

Glad Tidings~Outreach



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

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Divine Services and Events

Sunday, February 1st, Commemoration of the Publican and Pharisee (Tone #1) Sunday before the Meeting of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, in the Temple

Saints of the Day: Martyr Tryphon of Campsada in Syria and Venerable Bridget (Brigid) of Ireland

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

Epistle Lesson: II Timothy 3: 10-15

Gospel Lesson: St. Luke 18: 10-14

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

Homily: Who am I?

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

-Fellowship in the church hall

Monday, February 2nd, Holy Day commemorating the Meeting of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, in the Temple

Matins Gospel: St. Luke 2: 25-32

Epistle Lesson: Hebrews 7: 7-17

Gospel Lesson: St. Luke 2: 22-40

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

Sunday, February 8th, Commemoration of the Prodigal Son (Tone #2) Sunday after the Meeting of our Lord, God, and Savior, Jesus Christ, in the Temple

Saints of the Day: Greatmartyr Theodore Stratelates (“The General”) Prophet Zechariah and St. Sava II, Bishop of Serbia

Matins Gospel Lesson: St. Mark 16: 1-8

Epistle Lesson: I Corinthians 6: 12-20

Gospel Lesson: St. Luke 15: 11-32

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

Homily: The Change

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

-Fellowship in the church hall

<p><u>Metropolitan Council Meeting:</u> Fr. Joseph will represent our Archdiocese at this meeting in Syosset, NY, from Monday, February 9th, to Thursday, February 12th. Please contact Edward J. Powers or Elias T. Verdy in case of a Pastoral Emergency.</p>
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Saturday, February 14th, Memorial Saturday

Epistle Lesson – I Thessalonians 4: 13-17

Gospel Lesson – St. John 5: 24-30

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

followed by a Memorial Litany for the repose of the souls of all the departed members of our church. Please contact Fr. Joseph by calling the church office before Friday, February 13th, to either begin or update a list of deceased family names.

Sunday, February 15th, Commemoration of Meat-Fare Sunday (Tone #3) – Sunday of the Last Judgment

Saints of the Day: Holy Apostles of the Seventy

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

Epistle Lesson: I Corinthians 8: 8-9: 2

Gospel Lesson: St. Matthew 25: 31-46

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

Homily: Before the Lord

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

-Fellowship in the church hall

Sunday, February 21st, Commemoration of Cheese-Fare Sunday (Tone #4) – Forgiveness Sunday

Saints of the Day: Uncovering of the relics of the Holy

Martyrs at the Gate of Eugenius at Constantinople

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

Epistle Lesson: Romans 13: 11-14: 4

Gospel Lesson: St. Matthew 6: 14-21

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

Church School Students Homily: Forgive me...

-Fellowship in the church hall

Monday, February 23rd, is the beginning of the **Great Lenten Period** in the Orthodox Church. This period lasts forty days. During this time, sincere prayer, fasting, repentance, and forgiveness should be the focus of every Orthodox Christian's life.

Saturday, February 28th, The First Saturday of Great Lent – Commemoration of St. Theodore Tyro (The Recruit)

Epistle Lesson: II Timothy 2: 1-10

Saturday, February 28th, The First Saturday of Great Lent – Commemoration of St. Theodore Tyro (The Recruit) Continued

Gospel Lesson: St. John 15: 17-16: 2

**-9:00 AM – The Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom
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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:

“Experience is good for it renders a person more tried and tested.” Abba Poemen

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

Hieromartyr Haralambos, Bishop of Magnesia-February 10th,
May God Grant You Many Years!

The **2014 Nativity (Christmas) Offering** was \$3,970 and the **2015 Icon Bidding Sunday** total to date was \$2,050. Thank you for remembering our church with your special gift during the commemoration of the Nativity Feast and the tradition of bidding for Holy Icons. **May God Grant You Many Years!**

Looking Ahead

-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, who are asked to bring pastries or their favorite savory dish in memory of their departed sisters. The Society will convene their annual meeting in the church hall after fellowship. The Society’s treasurer, Vi Anthony, will be available before the meeting to accept 2015 membership dues of \$10.00. New members are always welcome to join the society.