

# Glad Tidings~Outreach



**Annunciation Orthodox Church  
Albanian Orthodox Archdiocese in America  
Orthodox Church in America**

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## Divine Services and Events

Thursday, January 1st, No Divine Services scheduled

**Sunday, January 4th, 30th Sunday after Pentecost (Tone #5) Sunday before the Holy Theophany of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ**

Saints of the Day: Synaxis of the Seventy Apostles

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

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:** Time and Events

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

**-Memory Eternal** – A Memorial Litany for the repose of the soul of Justin Bailey (Third year commemoration) offered by Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Bailey and Family; for the repose of the soul of Mary Helen Verdy (40th Day) offered by Mr. Elias T. Verdy and Family, and for the repose of the soul of Eric Socrates (40th Day) offered by Mrs. Eric Socrates and Family.

**-Fellowship** in the church hall is in memory of Mary Helen Verdy and Eric Socrates and hosted by their families.

**Tuesday, 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 11th, 31st Sunday after Pentecost (Tone #6) Sunday after the Theophany of our Lord, God, and Savior, Jesus Christ**

Saints of the Day: Venerable Theodosius the Great, the Cenobiarch and Venerable Michael of Klops, Fool-for Christ

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

Epistle Lesson: Ephesians 4: 7-13

Gospel Lesson: 4: 12-17

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

**Homily: Ministry Begins**

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

**-Memory Eternal** – A Memorial Litany for the repose of the soul of Florence Hutchinson (Third year commemoration) offered by the Hutchinson Family.

**-Fellowship** in the church hall

**Annual Bidding For Holy Icons** in the church hall following fellowship

**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, until Thursday, January 16th. Please contact Edward J. Powers or Elias T. Verdy in case of a Pastoral Emergency.

**Sunday, January 18th, 32nd Sunday after Pentecost**  
**(Tone #7)**

Saints of the Day: Saints Athanasius the Great and Cyril, Archbishops of Alexandria

Matins Gospel Lesson: St. John 21: 1-14

Epistle Lesson: I Timothy 1: 15-17

Gospel Lesson: St. Luke 18: 35-43

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

**Homily:** What do you see?

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

**-Memory Eternal** – A Memorial Litany for the repose of the soul of Mitro Lekgjika (Third year commemoration) offered by Mrs. Leta Lekgjika and Family.

**-Fellowship** in the church hall is in memory of Mitro Lekgjika hosted by Mrs. Leta Lekgjika and Family.

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

**Monday, January 19th,**

**-11:00 AM** Ninth 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 25th, 33rd Sunday after Pentecost**  
**(Tone #8) Sunday of Zacchaeus**

Saint of the Day: St. Gregory the Theologian, Archbishop of Constantinople

Matins Gospel Lesson: St. John 21:15-25

Epistle Lesson: I Timothy 4:9-15

Gospel Lesson: St. Luke 19: 1-10

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

**Church School Students Homily:** The Holy Trinity

**-Fellowship** in the church hall

**The 2015 Annual Membership Meeting** in the church hall.

Plan to attend this very important meeting.

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

**Welcome** to all visitors joining us each Sunday 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:**

**And a voice from heaven said, “This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.”**

(The Gospel of St. Matthew 3:17)

**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.

**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 special project. The following items were donated to the Natick Service Council for distribution to needy children and teens in the Natick Community during the holidays: hats (30), mittens (20), scarves (6), socks (2), sweater (1), sweatshirts (6), and (28) wrapped gifts. **Thank you for your generosity!**

### **A Special Note**

“You have truly touched us, and we thank you for sharing our sorrow, and our grief in the loss of our wonderful son, Eric. Your phone calls and cards were very much appreciated. May no one walk alone. Memory Eternal!”

Madeline & Alex Socrat

### **Nominations**

Our annual membership meeting will convene Sunday, January 25, 2015, in the church hall, following fellowship. Please make every effort to attend this important meeting. Updates will be presented regarding the life of our church since the semi-annual meeting.

Nominations are now being accepted for any member of our church who would like to serve on the Parish Council for 2015. Print and sign your name on the clip board located on the pamphlet rack in the rear of the church and your name will be placed in nomination prior to the election for the 2015 Parish Council. If you have any questions, please contact any member of the parish council.

### **Vetetima~Women’s Society**

-The **Vetetima~Women’s Society** will remember the souls of their departed sisters Sunday, March 1st, at a Memorial Litany served by Fr. Joseph at the conclusion of Divine Liturgy. Fellowship that day will be hosted by the ladies in memory of their departed sisters. The Society will convene their annual meeting in the church hall after fellowship.

- Vi Anthony, Treasurer, is accepting membership dues for 2015. The yearly dues are \$10.00. Contact Vi should you have any questions. New members are always welcome to join.