

~::~~ THE PROPHET MICAH ~::~~

The Prophets of the Old Testament were divinely inspired preachers. Their vocation was *NOT* centered on foretelling the future, but rather on emphasizing the holiness of God, criticizing the moral decadence of their times and teaching a way of life that was more pleasing to the Lord.

On this morning's Church Bulletin, the **PROPHET MICAH** is depicted. Micah lived in the 8th century B.C. He is viewed by the Church as one of the **TWELVE MINOR PROPHETS**. Micah lived in the province of Judah, being a contemporary of other famous prophets, namely, Isaiah, Amos and Hosea. From his writings, we can clearly see that the quiet countryside region that was home to him was infected with the same sins that plagued the urban areas of the kingdom of Israel. Micah strongly denounces the rulers and priests of the Hebrew nation, deploring their dishonesty and their exploitation of the poor. He foretells the wrath of God falling upon Samaria and Jerusalem because of the prevailing weakness and sinfulness that exists there.

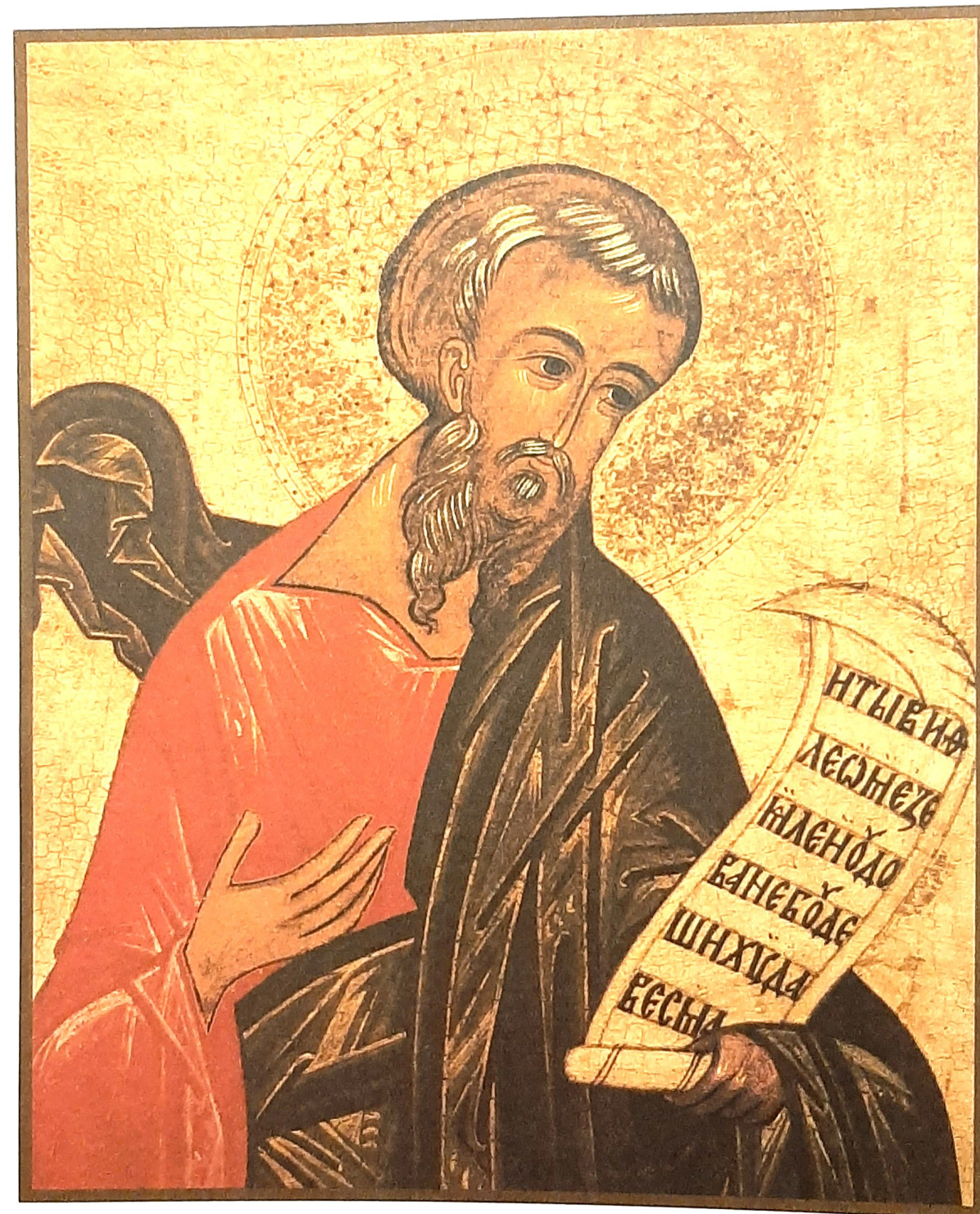
The message of the Prophet Micah, however, is not without hope. He also speaks of a glorious future for Jerusalem, where it will become the religious center of the world. Perhaps Micah's most powerful and best remembered prophecy concerns the birth of the Messiah: *"BUT YOU, BETHLEHEM, IN THE LAND OF JUDAH, ARE NOT THE LEAST AMONG THE RULERS OF JUDAH; FOR OUT OF YOU SHALL COME A RULER WHO WILL SHEPHERD MY PEOPLE ISRAEL."* As long as the Nativity of Christ is celebrated, the words of this humble prophet will live on!

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ABOUT COMMUNION

We are happy that you have joined us today. Indeed, we pray for the "unity of the Faith" for the day when all of Christianity are united as ONE and can share a common Chalice. However, this is not the case as yet. Please note that Holy Communion, the actual Body & Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, is only for Members of the Orthodox Church who have prepared themselves through prayer, fasting, and confession, & arrived before the Gospel reading. However, everyone is welcome to partake of the blessed bread and receive a blessing from the pastor at the dismissal. If you are interested, you may inquire with the pastor how you can become a member.

If you are a guest or otherwise not a regular communicant, please give your baptismal name when receiving.





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WELCOME TO ST. ANTHONY'S

Where people from around the world come together to serve God and our community. We are glad you are worshipping with us today! This Church is one community of many in the One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church. The Church of Antioch belongs to two thousand years of evangelization, teaching, history, and tradition which expresses the continued commitment of its members to the Orthodox Christian faith in the Lord Jesus Christ!

St. Anthony Church is a Pan-Orthodox community, under the omophorion of His Beatitude Patriarch JOHN X within the Self-ruled Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America. If you are a first time visitor, please fill out the guest form located on the literature table. We want you to feel at home in prayer and worship. Please submit your names to the ushers and introduce yourself to Fr. Elia at the end of the service so he may welcome you personally.

Following services, please join us for sharing of fellowship, coffee, and food.

DIVINE LITURGY VARIABLES ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 13, 2023 TONE 1 / EOTHINON 10; TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST & TENTH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW

LEAVE-TAKING OF THE TRANSFIGURATION OF JESUS CHRIST

RIGHTEOUS MAXIMOS THE CONFESSOR; EUDOKIA AND IRENE (XENIA) THE EMPRESSES;
VENERABLE DOROTHEOS OF GAZA AND HIS DISCIPLE DOSITHEOS

THE FIRST ANTIPHON

Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, in the city of our God, in His holy mountain. Who settest fast the mountains by Thy strength, Who art girded about with power.

Refrain: Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us.

Who coverest Thyself with light as with a garment. The mountains shall rejoice at the presence of the Lord, for He cometh; yea, He is come to judge the earth. (*Refrain*)

Glory... Both now... (*Refrain*)

THE SECOND ANTIPHON

His foundations are in the holy mountains. The Lord loveth the gates of Zion more than all the dwellings of Jacob.

Refrain: Save us, O Son of God, Who wast transfigured on Mount Tabor, who sing to Thee. Alleluia.

Glorious things are spoken of thee, O city of God. (*Refrain*)

A man will say: Mother Sion; and: That man was born in her; and: The Most High Himself hath founded her. (*Refrain*)

Glory... Both now... O, only begotten Son and Word of God...

THE THIRD ANTIPHON

Of Thy mercies, O Lord, will I sing forever. The heavens shall confess Thy wonders, O Lord, and Thy truth in the congregation of saints. Blessed is the people that knoweth jubilation. O Lord, in the light of Thy countenance shall they walk, and in Thy Name shall they rejoice all the day long.

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2023 PLEDGE DRIVE

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**THE ARCHDIOCESE ANNUAL ASSESSMENT (\$50.00) PER BAPTISED SOUL
EVERY PARISHIONER IS RESPONSIBLE TO PAY THIS ASSESSMENT ONCE A
YEAR BESIDE YOUR PLEDGE TO THE CHURCH.**

**IF YOU HAVEN'T SUBMITTED THE ASSESSMENT MONEY YET,
PLEASE DO SO AS SOON AS YOU CAN. THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!**

During the Little Entrance, after the verses of the Third Antiphon, chant the apolytikion of the Transfiguration. Then, the following:

THE EISODIKON (ENTRANCE HYMN) OF THE LEAVE-TAKING

For in Thee is the fountain of life, O Lord, and in Thy light shall we see light. Save us, O Son of God, Who art risen from the dead, who sing to Thee. Alleluia.

~ Now sing these hymns in the following order.

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE ONE

While the stone was sealed by the Jews, and the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body, Thou didst arise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. For which cause the heavenly powers cried aloud unto Thee, O giver of life. Glory to Thy Resurrection O Christ, glory to Thy kingdom, glory to Thy providence, O Thou Who alone art the lover of mankind.

APOLYTIKION OF THE TRANSFIGURATION IN TONE SEVEN

When, O Christ our God, Thou wast transfigured on the mountain, Thou didst reveal Thy glory to Thy Disciples in proportion as they could bear it. Let Thine everlasting light also enlighten us sinners, through the intercessions of the Theotokos. O Thou Bestower of light, glory to Thee.

APOLYTIKION OF ST. ANTHONY THE GREAT

Thou didst become like the zealous Elijah in his condition, and followed John the Baptist in his upright ways. Becoming a dweller in the wilderness, and an establisher of the universe by thy prayer O Father Anthony. Wherefore intercede thou with Christ our God to save our souls.

KONTAKION OF THE TRANSFIGURATION IN TONE SEVEN

Thou wast transfigured on the mount, and Thy Disciples, in so far as they were able, beheld Thy glory, O Christ our God; so that, when they should see Thee crucified, they would remember that all Thy suffering was voluntary, and could declare to all the world that Thou art truly the effulgent Splendor of the Father.

THE EPISTLE

(For the Tenth Sunday after Pentecost)

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. (4:9-16)

Brethren, God has exhibited us Apostles as last of all, like men sentenced to death; because we have become a spectacle to the world, to angels and to men. We are fools for Christ's sake, but you are wise in Christ. We are weak, but you are strong. You are held in honor, but we in disrepute. To the present hour we hunger and thirst, we are ill clad and buffeted and homeless; and we labor, working with our own hands. When reviled, we bless; when persecuted, we endure; when slandered, we try to conciliate; we have become, and are now, as the refuse of the world, the off scouring of all things. I do not write this to make you ashamed, but to admonish you as my beloved children. For though you have countless guides in Christ, you do not have many fathers. For I became your father in Christ Jesus through the Gospel. I urge you, then, be imitators of me.

THE GOSPEL

(For the Tenth Sunday of Matthew)

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (17:14-23)

At that time, a man came up to Jesus and kneeling before Him said, "Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is an epileptic and he suffers terribly; for often he falls into the fire, and often into the water. And I brought him to Thy disciples, and they could not heal him." And Jesus answered, "O faithless and perverse generation,

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MEGALYNARION FOR THE LEAVE-TAKING IN TONE FOUR

Magnify, O my soul, the Lord Who wast transfigured on Mount Tabor.

Thy birth-giving, O Theotokos, has been shown free of corruption; for God did come forth from thy womb putting on flesh; and on earth did He appear, and walked among men. Wherefore, thee do we all magnify.

KOINONIKON (COMMUNION HYMN) FOR THE TRANSFIGURATION IN TONE EIGHT

O Lord, in the light of the glory of Thy face shall we walk, and in Thy Name shall we rejoice forever. Alleluia.
~ Instead of singing “We have seen the true light”, sing the apolytikion of the Transfiguration.

ABOUT THE DIVINE LITURGY

The Divine Liturgy expresses the entire Christian faith in a continuous song of praise and prayer addressed to God. It is focused on God, not on us. There is nothing just for amusement or entertainment. Since much of the service is the same every week, worshippers know it and can participate personally, either by singing along or just by prayerful attention. Worshippers are surrounded by icons (pictures of Christ and the saints), which remind us that we are participating, while on earth, in the worship of all the angels and saints in heaven. The entire service (except for the sermon) is sung. The words are all from Scripture or ancient Christian texts. Please follow the service in the books available in the pews. Weekly changes will appear below and marked with a corresponding letter in the service book.

COME BACK

We hope to see you next week. Each Sunday we celebrate the Resurrection of Christ with our morning Matins service at 8:45am followed by the main Sunday service, Divine Liturgy at 10am. Sunday School for the Children follows Communion. Fr. Elia would love to speak with you and answer any questions you may have. Please fill out our Guest Form (CONNECTION CARD). There’s also a place where you can let us know any specific needs or concerns and we will lift them up in prayer. We welcome everyone who would like to learn more about the Orthodox Christian Faith. Please contact Fr. Elia either by E-Mail (elia_shalhoub@yahoo.com) or on his cell phone (305) 812-4940

Announcements



August 13th
August 20th
August 27th

Epistle Readers
Zachary Ferrell
Jennifer Riter
Isaac Vaughn



**Today’s Holy Communion and Coffee Hour
is offered by Eleni Kalliche
In memory of her husband James and her son Stephen.
May they Rest in Peace and may their Memory be Eternal.**

St. Anthony Antiochian Orthodox Christian Church

Sunday School

Sunday School A Ministry of Christian Education at St. Anthony Antiochian Orthodox Church.

“Let everything take second place to our care of our children, to the discipline and instruction of the Lord.” - St. John Chrysostom

Registration Form for 2023-2024 Sunday School Year

(Please Fill and Return by August 27th)

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

STUDENT NAME First _____ Last _____ Baptismal name _____

DATE OF BIRTH _____ Age _____ Grade Level _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ Zip _____

FATHER _____ Cell _____

MOTHER _____ Cell _____

HOME PHONE _____ Other _____

EMAIL ADDRESS (ES) _____

ALLERGIES/CONDITIONS _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT NAME _____ NUMBER _____

TALENTS/HOBBIES/SKILLS (i.e. musical INFORMATION HELPFUL TO TEACHER)

VOLUNTEER (i.e. PARENT(s) chaperone, pageant, decorations, etc.) YES _____ NO _____

Do you have a reliable internet connection? YES _____ NO _____

Do you have a webcam available? YES _____ NO _____

SIGNATURE OF PARENT/GUARDIAN _____ Date _____

Students are expected to arrive on time every Sunday for the Divine Liturgy at 10:00 a.m., receive the Holy Eucharist, proceed to their classroom, and remain until the class session concludes at 12:00 p.m.

First Day of Sunday School Classes is September 10.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS!!!



SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION BEGINS AUGUST 20th!

Sunday School Registration for the 2023-2024 school year begins in 4 weeks, on Sunday, August 20th, and will continue through Sunday, August 27th. Registration forms are on the table in the Narthex. Please complete and return them to the church no later than August 30th.

BECOME A SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER

Never taught Sunday School before? Have no fear, we will give you all the tools you need. Prayerfully consider sharing your time and talent with our children!

SUNDAY SCHOOL BOOKSTORE NEWS

We invite you to stop by our Bookstore after the Divine Liturgy in the Hall and check out our new arrivals. We are getting new items all the time.

Do your Christmas shopping early!

All the proceeds are for the Sunday School children.
We appreciate your support!



Dear parents, please fill out the Sunday School registration form for your children ASAP, so we can plan classes.

Sunday, September 3

"Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" at the Henegar Center.



10th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Leave –Taking of Holy Transfiguration

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The following from St. John of Kronstadt (*My Life in Christ, Holy Trinity Monastery, Jordanville, NY, 2000. pg 37-38*) captures the feeling the disciples must have had in their boat on the stormy waters in our Gospel reading (Matthew 14:22-34). It also reminds us of the brightness of the Lord's countenance, that Brightness that we see in the bewilderment of Saints Peter, James, and John on Mount Tabor that we are celebrating in the Great Feast of the Transfiguration! May we all celebrate this feast of Christ's Radiance in peace, prosperity, and spiritual vigor for many years! Sometimes in the lives of pious Christians there are hours when God seems to have entirely abandoned them-- hours of the power of darkness; and then the man from the depths of his heart cries unto God: "Why hast Thou turned Thy face from me, Thou everlasting Light?... Turn me, O Saviour, to the light of Thy commandments and make straight my spiritual way, I fervently pray Thee." - St. John of Kronstadt

In Christ,

Fr. Elia Shalhoub

Very Rev. Fr. Elia Shalhoub, Pastor



Please pray for the healing of Michealle and Tyrone Carrie, Jennifer Glass, Beverly Delida, Lisa Zolton, Tatiana Jones, Ted Theodoropoulos, Susan Perers, Alix Hall, Nina and Diogo Penas, Beth Manzini, John Archambeau, Alex & Soula.



TODAY'S FEAST SUNDAY, AUGUST 13TH 2023

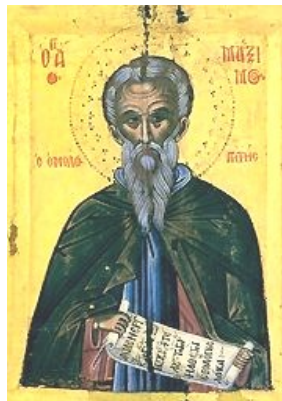
10TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
LEAVE-TAKING OF HOLY TRANSFIGURATION

Our Lord had spoken to His disciples many times not only concerning His Passion, Cross, and Death, but also concerning the coming persecutions and afflictions that they themselves would endure. Since all these evils were near at hand, but the enjoyment of good things which they hoped to receive in their stead was yet to come, our Savior desired to give them full assurance, evidently and openly,

concerning that glory which is prepared for those who endure to the end. Therefore, fulfilling that which He had promised shortly before, that "there be some standing here which shall not taste of death, till they see the Son of man coming in His Kingdom" (Matt. 16:28), He took His three foremost disciples and ascended Mount Tabor, where He was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became white as the light. Suddenly, together with this dread and marvelous effulgence of light, there appeared those pinnacles of the Prophets, Moses and Elias, who spoke with the Lord Jesus concerning His saving Passion which was about to take place. Standing before Him as reverent servants, they showed that He is the Lord of both the living and the dead, for Moses came forth from Hades, having died many centuries before, and Elias, as it were from heaven, whither he had been taken up while yet alive. After a little while a radiant cloud overshadowed them and out of the cloud they heard that same voice which had been heard at the Jordan at the Baptism of Christ, testifying to the Divinity of Jesus and saying: "This is My beloved Son, in Whom I am well-pleased; hear ye Him" (Matt. 17: 5). Such are the marvels, truly worthy of God, celebrated in this present feast, which is an image and prefiguring of the future state of the righteous, whose splendor the Lord spoke of, saying: "Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun" (Matt. 13:43). It is because of this that the Kontakion of this Feast is said daily (when there is not a great feast) in the Service of the Typica in perpetual commemoration of the glory that will be the lot of the Saints. According to tradition, the Lord's Transfiguration came to pass forty days before His Crucifixion; this is why the Transfiguration is celebrated forty days before the Exaltation of the Cross.

MAXIMUS THE CONFESSOR

This Saint was from Sebastia of Cappadocia and , according to the Synaxaristes, became Bishop of Pidachthoa. He and ten of his disciples were tortured and beheaded by the Governor of Philomarchus in the times of Diocletian. There is a second Martyr Athenogenes commemorated today, mentioned by Saint Basil in Chapter 29 of his treatise "On the Holy Spirit"; it is said that as this Athenogenes approached the fire, wherein he was to die a martyric death, he chanted the hymn O Joyous Light in praise of the Holy Trinity (see also Mar. 11).



Kid's Corner

JESUS HEALS A SICK BOY

At that time, a man came up to Jesus and kneeling before him said, "Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is an epileptic and he suffers terribly; for often he falls into the fire, and often into the water. And I brought him to your disciples, and they could not heal him."

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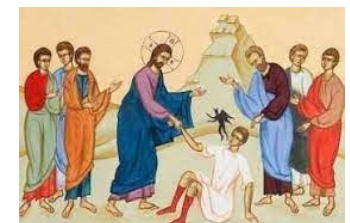
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Jesus Heals a Sick Boy - Matthew 17:14-21

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WHAT DO YOU THINK?

1. Who needs to be cured in this gospel? Who do you know that needs healing?
2. What is causing the boy in this gospel to suffer? What is causing your friend's suffering?
3. When does Jesus heal the boy?
4. Where does the man go to get help for his son?
5. Where could you go to get help for your friend?