

Glad Tidings~Outreach



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Divine Services and Events For December 2013

Sunday, December 1st, 23rd Sunday after Pentecost (Tone #6)

Saint of the Day: Prophet Nahum

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

Epistle Lesson: Ephesians 2: 4-10

Gospel Lesson: St. Luke 18: 18-27

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

-11:00 AM – No Church School in the church hall

–Fellowship in the church hall is hosted by Mrs. William Botka and Family in memory of William Botka.

Our Vetetima~Women’s Society Merry Christmas Party for members and their guests is Sunday, December 8th, at the Dolphin Restaurant, Natick. Meet and Greet at 1:00 PM The menu is a buffet featuring sole a la pedro and chicken parmigiana. Contact Claire Apostol to make your reservation. Please make your check payable to the Vetetima~Women’s Society for \$30.00 **Today is the last day to make your reservation.**

Sunday, December 8th, 24th Sunday after Pentecost (Tone #7)

Feast Day commemorating St. Nicholas the Wonderworker,

Archbishop of Myra in Lycia

Saint of the Day: Venerable Patapius of Thebes

Matins Gospel Lesson: St. John 10: 9-16

Epistle Lesson: Hebrews 13: 17-21

Gospel Lesson: St. Luke 6: 17-23

-9:30 AM – Preparation Prayers followed by General Confession for our Church School teachers, students, and faithful

-10:00 AM – The Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom followed by a fellowship breakfast for everyone in the church hall and a visit from St. Nicholas.

-1:00 PM – Vetetima~Women’s Society Merry Christmas Party at the Dolphin Restaurant, Natick.

Sunday, December 15th, 25th Sunday after Pentecost –Sunday of the Forefathers (Tone #8)

Saints of the Day: Hieromartyr Eleutherius, Bishop of Illyria, and his mother, Martyr Anthia

Matins Gospel Lesson: St. Mark 16: 9-20

Epistle Lesson: Colossians 3: 4-11

Gospel Lesson: St. Luke 14: 16-24

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

Sunday, December 15th, 25th Sunday after Pentecost –Sunday of the Forefathers (Tone #8)

-11:30 AM – Annual Nativity Pageant presented by our Church
School teachers and students in the nave of the church
–Fellowship in the church hall

Note: Final Sunday to contribute to the Annual Mitten Tree.

Wednesday, December 18th,

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

Sunday, December 22nd, 26th Sunday after Pentecost (Tone #1)
Sunday before the Nativity of our Lord, God, and Savior, Jesus Christ

Saint of the Day: Greatmartyr Anastasia

Matins Gospel Lesson: St. Luke 24: 1-12

Epistle Lesson: Hebrews 11: 9-10, 17-23, 32-40

Gospel Lesson: St. Matthew 1: 1-25

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

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

– Fellowship in the church hall

Sunday, December 29th, 27th Sunday after Pentecost (Tone #2)
Sunday before the Nativity of our Lord, God, and Savior, Jesus Christ - Commemoration of the Holy Righteous Ones – Joseph the Betrothed, David the King and James the brother of the Lord

Saints of the Day: The 14,000 Infants (Holy Innocents) slain by Herod at Bethlehem

Matins Gospel Lesson: St. Luke 24: 12-35

Epistle Lesson: Galatians 1: 11-19

Gospel Lesson: St. Matthew 2: 13-23

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

-11:00 AM – No Church School in the church hall

– Fellowship in the church hall

Welcome to all visitors joining us for 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 in our church hall.

A Thought:

**It is God who arms me with strength
and makes my way perfect. (Psalm 18: 32)**

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

Great Martyr Barbara – December 4th,
St. Nicholas the Wonderworker,
Archbishop of Myra in Lycia – December 6th,
Holy Protomartyr and Archdeacon Stephen – December 27th,
Holy Righteous Ones: Joseph the Betrothed, David the King
and James the Brother of the Lord – December 29th,
May God Grant You Many Years!

2014 Church Wall Calendars are available at the candle desk in the rear of the church for you to take home. Remember to pick up your calendar.

Looking Ahead:

-Sunday, January 5, 2014

Annual bidding for Holy Icons following Divine Liturgy in the church hall.

-Monday, January 6, 2014

Holy Day commemorating the Holy Theophany of Our Lord, God and Savior, Jesus Christ and the Great Blessing of Water

-Sunday, January 26, 2014

The 2013 Annual Membership Meeting in the church hall.

Congratulations:

-To Andrew J. and Alayna M. Anderson the proud parents of a baby boy, Henry V. Anderson, born Saturday, October 12th, weighing 7lbs, 14oz and 21” long. The proud grandparents are Andrew and Jean Anderson and Gordon and Nancy VanTassel.

May God Grant Henry Many Years!

-To John and Mary Croke celebrating their 60th Wedding Anniversary, November 22, 2013. **May God Grant Them Many Years!**

2013 Pledge

Have you paid your church pledge for 2013? Contact our Parish Council Treasurer, Brian Verdy, if you are not sure or have any questions regarding your pledge.