

Glad Tidings-Outreach



Christ Is Risen! Truly He Is Risen!
Krishti Ungjall! Vertet Ungjall!
Christos Anesti! Alithos Anesti!
Christos Voskrese! Voistinnu Voskrese!
Christos a Inviat! Adevarat a Inviat!
Al Maseeh Qam! Huggun Qam!

*Great and Holy Passion Week
Holy Pascha (Easter) and Bright Week Services*

Annunciation Orthodox Church
Albanian Orthodox Archdiocese in America
Orthodox Church in America
37 Washington St. Natick, MA 01760-3547
Website: www.aocnatick.org

Saturday, April 27th, Commemoration of the Resurrection of Lazarus

Saints of the Day: Hieromartyr Simeon, the kinsman of our Lord,
Venerable Stephen, Abbot of the Kiev Caves
and Bishop of Vladimir in Volhynia

Epistle Lesson: Hebrews 12: 28 - 13: 8

Gospel Lesson: St. John 11: 1-45

**-10:00 AM – The Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom
+++**

Sunday, April 28th, Palm Sunday – Entry of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ into Jerusalem

Saints of the Day: Apostles Jason and Sosipator of the Seventy and
The Virgin Cercyra, and those with them

Matins Gospel Lesson: St. Matthew 21: 1-11, 15-17

Epistle Lesson: Philippians 4: 4-9

Gospel Lesson: St. John 12: 1-18

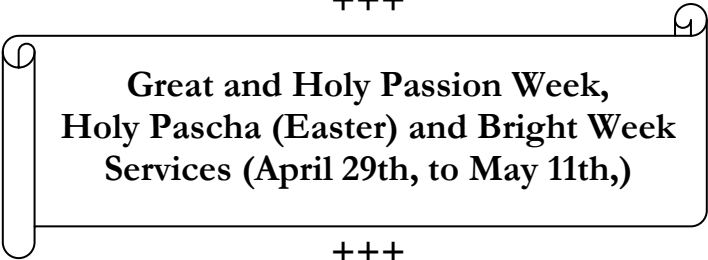
**-9:30 AM – Preparation Prayers followed by General Confession
in preparation for Great and Holy Passion Week**

**-10:00 AM – Blessing and distribution of palms followed by
The Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom
Homily: A Symbol of Victory**

Note: Our Church School teachers and students will hold palms in the
center aisle during the Great Entrance procession.

**-11:15 AM – Church School in the church hall
– Fellowship in the church hall hosted by
The Fedak Family**

+++



**Great and Holy Passion Week,
Holy Pascha (Easter) and Bright Week
Services (April 29th, to May 11th,)**

+++

Great and Holy Wednesday, May 1st,

**-7:00 PM – The Service of Holy Unction and the anointing of all
faithful Orthodox Christians attending the service.**

**Great and Holy Thursday, May 2nd, Commemoration of the
Last Supper and the Institution of the Sacrament of the Holy
Eucharist**

Saint of the Day: St. Athanasius the Great

Epistle Lesson: I Corinthians 11: 23-32

Gospel Lesson: St. Matthew 26: 2-20, St. John 13: 3-17, St. Matthew 26: 21-29, St. Luke 22: 43-45, St. Matthew 26: 40-27: 2, and St. John 13: 1-17

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

-7:00 PM – Matins with the reading of the Twelve Passion Gospels

Great and Holy Friday, May 3rd, Commemoration of the Passion, Death, and Burial of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ

-3:00 PM – Vespers with the Entombment of our Lord

NOTE:

The church will remain open for the faithful to pray before the Tomb.

-7:00 PM – Lamentations before the Tomb of our Lord

Homily: The Wise Thief

Great and Holy Saturday, May 4th,

-7:30 PM – Paschal Resurrection Matins

– **The Paschal Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom**
Homily: The Resurrection

– **The blessing of the Artos (Bread) and distribution of red eggs.**

– **The blessing of Paschal foods in the church hall followed by a Paschal pot luck meal to end the fast and celebrate the Glorious Resurrection of our Lord.**

NOTE: To prepare yourself to partake of the Holy Eucharist at the Paschal Divine Liturgy, you must fast (abstain) from food, drink, smoking, etc., from 12:00 Noon, Great and Holy Saturday.

Holy Pascha (Easter) Sunday, May 5th,

-12:00 Noon – Paschal Vespers

Easter Flowers and Easter Offering Donation Envelopes are enclosed with this edition of the **Glad Tidings~Outreach** for your convenience. You may mail or bring your donation envelope to Great and Holy Friday or Great and Holy Saturday Services.

Dell Park Cemetery – Sunday, May 19th, following fellowship in the church hall, Fr. Joseph will serve a Memorial Litany at the grave of Fr. Peter Chala followed by the blessing of all the graves of our departed family members buried at the cemetery. (Weather Permitting)

Vetetima~Women’s Society Mother’s Day Bake Sale:

-Baklava Bake Shop, Tuesday, May 7th, volunteers are asked to come to the church hall at 9:30 AM to help make extra baklava for the Mother’s Day Bake Sale. No experience is necessary. Your support will be greatly appreciated.

-Friday, May 10th, The church hall will be open from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM, for you to drop off your baked goods.

-Saturday, May 11th, 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM – Mother’s Day Bake Sale in the church hall. The ladies of our **Vetetima** are asking our church members to help make this Bake Sale a success by baking your favorite recipe.

-Midfeast of Pentecost, The **Vetetima** will have their traditional **Rusicat Dinner** in the church hall, Wednesday, May 29th, at 5:30 PM. More information to follow.

Congratulations:

-To John and Gina Foody the proud parents of a baby girl, Emma Mary, born Sunday, March 10th, at 4:54 AM, weighing 7lbs, 15oz and 19.5” long. The proud grandparents are John and Theresa Foody and Theodore and Karen Stamuli. **May God Grant Emma Mary Many Years!**

-Sunday, March 24th, His Eminence, Archbishop NIKON conferred The Herald of St. Constantine upon Alexandre Socrat who distinguished himself by a lifetime of extraordinary service to our church and the Greater Boston Pan Orthodox Community in choral voice and organ music. **May God Grant Him Many Years!**

-To Robert T. and Devin A. Ficker the proud parents of a baby girl, Brooke Alexandra Ficker, born Tuesday, March 26th, at 5:13 PM, weighing 8lbs, 3oz and 21”long. The proud grandparents are Robert and Deborah Ficker and Geoffrey and Sandra Fenwick. **May God Grant Brooke Alexandra Many Years!**

-To Karen Stamuli who was awarded the 2013 You Are Special Staff Recognition Award at the 2013 Salute to Framingham Awards Presentation and Dinner, Wednesday, March 27th, at the Sheraton Tara, Framingham, by Dr. Stacy Scott for her 27 ½ years of outstanding service at the Potter Road School Library. **May God Grant Her Many Years!**