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Divine Services and Events For March 2014

Sunday, March 2nd, Cheese Fare Sunday – Forgiveness Sunday (Tone #3)

Today's Saints: Hieromartyr Theodotus, Bishop of Cyrenia and St. Arsenius, Bishop of Tver

Matins Gospel: St. Mark 16: 9-20

Epistle Lesson: Romans 13: 11-14: 4

Gospel Lesson: St. Matthew 6: 14-21

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

Homily: Doing Without

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

Memory Eternal – A Memorial Litany for the repose of the souls of our departed **Vetetima~Women's Society** sisters. (Annual Commemoration)

–**Fellowship** in the church hall is hosted by the society in memory of their departed sisters. Each member is asked to bring a dessert for fellowship.

The **Annual Meeting** of the **Vetetima~Women's Society** will convene following fellowship to elect society officers for 2014 and to discuss and conduct any necessary business. All members are encouraged to stay for this meeting and new members are always welcome to join. Yearly dues are \$10.

Monday, March 3rd, is the beginning of the **Great Lenten Period** in the Orthodox Church. This period lasts for forty days. During this time, sincere prayer, fasting, repentance, and forgiveness should be the focus of every Orthodox Christian's life.

Thursday, March 6th,

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

Saturday, March 8th, The First Saturday of Great Lent – Commemoration of St. Theodore Tyro (The Recruit)

Epistle Lesson: Hebrews 1: 1-12

Gospel Lesson: St. Mark 2: 23-3: 5

-9:00 AM – **The Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom** and the blessing of koliva

Daylight Saving Time begins at 2:00 AM, Sunday, March 9th. Remember to set your clock ahead one hour before you go to sleep Saturday night!

Sunday, March 9th, First Sunday of Great Lent – Sunday of Orthodoxy (Tone #4)

Saints of the Day: The Holy Forty Martyrs of Sebaste

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

Epistle Lessons: Hebrews 11: 24-26 & Hebrews 12: 1-10 Martyrs

Gospel Lessons: St. John 1: 43-51 & St. Matthew 20: 1-16 Martyrs

-9:30 AM – Preparation Prayers followed by General Confession

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

followed by the procession with Holy Icons by our church school teachers and students

Homily: Everywhere Present

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

– **Fellowship** in the church hall hosted by Sandra Fenwick

-1:00 PM-Holy Baptism and Chrismation of Henry V. Anderson

2014 Project Helping Hands

Our Church School teachers and students will begin collecting items to assist the needs of The Vi Tutuny Food Pantry in Natick. The project will begin Sunday, March 9th, and end Sunday, April 27th, when our teachers, students and their families will transport the collected items to the pantry and take a tour of the pantry following fellowship in the church hall.

The following items are in dire need: canned tuna fish, peanut butter and grape jelly (all size jars), mustard and ketchup, cereal, paper products, shampoo or any other non-perishable items you wish to donate will be appreciated. Containers will be located in the rear of the church and in church hall.

You may also make a monetary donation, which will be used to purchase additional 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!

Friday, March 14th,

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

hosted by St. Nicholas Church, Southbridge. His Eminence, Archbishop **NIKON** will preside, assisted by the

Massachusetts Deanery Clergy. Fr. Timothy Lowe is the homilist. A light Lenten meal will be served in the church hall following the service.

**Sunday, March 16th, Second Sunday of Great Lent –
Commemoration of St. Gregory Palamas (Tone #5)**

Saints of the Day: Martyr Sabinas of Egypt and Martyr Papas of Lyconia

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

Epistle Lessons: Hebrews 1: 10-2:3 & Hebrews 7: 26-8: 2 (Saint)

Gospel Lessons: St. Mark 2: 1-12 & St. John 10: 9-16 (Saint)

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

Homily: Helping Others

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

– Fellowship in the church hall

Friday, March 21st,

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

hosted by our church. His Eminence, Archbishop **NIKON** will preside assisted by the Massachusetts Deanery Clergy. Fr. Arthur Liolin is the homilist. A special offering will be taken at the conclusion of the service for the spiritual work of the Massachusetts Deanery Clergy. A light Lenten meal will be served by our ladies in the church hall following the service. Gloria Estey is the volunteer coordinator for this meal. Contact Gloria if you wish to donate a food dish or assist with the set up or serving the meal.

A special welcome to His Eminence, Archbishop **NIKON**,
Archbishop of Boston, New England and the
Albanian Orthodox Archdiocese in America, during his
Archpastoral visit to our church as we commemorate
our church's Patronal Feast Day of the Annunciation
of the Mother of our God and Ever-Virgin Mary.

MAY GOD GRANT YOU MANY YEARS MASTER!

**Sunday, March 23rd, Third Sunday of Great Lent –
Commemoration of the Veneration of the Holy Cross (Tone #6)
and the Commemoration of the Patronal Feast Day of our
church-The Annunciation of the Mother of God**

Saints of the Day: Martyr Nikon and 199 disciples with him in Sicily

Matins Gospel Lesson: St. Luke 24: 36-53

Epistle Lessons: Hebrews 4: 14-5: 6

Sunday, March 23rd, Third Sunday of Great Lent (Continued)

Epistle Lesson: Hebrews 2: 11-18 (Patronal Feast)

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

St. Luke 1: 24-38 (Patronal Feast)

-9:30 AM – Greeting and Vesting of His Eminence,
Archbishop **NIKON**

-10:00 AM – Procession with the Holy Cross to the nave of the
church and the Hierarchal Divine Liturgy,
Church School Students Homily: Orthodox Clergy
and the distribution of daffodils followed by a
Patronal Feast Day Brunch in the church hall

Karen Stamuli is the volunteer brunch coordinator. Contact Karen if you wish to assist her with the brunch. Your support will be appreciated.

Friday, March 28th,

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

hosted by St. Mary's Assumption Church, Worcester. His Eminence, Archbishop **NIKON** will preside, assisted by the Massachusetts Deanery Clergy. Fr. John Daly is the homilist. A light Lenten meal will be served in the church hall following the service.

**Sunday, March 30th, Fourth Sunday of Great Lent –
Commemoration of St. John Climacus (of The Ladder)-Tone #5**

Saint of the Day: St. John Climacus, author of The Ladder

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

Epistle Lessons: Hebrews 6: 13-20 & Ephesians 5: 9-19 (Saint)

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

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

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

A Thought

“My soul, my soul, arise! Why are you sleeping? The end is drawing near, and you will be confounded. Awake, then, and be watchful, that Christ our God may spare you, Who is everywhere and fills all things.” The Kontakion (Tone #6) sung each day during the first week of Great Lent during the reading of The Great Canon written by St. Andrew of Crete.

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

Fellowship Sign-Up Sheets are on a clipboard located in the pamphlet rack in the rear of the church. Please review the months for a specific Sunday and volunteer to host fellowship following Divine Liturgy by signing your name. Please feel free to contact Phyllis Matto or Virginia James if you have any questions about hosting fellowship.

2014 Lenten Mission, hosted by St. Andrew Ukrainian Orthodox Church, 24 Orchard Hill Rd., Jamaica Plain, MA, Saturday, March 29th. 10:00 AM – Divine Liturgy followed by a Luncheon with featured speaker, Fr. Peter-Michael Preble, Pastor of St. Michael Romanian Orthodox Church, Southbridge. His topic is, “Turning up the heat on our Orthodox Faith.” Check the flyer on the church hall bulletin board for more information.

Looking Ahead

Friday, April 4th, 7:00 PM – Salutations to the Mother of God (Salutations IV) hosted by St. George Cathedral, South Boston. His Eminence, Archbishop **NIKON** will preside, assisted by the Massachusetts Deanery Clergy. Fr. John Scollard is the homilist. A light Lenten meal will be served in the church hall following the service.

-Sunday, April 13th, Palm Sunday

-Sunday, April 20th, Holy Pascha (Easter)

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

Blessed Prince Daniel of Moscow, March 4th,
St. Theodore Tyro (The Recruit), March 8th,
Holy Forty Martyrs of Sebaste, March 9th,
St. Patrick, Bishop of Armagh, Enlightener of Ireland, March 17th,
Martyr Nikon and 199 disciples with him in Sicily, March 23rd,
Annunciation of the Mother of God and Ever-Virgin Mary,
March 25th,

May God Grant You Many Years!