


St. Michael the Archangel Antiochian Orthodox Church

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Sunday, February 16, 2020
Sunday of the Prodigal Son
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 TWO: When Thou didst submit Thyself unto death, O Thou deathless and immortal One, then Thou didst destroy hell with Thy Godly power. And when Thou didst raise the dead from beneath the earth, all the powers of Heaven did cry aloud unto Thee: O Christ, Thou giver of life, 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 FOR THE PRODIGAL SON IN TONE THREE: Foolishly I sprang away * from Thy great fatherly glory, * and dispersed in wicked deeds * the riches that Thou didst give me. * With the Prodigal I therefore * cry unto Thee now: * I have sinned against Thee, O compassionate Father. * But receive me in repentance; * make me as one of * Thy hired servants, O Lord.

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

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

Saturday, February 22 5:00 PM Vespers

Sunday, February 23 9:00 AM Orthros / 9:15 AM Church School
10:00 AM Divine Liturgy

NARTHEX UPDATE

Last year we decided to add a narthex to our church. We set a goal to raise \$325,000 in order to accomplish this and began the Narthex Fund Drive. To date we have received pledges totaling \$190,695. This is **\$154,170** short of our goal. To date, we have collected \$170,830 in donations which includes the anonymous matching donation of \$10,000.

Thank you to all for your loving and generous response to this important endeavor of St. Michael the Archangel Church. If you have not yet made your pledge, please consider doing so now. Pledge forms are available at the side entrance to our church or in the church office. Your pledge in any amount will help. Our church family must stay united to see our narthex project to fruition.

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PLEDGES: \$190,695

DONATIONS TO DATE: \$170,830

STILL NEEDED: \$154,170

*****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: **Women's Group** Next 4 weeks: Tatiana R., Zoya, Clough, Kjendal, Savas, & Andrews
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

(For Sunday of the Prodigal Son)

Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us. Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous.

The Reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (6:12-20)

Brethren, all things are lawful for me, but not all things are helpful. All things are lawful for me, but I will not be enslaved by anything. Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food; but God will destroy both one and the other. The body is not meant for immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by His power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! Do you not know that he who joins himself to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For, as it is written, "The two shall become one flesh." But he who is united to the Lord becomes one spirit with Him. Shun immorality. Every other sin which a man commits is outside the body; but the immoral man sins against his own body. Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God? You are not your own; you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

THE GOSPEL

(For Sunday of the Prodigal Son)

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (15:11-32)

The Lord spoke this parable: "There was a man who had two sons; and the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of property that falls to me.' And he divided his living between them. Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took his journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in loose living. And when he had spent everything, a great famine arose in that country, and he began to be in want. So he went and joined himself to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed swine. And he would gladly have fed on the pods that the swine ate; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have bread enough and to spare, but I perish here with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me as one of your hired servants."' And he arose and came to his father. But while he was yet at a distance, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet; and bring the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and make merry; for this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to make merry. Now his elder son was in the field; and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. And he called one of the servants and asked what this meant. And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has received him safe and sound.' But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, but he answered his father, 'Lo, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command; yet you never gave me a kid that I might make merry with my friends. But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your living with harlots, you killed for him the fatted calf!' And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. It was fitting to make merry and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.'"



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ST. MICHAEL HAPPENINGS

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PLEASE SUPPORT SOYO RELIGIOUS ITEMS BOUTIQUE As a steward of St Michael, SOYO is running a religious items store for all your needs. 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!

School Vacation Lunch Boxes For families whose children receive free breakfast and lunch at school, school vacations are an additional hardship for struggling families. We will be packing and delivering a week's worth of breakfast and lunch foods for the school-aged children at the Village at Cataumet **THIS Sunday, February 16**. Additionally, we will be providing lunch for all of the residents at the Village at Cataumet on **Wednesday, February 19**. Please speak to Kh. Alyssa if you are able to help shop for the food, assist with the packing and delivery on Sunday 2/16, and/or attend the lunch at the Village on Wednesday 2/19.

Winter Clothing Drive Items will be delivered to The Family Pantry of Cape Cod on Saturday, February 22. Please speak to Kh. Alyssa if you are able to help with the delivery!

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.

Orthodox Speaking event invite Human Trafficking There will be a one day work shop on Saturday, March 14 at St Gregory the Theologian Greek Orthodox Church in Mansfield on Human Trafficking. This is a real threat to our children and to all people. Register at <http://www.eventbrite.com/e/90623189399>

Fish Feast Save the date for our annual **Fish Feast to benefit ZOE House**, a pan-Orthodox crisis pregnancy center! Join us on **Sunday, March 22** after Liturgy to support this life-saving organization!

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>

Holy Week and Pascha Service Books available at bookstore. Cost is \$40. Please see any Soyo member or Soraya Bandeli. Holy Week will be upon us before you know it. Get your copy now!

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.

FISH FEAST
Sunday, March 22, 2020
(Sponsored by Holy Trinity Greek Church)
St. Michael the Archangel Orthodox Church
62 Main Street, Cotuit
\$25 adults / \$10
\$10 children 6-12
children 5 and under free
Gift Basket
Drawing!
All proceeds will help
ZOE House continue
their life-saving work.
ZOE House, located in Cotuit, MA, is a
member of the St. Michael's Antiochian
Orthodox Parish. ZOE House is a non-profit
organization that provides crisis pregnancy
services to women in need.