

Glad Tidings~Outreach



Annunciation Orthodox Church
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The Divine Services and events for the month of December
at our church:

Sunday, December 7th, 26th Sunday after Pentecost (Tone #1)
**Feast Day commemorating St. Nicholas the Wonderworker,
Archbishop of Myra in Lycia**

Saint of the Day: St. Ambrose, Bishop of Milan

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.

Homily: Are we helping others?

-1:00 PM – Vetetima~Women’s Society Merry Christmas Party
at Ken’s Steak House, Framingham

Sunday, December 14th, 27th Sunday after Pentecost (Tone #2)
Sunday of the Forefathers

Saints of the Day: Martyrs Thyrsus, Leucis, and Callinicus of
Apollonia

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

Epistle Lesson: Colossians 3: 4-11

Gospel Lesson: St. Luke 14: 16-24

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

Homily: Excuses, Excuses...

-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

–A monthly **Parish Council Meeting** will follow fellowship.

Note: Final Sunday to contribute to the Annual Mitten Tree

Sunday, December 21st, 28th Sunday after Pentecost (Tone #3)
**Sunday before the Nativity of our Lord, God, and Savior, Jesus
Christ**

Saints of the Day: Virgin Martyr Juliana of Nicomedia, and with
her 500 men and 130 women

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

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

Homily: The Arrival

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

– Fellowship in the church hall

Sunday, December 28th, 29th Sunday after Pentecost (Tone #4)

Sunday after 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 20,000 Martyrs of Nicomedia and those with them

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

Epistle Lesson: Galatians 1: 11-19

Gospel Lesson: St. Matthew 2: 13-23

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

Homily: Rage

-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:

**For by your words you will be acquitted,
and by your words you will be condemned.**

(The Gospel of St. Matthew 12: 37)

2015 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.

2014 Pledge

Have you paid your church pledge for 2014? Contact our Parish Council Treasurer, Brian Verdy, if you are not sure or have any questions regarding your pledge.

**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 28th,

May God Grant You Many Years!

A **Special Thank You** to Chefs Steve Pisuk and Thom Brooke who hosted a delicious five course menu at our Night in November to Remember Fund Raising Dinner enjoyed by our members and guests who attended each seating. \$1,100 was raised and donated to our church. **May God Bless their generosity!**

The A Capella Singers presents Voices Shimmer on the Frosty Eve at Fisk Memorial United Methodist Church, Natick, Saturday, December 6th, at 7:30 PM. The program will feature the Chanuka Song (We are lights) Ha Shalom-Hanerot Halau Svivon in natali Domini-the Angelic Greeting and Christmas Songs and Carol sing-along. Gesu Bambino, Pietro Yon-Ann Powers, Vocal Solo and Pastorale, BMV 590-Movement, JS Bach, George Sargeant, Organ Solo. General Admission is \$15.00 and Seniors, Students and Children is \$12.00

The Heritage Chorale presents A Heritage Christmas of Sumptuous Renaissance Music and Traditional Holiday Carols, John Finney, Conductor, at St. Mark's School Performing Arts Center, Southborough, Sunday, December 14th, at 4:00 PM. General Admission is \$25.00, Seniors/Students is \$20.00, and Children to the age of 12 is \$10.00

-Tuesday, January 6, 2015

Holy Day commemorating the Holy Theophany of Our Lord, God and Savior, Jesus Christ and the Great Blessing of Water – The Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom will begin at 10:00 AM