

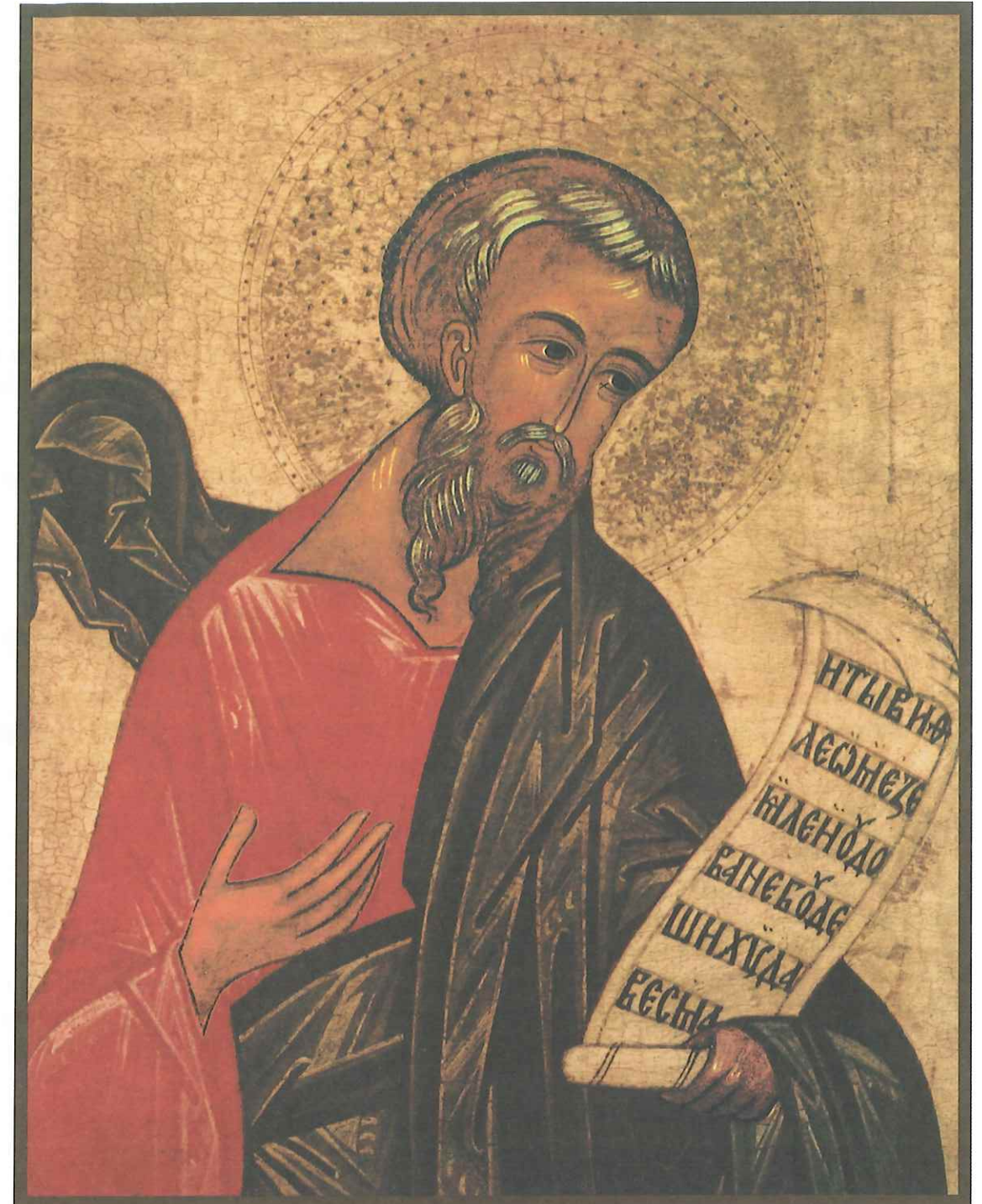
~::~~ THE PROPHET MICAH ~::~~

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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**ST.DEMETRIOS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH
NORTH WILDWOOD, NEW JERSEY**

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10th Sunday of Matthew

WELCOME ALL VISITORS:

On behalf of the Parish Council, Fr. Michael, and the entire family of St. Demetrios, we would like to welcome our Visitors for joining us today in our sacred worship service. If you need any assistance please notify any of the Parish Council members. God Bless our Visitors and may your stay here be pleasant and memorable. Please don't hesitate to come again.

SPONSORING COFFEE HOUR:

During the summer, The Ladies Philoptochos Society will not be sponsoring any coffee hours. If anyone is interested in sponsoring the coffee hour please contact the Church office –Monday-Wednesday-Friday (609)-522-0152 or contact Parish Council President Nick Konides (609)425-0179.

STEWARDSHIP NEWS:

All our local and seasonal members and visitors are invited to register and enroll in our parish for the 2023 membership and join in weekly worship and to support of our parish "Stewardship Program" and ministries. The annual minimum enrollment offering is \$750 per family, and \$500 for single people. Please complete the parish membership registry forms that are available in the Narthex. Families that are in arrears are invited to reinstate their membership and participation in our parish life and ministries.

ATTENTION ALL PARISHONERS and VISITORS:

During the first 15 days of August we celebrate the prayer service of our Mother of God (Theotokos). Please pay attention to the schedule of services during the first 15 days of August. Also if you would like to have the names of your loved ones to be commemorated during the Paraklesis Services for Fr. Michael to read, the Prayer of Living sheet is available in the Narthex.



The NNJYAL is having a Panigiri!

Join fellow Greek Orthodox young adults ages 18-35 for a Panigiri on Saturday August 19th at Whitechapel Projects in Long Branch, NJ. Each ticket includes a dinner buffet, cash bar and music by DJ Kon.

To purchase a ticket, please visit:

<https://nnjyalpanigiri.eventbrite.com>

LITURGICAL PROGRAM FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST:

Monday, August 14th—Great Vespers Service for the Dormition of the Virgin Mary—Vespers 6:00 pm

Tuesday, August 15th—Dormition of the Mother of God (Theotokos) ---Orthos 8:30 am ---Divine Liturgy 9:30 am

KOINONIA MONTHLY NEWSLETTER:

We have established our (NEW MONTHLY NEWSLETTER) which is named "KOINONIA". Going forward, please send all Church event related pictures via email to the Church Secretary, Julie Reeb, at frmichaelstdemetrios@gmail.com Most importantly, in order for our parishioners to be able to read the Newsletter, you must submit your E-mails so we can send the newsletter out to your computers. You can submit these to the email listed above or you can give this information to our Parish Council Secretary, William Mitchell. We will also have a few newsletters printed for those who have no computers or smart phones.

Ἀπολυτίκιον Ἀναστάσιμον. Ἦχος α'.

Τοῦ λίθου σφραγισθέντος ὑπὸ τῶν Ἰουδαίων,
καὶ στρατιωτῶν φυλασσόντων τὸ ἀχραντὸν
σου Σῶμα, ἀνέστης τριήμερος Σωτὴρ,
δωρούμενος τῷ κόσμῳ τὴν ζωὴν· διὰ τοῦτο αἱ
Δυνάμεις τῶν οὐρανῶν ἐβόων σοι ζωοδότα. Δόξα
τῇ Ἀναστάσει σου Χριστέ, δόξα τῇ βασιλείᾳ σου,
δόξα τῇ οἰκονομίᾳ σου, μόνε φιλόανθρωπε.

Ἀπολυτίκιον. Ἦχος βαρὺς.

Μετεμορφώθης ἐν τῷ ὄρει Χριστέ ὁ
Θεός, δείξας τοῖς Μαθηταῖς σου τὴν δόξαν
σου, καθὼς ἠδύναντο. Λάμπσον καὶ ἡμῖν τοῖς
ἁμαρτωλοῖς, τὸ φῶς σου τὸ αἰδίον, πρεσβείας
τῆς Θεοτόκου, φωτοδότα δόξα σοι.

Apolytikion/Dismissal Hymn

The world has found in you a great champion in time of peril, as you
emerged the victor in routing the barbarians. For as you brought to
naught the boasts of Lysias, imparting courage to Nestor in the
stadium, in like manner, holy one, great Martyr Demetrios, invoke
Christ God for us, that He may grant us His great mercy.

Kontakion.

Grave Mode.

Upon the mountain were You transfigured,
and Your disciples beheld Your glory as far
as they were able, O Christ our God; so that
when they would see You crucified they might
understand that Your Passion was deliberate,
and declare to the world that in truth You are
the Father's radiance. [SD]

Apolytikion Resurrectional. Mode 1.

The stone had been secured with a seal by the
Judeans, * and a guard of soldiers was
watching Your immaculate body. * You rose on
the third day, O Lord * and Savior, granting life
unto the world. * For this reason were the powers
of heaven crying out to You, O Life-giver: *
Glory to Your resurrection, O Christ; * glory to
Your kingdom; * glory to Your dispensation, only
One who loves mankind.

Apolytikion. Grave Mode.

You were transfigured upon the mountain,
O Christ our God, showing to Your disciples
Your glory as much as they could bear. Do
also in us, sinners though we may be, shine
Your everlasting light, by the intercessions of
the Theotokos, O Giver of light. Glory to You.

Κοντάκιον.

Ἦχος βαρὺς.

Ἐπὶ τοῦ ὄρους μετεμορφώθης, καὶ ὡς
ἐχώρουν οἱ Μαθηταὶ σου τὴν δόξαν σου,
Χριστέ ὁ Θεός ἐθεάσαντο, ἵνα ὅταν σε ἴδωσι
σταυρούμενον, τὸ μὲν πάθος νοήσωσιν
ἐκούσιον, τῷ δὲ κόσμῳ κηρύξωσιν, ὅτι σὺ
ὑπάρχεις ἀληθῶς, τοῦ Πατρὸς τὸ ἀπαύγασμα.

Πρὸς Κορινθίους Α' Ἐπιστολῆς Παύλου τὸ
ἀνάγνωσμα.

Ἀδελφοί, ὁ Θεὸς ἡμᾶς τοὺς Ἀποστόλους
ἐσχάτους ἀπέδειξεν ὡς ἐπιθανάτιους, ὅτι
θέατρον ἐγενήθημεν τῷ κόσμῳ καὶ ἀγγέλοις καὶ
ἀνθρώποις. Ἡμεῖς μωροὶ διὰ Χριστόν, ὑμεῖς δὲ
φρόνιμοι ἐν Χριστῷ· ἡμεῖς ἀσθενεῖς, ὑμεῖς δὲ
ἰσχυροί· ὑμεῖς ἐνδοξοὶ, ἡμεῖς δὲ ἄτιμοι. Ἀχρι τῆς
ἄρτι ὥρας καὶ πεινῶμεν καὶ διψῶμεν καὶ
γυμνητεύομεν καὶ κολαφιζόμεθα καὶ ἀστατοῦμεν
καὶ κοπιῶμεν ἐργαζόμενοι ταῖς ἰδίαις χερσίν·
λοιδορούμενοι εὐλογοῦμεν, διωκόμενοι
ἀνεχόμεθα, δυσφημούμενοι παρακαλοῦμεν· ὡς
περικαθάρματα τοῦ κόσμου ἐγενήθημεν, πάντων
περίψημα, ἕως ἄρτι. Οὐκ ἐντρέπων ὑμᾶς γράφω
ταῦτα, ἀλλ' ὡς τέκνα μου ἀγαπητὰ νουθετῶ. Ἐάν
γὰρ μυρίους παιδαγωγούς ἐχητε ἐν Χριστῷ, ἀλλ'
οὐ πολλοὺς πατέρας· ἐν γὰρ Χριστῷ Ἰησοῦ διὰ
τοῦ Εὐαγγελίου ἐγὼ ὑμᾶς ἐγέννησα. Παρακαλῶ
οὖν ὑμᾶς, μιμηταὶ μου γίνεσθε.

ΕΥΑΓΓΕΛΙΟΝ. Ματθαῖον (17:14-23)

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, ἄνθρωπός τις προσῆλθεν τῷ
Ἰησοῦ, γονυπετῶν αὐτὸν καὶ λέγων· Κύριε,
ἐλέησόν μου τὸν υἱόν, ὅτι σεληνιάζεται καὶ
κακῶς πάσχει· πολλάκις γὰρ πίπτει εἰς τὸ πῦρ καὶ
πολλάκις εἰς τὸ ὕδωρ. καὶ προσήνεγκα αὐτὸν τοῖς
μαθηταῖς σου, καὶ οὐκ ἠδυνήθησαν αὐτὸν τοῖς
θεραπεῦσαι. ἀποκριθεὶς δὲ ὁ Ἰησοῦς εἶπεν· Ὡ
γενεὰ ἄπιστος καὶ διεστραμμένη! ἕως πότε
ἔσομαι μεθ' ὑμῶν; ἕως πότε ἀνέξομαι ὑμῶν;
φέρετέ μοι αὐτὸν ὧδε. καὶ ἐπετίμησεν αὐτῷ ὁ
Ἰησοῦς, καὶ ἐξῆλθεν ἀπ' αὐτοῦ τὸ δαιμόνιον καὶ
ἐθεραπεύθη ὁ παῖς ἀπὸ τῆς ὥρας ἐκείνης. Τότε
προσελθόντες οἱ μαθηταὶ τῷ Ἰησοῦ κατ' ἰδίαν
εἶπον· Διατί ἡμεῖς οὐκ ἠδυνήθημεν ἐκβαλεῖν
αὐτό; ὁ δὲ Ἰησοῦς εἶπεν αὐτοῖς· Διὰ τὴν ἄπιστίαν
ὑμῶν. ἀμὴν γὰρ λέγω ὑμῖν, ἐάν ἔχητε πίστιν ὡς
κόκκον σινάπεως, ἐρεῖτε τῷ ὄρει τούτῳ,
μετάβηθι ἐντεῦθεν ἐκεῖ, καὶ μεταβήσεται· καὶ
οὐδὲν ἀδυνατήσει ὑμῖν. τοῦτο δὲ τὸ γένος οὐκ
ἐκπορεύεται εἰ μὴ ἐν προσευχῇ καὶ νηστείᾳ.
Ἀναστρεφομένων δὲ αὐτῶν εἰς τὴν Γαλιλαίαν
εἶπεν αὐτοῖς ὁ Ἰησοῦς· Μέλλει ὁ υἱὸς τοῦ
ἀνθρώπου παραδίδοσθαι εἰς χεῖρας ἀνθρώπων
καὶ ἀποκτενοῦσιν αὐτόν, καὶ τῇ τρίτῃ ἡμέρᾳ
ἐγερθήσεται.

The reading is from Paul's First Letter to the
Corinthians.

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.

GOSPEL: Matthew (17:14-23)

At that time, a man came up to Him 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." And
Jesus answered, "O faithless and perverse
generation, how long am I to be with you? How
long am I to bear with you? Bring him here to
me." And Jesus rebuked him, and the demon
came out of him, and the boy was cured instantly.
Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and
said, "Why could we not cast it out?" He said to
them, "Because of your little faith. For truly I say
to you, if you have faith as a grain of mustard
seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move hence
to yonder place,' and it will move; and nothing
will be impossible to you. But this kind never
comes out except by prayer and fasting." As they
were gathering in Galilee, Jesus said to them,
"The Son of man is to be delivered into the hands
of men, and they will kill Him, and He will be
raised on the third day."