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

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Divine Services and Events

Sunday, March 1st, First Sunday of Great Lent (Tone #5)

Sunday of Orthodoxy

Saint of the Day: Martyr Eudoxia of Heliopolis

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

Epistle Lesson: Hebrews 11: 24-26, 32-12: 2

Gospel Lesson: St. John 1: 43-51

-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

Church School Student Homily: Joyful Return

-Oath of Office: Fr. Joseph will administer the oath of office
to the newly elected members of the 2015 Parish Council.

-Fellowship in the church hall followed by a **monthly parish
council meeting.**

<p><u>Daylight Saving Time</u> begins at 2:00 AM, Sunday, March 8th. Remember to turn your clock ahead one hour before you go to sleep <u>Saturday night, March 7th.</u></p>
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Sunday, March 8th, Second Sunday of Great Lent

(Tone #6) Commemoration of St. Gregory Palamas

Saint of the Day: St. Theophylactus, Bishop of Nicomedia

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

Epistle Lessons: Hebrews 1: 10-2: 3

Hebrews 7: 26-8: 2 (St. Gregory)

Gospel Lessons: St. Mark 2: 1-12

St. John 10: 9-16 (St. Gregory)

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

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

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

Memory Eternal – A Memorial Litany for the repose of the
soul of Archbishop **NOLI**. This litany commemorates 50
years of his fallen asleep in the Lord, Saturday, March 13,
1965.

-Fellowship in the church hall

Friday, March 13th,

-7:00 PM – Salutations to the Mother of God hosted by St.
Mary's Assumption Church, Worcester. His Eminence,

Archbishop **NIKON** will preside, assisted by the Massachusetts Deanery Clergy. A Trisagion will also be served in memory of Archbishop **NOLI** at this service. Fr. Mark Doku is the homilist. A light Lenten meal will be served in the church hall following the service.

Note: This service will be the only Lenten Salutation Service together in the Massachusetts Deanery.

Sunday, March 15th, Third Sunday of Great Lent
(Tone #7) Commemoration of the Veneration of the Holy Cross

Saints of the Day: Martyr Agapius and his companions

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

Epistle Lesson: Hebrews 4: 14-5: 6

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

-10:00 AM – Procession with the Holy Cross to the nave of the church, **The Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great** and the distribution of daffodils which adorn the Holy Cross

Homily: Strengthening Weakness

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

Memory Eternal – A Memorial Litany for the repose of the soul of Peter D. Christi offered by Mrs. Marion Christi and Family. This litany commemorates one year of his falling asleep in the Lord.

-Fellowship in the church hall is hosted by Vi Anthony and Marjeta Gregori

A special welcome to His Eminence, Archbishop **NIKON**, Archbishop of Boston, New England, and the Albanian Orthodox Archdiocese in American, during his Archpastoral visit to our church as we commemorate the Patronal Feast Day of our church.

May God Grant You Many Years Master!

Sunday, March 22nd, Fourth Sunday of Great Lent
(Tone #8) Commemoration of St. John Climacus (The Ladder) and the Commemoration of the Annunciation of the Mother of God, the Patronal Feast of our church

Saint of the Day: Hieromartyr Basil of Ancyra

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

Epistle Lessons: Hebrews 6: 13-20

Hebrews 2: 11-18 (Patronal Feast)

Sunday, March 22nd, Fourth Sunday of Great Lent
(Tone #8) Continued

Gospel Lessons: St. Mark 9: 17-31

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

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

-**10:00 AM** – **Hierarchal Divine Liturgy** followed by a
Patronal Feast Day Brunch in the church hall

Sunday, March 29th, Fifth Sunday of Great Lent
(Tone #1) Commemoration of St. Mary of Egypt

Saints of the Day: Hieromartyr Mark, Bishop of Arethusa,
and Deacon Cyril

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

Epistle Lessons: Hebrews 9: 11-14

Galatians 3: 23-29 (St. Mary)

Gospel Lessons: St. Mark 10: 32-45

St. Luke 7: 36-50 (St. Mary)

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

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

-**Fellowship** in the church hall

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:

“Curb your tongue which rages to leap into arguments. Seventy times seven in the day wrestle with this tyrant.”

St. John Climacus (The Ladder)

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

Holy Forty Martyrs of Sebaste-March 9th,
Annunciation of the Mother of God-March 25th,
May God Grant You Many Years!

2015 Project Helping Hands

Our Church School teachers and students will begin to collect urgently needed items to assist the needs of The Vi Tutuny Food Pantry in Natick. The collection will begin Sunday, March 8th, and continue until Sunday, April 19th.

Suggested items are canned goods, cereal, large jars of peanut butter and jelly, all types of paper products, shampoo, toothpaste, or any other items you wish to donate will be appreciated. Containers to accept your donations will be located in the church hall by the bulletin board. If you wish to have your items picked up at your home, please call Fr. Joseph at the church office.

You may also make a monetary donation, which will be used to purchase additional needed items. Please make your check payable to Annunciation Orthodox Church (Memo: Pantry) and either mail it to the church or leave it at the candle desk on Sunday.

Let each of us practice almsgiving during the Great Lenten Period by sharing our blessings God has given to us with others!