

Glad Tidings~Outreach



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Divine Services and Events For January 2014

Wednesday, January 1st, No Divine Services are scheduled at
10:00 AM

Sunday, January 5th, 28th Sunday after Pentecost (Tone #3) –
Eve of the Holy Day commemorating the Holy Theophany of
Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ

Saint of the Day: Hieromartyr Theopemptus, Bishop of Nicomedia

Matins Gospel: St. Luke 24: 36-53

Epistle Lesson: II Timothy 4: 5-8

Gospel Lesson: St. Mark 1: 1-8

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

Homily: Who am I?

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

-Memory Eternal – A Memorial Litany for the repose of the soul of
Justin Bailey (Two Year Anniversary) offered by Mr. and Mrs.
Benjamin Bailey and Family.

– **Fellowship** in the church hall hosted by the
Parish Council

Annual Bidding for Holy Icons in the church hall following
fellowship

Monday, January 6th, Holy Day commemorating the Holy
Theophany of Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ

Matins Gospel: St. Mark 1: 9-11

Epistle Lesson: Titus 2: 11-14; 3: 4-7

Gospel Lesson: St. Matthew 3: 13-17

-10:00 AM – The Divine Liturgy of St John Chrysostom
followed by the Great Blessing of Water

Home Blessing: Fr. Joseph is available to bless your home. Please
contact him to arrange a convenient date and time.

Sunday, January 12th, 29th Sunday after Pentecost (Tone #4)
Sunday after the Holy Day commemorating the Holy Theophany
of Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ

Saints of the Day: Martyr Tatiana of Rome and those who suffered
with her and St. Sava, first Archbishop of Serbia

Matins Gospel Lesson: St. John 20: 1-10

Epistle Lesson: Ephesians 4: 7-13

Gospel Lesson: St. Matthew 4: 12-17

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

Homily: True or False

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

Sunday, January 12th, 29th Sunday after Pentecost (Continued)

-Memory Eternal – A Memorial Litany for the repose of the soul of Florence Hutchinson (Two Year Anniversary) offered by the Hutchinson Family.

– **Fellowship** in the church hall

NOTE: Fr. Joseph will represent the Orthodox Church in America at a Conference of Military and Veteran Administration Hospital Chaplain Endorsers at Alexandria, VA, from Monday, January 13th, to Thursday, January 16th. Please contact Edward J. Powers or Elias T. Verdy, in case of a Pastoral Emergency.

Sunday, January 19th, 30th, Sunday after Pentecost (Tone #5)

Saints of the Day: Venerable Macarius the Great of Egypt and St. Mark, Archbishop of Ephesus

Matins Gospel Lesson: St. John 20: 11-18

Epistle Lesson: Colossians 3: 12-16

Gospel Lesson: St. Luke 18: 35-43

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

Homily: Dealing with Wealth

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

– **Fellowship** in the church hall

Monday, January 16th,

-11:00 AM Eighth Annual Natick Community Celebration of **Rev Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day** at the Wilson Middle School Auditorium, 22 Rutledge Road, Natick. The public is invited to attend. The Natick Interfaith Clergy Association and the Natick School Department are sponsors of this celebration. A free will offering will be taken at the conclusion of the program and donated to the Natick Service Council.

Sunday January 26th, 31st Sunday after Pentecost (Tone #6)

Saints of the Day: Venerable Xenophon of Constantinople, his wife Mary and their sons, Arcadius and John

Matins Gospel Lesson: St. John 20: 19-31

Epistle Lesson: I Timothy 1: 15-17

Gospel Lesson: St. Matthew 15: 21-28

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

-11:00 A.M. – Church School Students Homily: The Holy Icon

– **Fellowship** in the church hall

The 2013 Annual Membership Meeting in the church hall. Plan to attend this important meeting.

Thursday, January 30th, Feast Day commemorating the Synaxis of the Three Ecumenical Teachers and Hierarchs: Basil the Great, Gregory the Theologian and John Chrysostom

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

Epistle Lesson: Hebrews 13: 7-16

Gospel Lesson: St. Matthew 5: 14-19

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

A Thought

“Do not seek things too difficult for you,
nor examine what is beyond your strength.”

The Wisdom of Sirach 3: 20

Welcome to all visitors joining us 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

St. Basil the Great – January 1st,

Holy Glorious Prophet, Forerunner and Baptist, John – January 7th,

May God Grant You Many Years!

Mitten Tree Project: Our Church School teachers and students thank all of our members for their support of this project. Hats (23), hat/glove sets (8), scarves (11), gloves (13), fleece sweat shirts (10), fuzzy sox set (1) and twenty eight wrapped children’s gifts were donated to the Natick Service Council for distribution to needy children in the Natick Community during the holidays. **Thank you for your generosity!**

Special Blessing... Sunday, December 29th, at the conclusion of Divine Liturgy, Fr. Joseph blessed a new Icon Stand and two new candle stands for our church entrance. These items were donated by our **Vetetima~Women’s Society**. **May God Grant The Ladies of our Vetetima Many Years!**

Vetetima~Women’s Society – Vi Anthony, Treasurer, is accepting membership dues for 2014. The yearly dues are \$10.00. Contact Vi should you have any questions.