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Divine Services and Events For April 2013

Friday, April 5th,

-7:00 PM – Salutations to the Mother of God (Salutation III)

hosted by St. Nicholas Orthodox Church, Southbridge. The Massachusetts Deanery Clergy will participate. Fr. Timothy Cremeens is the homilist. A light Lenten meal will be served in the church hall following the service.

Sunday, April 7th, Third Sunday of Great Lent –

Commemoration of the Veneration of the Holy Cross (Tone #3)

Saints of the Day: Repose of St. Tikhon, Patriarch of Moscow and All Russia and Enlightener of North America and St George the Confessor, Bishop of Mitylene

Matins Gospel Lesson: St. John 21: 15-25

Epistle Lesson: Hebrews 4: 14-5:6

Gospel Lesson: St. Mark 8: 34-9: 1

-10:00 AM – Procession with the Holy Cross to the nave of the church and the Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great followed by the distribution of daffodils which adorned the Holy Cross

Homily: The Tree of Life

-Fr. Joseph will administer the Oath of Office at the conclusion of Divine Liturgy to the **Vetetima~Women’s Society Officers** elected at their annual meeting.

-11:00 AM – Church School in the church hall

-Fellowship in the church hall

Monday, April 8th, The Natick Community will host a Blood Drive at the Natick Senior Center, 117 East Central St., from 2:00 to 7:00 PM to assist American Red Cross Blood Bank. If you are physically able, please donate blood!

Tuesday, April 9th,

-6:30 PM – Monthly Parish Council Meeting in the church hall

Friday, April 12th,

-7:00 PM – Salutations to the Mother of God (Salutation IV)

hosted by St. Mary’s Assumption Church, Worcester. The Massachusetts Deanery Clergy will participate. Fr. Joseph J. Gallick is the Homilist. A light Lenten meal will be served in the church hall following the service.

**Sunday, April 14th, Fourth Sunday of Great Lent –
Commemoration of St. John Climacus (Tone #4)**

Saint of the Day: St. Martin the Confessor, Pope of Rome

Matins Gospel Lesson: St. Matthew 28: 16-20

Epistle Lessons: Hebrews 6: 13-20 Ephesians 5: 9-19 (St. John)

Gospel Lessons: St. Mark 9: 17-31 Matthew 4: 25 – 5: 12 (St. John)

-10:00 AM – The Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great

Homily: The Ladder of Divine Ascent

-11:00 AM – Church School in the church hall

-Fellowship in the church hall

Friday, April 19th,

-7:00 PM – Salutations to the Mother of God (Salutation V)

hosted by St. John the Baptist Orthodox Church, Boston. The Massachusetts Deanery Clergy will participate. Fr. Mark Doku is the homilist. A light Lenten meal will be served in the church hall following the service.

Saturday, April 20th, The Natick Community will host a Blood Drive at the Meridian Masonic Lodge, 24 Main St., from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM to assist American Red Cross Blood Bank. If you are physically able, please donate blood!

**Sunday, April 21st, The Fifth Sunday of Great Lent-
Commemoration of St. Mary of Egypt (Tone #5)**

Saints of the Day: Hieromartyr Januarius, Bishop of Benevento and his companions with him

Matins Gospel Lesson: St. Mark 16: 1-8

Epistle Lessons: Hebrews 9: 11-14 Galatians 3: 23-29 (St. Mary)

Gospel Lessons: St. Mark 10: 32-45 St. Luke 7: 36-50 (St. Mary)

-10:00 AM – The Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great

Homily: Humility with Love

-11:00 AM – Church School in the church hall

Memory Eternal – A Memorial Litany for the repose of the soul of George Pojani (Three Year Anniversary) offered by Mr. and Mrs. Nonda Bimbli and Family and for the repose of the soul of Lana Argir (Two Year Anniversary) offered by Mr. James Argir and Family.

-Fellowship in the church hall is in memory of George Pojani and Lana Argir and hosted by the Bimbli and Argir Families.

-2013 Semi-Annual Membership Meeting in the church hall after fellowship

A Thought

Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.

(Galatians 6: 9)

Welcome to all visitors joining our church community for Sunday Divine Liturgy. Fr. Joseph, the members of our Parish Council, and our church community wish to thank you for praying with us and we hope you will return again. Please sign our guest book located in the rear of the church, and join us for fellowship following Divine Liturgy in our church hall.

Congratulations To Our Church Members Celebrating Their Patronal Saint Name Day Of

Great Martyr George – April 23rd,
Apostle and Evangelist Mark – April 25th,
St. Stephen of Perm – April 26th,
May God Grant You Many Years!

2013 Project Helping Hands

Our Church School teachers and students will begin collecting food items to assist the needs of The Vi Tutuny Food Pantry in Natick. This project will begin Sunday, April 7th, and continue until St. Thomas Sunday, May 12th.

The following items are in dire need: peanut butter and grape jelly (all size jars), snacks for children, juice boxes or any other non-perishable items you wish to donate will be appreciated. Containers will be located in the church hall under the bulletin board.

You may also make a monetary donation, which will be used to purchase other needed items. Make your check payable to Annunciation Orthodox Church (Memo: Pantry) and mail it to the church or leave it at the candle desk on Sunday.

If you wish to have your items picked up at your home, please contact Fr. Joseph by calling the church office.

Let's share with others the blessings God has given to us!