, Who by Thy Birth, didst sanctify the Virgin's womb, and, as is meet, didst bless Simeon's arms, and didst also come to save us; preserve Thy fold in wars, and confirm them whom Thou didst love, for Thou alone art the Lover of mankind.

TRISAGION PRAYER

<i>English</i>	Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have Mercy on us
<i>Arabic</i>	Qudoos El Laah, Qudoos El Qawi, Qudoos El Lathi La Yamoot, Urhamnah
<i>Greek</i>	Agios O Theos, Agios Ischiros, Agios Athanatos, Eyleison Imas
<i>Russian</i>	Svyatij Bozhe, Svyatij Krepkij, Svatij Bessmertnij pomiluj nas

MEGALYNARION OF THE PRESENTATION IN TONE THREE: *O Theotokos, thou hope of all Christians; keep and shelter and preserve them that set their hope in thee.*

In the shadow and letter of the Law, let us the faithful contemplate a prefiguring: Every male child that openeth the womb is holy unto God. Therefore, do we magnify the first-born Word, the Son of the Father Who is without beginning, the first-born Child of a Mother who hath not known wedlock.

KOINONIKON (COMMUNION HYMN) OF THE FEAST IN TONE EIGHT: I will receive the cup of salvation, and call upon 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 service.*

UNLESS YOU ARE INJURED OR UNABLE, PLEASE REMAIN STANDING DURING COMMUNION

Sunday, February 2 9:00 AM Orthros / 9:15 AM Church School
10:00 AM Divine Liturgy
Saturday, February 8 5:00 PM Vespers
Sunday, February 9 9:00 AM Orthros / 9:15 AM Church School
10:00 AM Divine Liturgy

Winter Weather announcement for St Michael Parish

In case of inclement weather this winter on Sundays, Fr. Ben will make the decision as to whether Liturgy will take place. Communication to the parish announcing either a delay or a cancellation will be made via: the parish email; announcements on Cape radio stations - WQRC - [99.9 The Q](#), WKPE - [Cape Country 104](#), WFCC - [Classical 107.5](#), WOCN – [Ocean 104.7](#), [CapeCod.com](#); and all Boston TV station. **Be safe during storms.**

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

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!

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS! PLEASE JOIN US FOR COFFEE HOUR!

THANK YOU TO OUR PARISHIONERS FOR MAKING COFFEE HOUR POSSIBLE

This week hosted by: **Families with Young Children** Next week: Parish Council

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

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

THE EPISTLE

My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.

For He hath regarded the humility of His servant.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews. (7:7-17)

Brethren, it is beyond dispute that the inferior is blessed by the superior. Here tithes are received by mortal men; there, by one of whom it is testified that he lives. One might even say that Levi himself, who receives tithes, paid tithes through Abraham, for he was still in the loins of his ancestor when Melchizedek met him. Now if perfection had been attainable through the Levitical priesthood (for under it the people received the law), what further need would there have been for another priest to arise after the order of Melchizedek, rather than one named after the order of Aaron? For when there is a change in the priesthood, there is necessarily a change in the law as well. For the one of whom these things are spoken belonged to another tribe, from which no one has ever served at the altar. For it is evident that our Lord was descended from Judah, and in connection with that tribe Moses said nothing about priests. This becomes even more evident when another priest arises in the likeness of Melchizedek, who has become a priest, not according to a legal requirement concerning bodily descent but by the power of an indestructible life. For it is witnessed of him, "Thou art a priest forever, after the order of Melchizedek."

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (2:22-40)

In those days, the parents of Jesus brought Him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every male that opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord"), and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons." Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, looking for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he should not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. And inspired by the Spirit he came into the Temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the law, he took Him up in his arms and blessed God and said, "Lord, now lettest thou Thy servant depart in peace, according to Thy word; for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to Thy people Israel." And His father and his mother marveled at what was said about Him; and Simeon blessed them and said to Mary His mother, "Behold, this child is set for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is spoken against (and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), that thoughts out of many hearts may be revealed." And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher; she was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years from her virginity, and as a widow until she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day. And coming up at that very hour she gave thanks to God, and spoke of Him to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. And when they had performed everything according to the law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own city, Nazareth. And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon Him.



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Triumph of Orthodoxy Vespers The Council of Eastern Orthodox Churches of Central Massachusetts and His Grace Bishop JOHN invite you to Great Vespers on **Saturday, March 7 at 6 pm at St. George Cathedral in Worcester** for a **pan-Orthodox Great Vespers** for the Triumph of Orthodoxy. All clergy of the Assembly of Bishops are invited to serve. His Eminence Metropolitan Methodios of Boston will preach.

Diocese Lenten Retreat & Youth Day All are invited to attend the Annual Diocese Lenten Retreat & Youth Day on **Saturday, March 28, 2020 at St. John of Damascus Church in Dedham**. The day will begin with Divine Liturgy at 9:00 am, followed by a light breakfast. The keynote speaker will be Mr. Gregory Abdalah, D. Min, who is the Pastoral Assistant at St. George Church in Phoenix, AZ. Registration details:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2020-diocese-lenten-retreat-youth-day-tickets-89246142615>

Diocese PLC - June 19-21, 2020 @ The Cape Codder Resort & Spa in Hyannis Join us on the Cape for a memorable weekend as we gather as a Diocese Family. Activities being planned for the weekend include:

- Outdoor Lobster Clambake
- Bible Bowl
- Teen Beach Events
- Oratorical Festival
- Antiochian Women's Brunch
- Young Adult Activities
- Order of St. Ignatius Dinner
- Hafli
- Hierarchical Divine Liturgy with Bishop JOHN



Please visit <http://stmaryorthodoxchurch.org/plc> for more details including event schedules, registration info and hotel reservations. Stay tuned for more information as it is made available!

Save the Date! Our first Diocese Summer Camp will be held August 9-15, 2020! We are very excited to announce that our Diocese will sponsor a one-week summer camp program this summer, August 9-15, 2020 for grades 4-12! The program will be based off of the Antiochian Village program, and held at the St. Methodios Faith & Heritage Center in Contoocook, NH. Fr. Benjamin Kjendal will be the Camp Director and Khalil Samara will be the Executive Director along with many AV Staff alumni ministering to our young people. More details including registration and staff applications will be posted very soon.