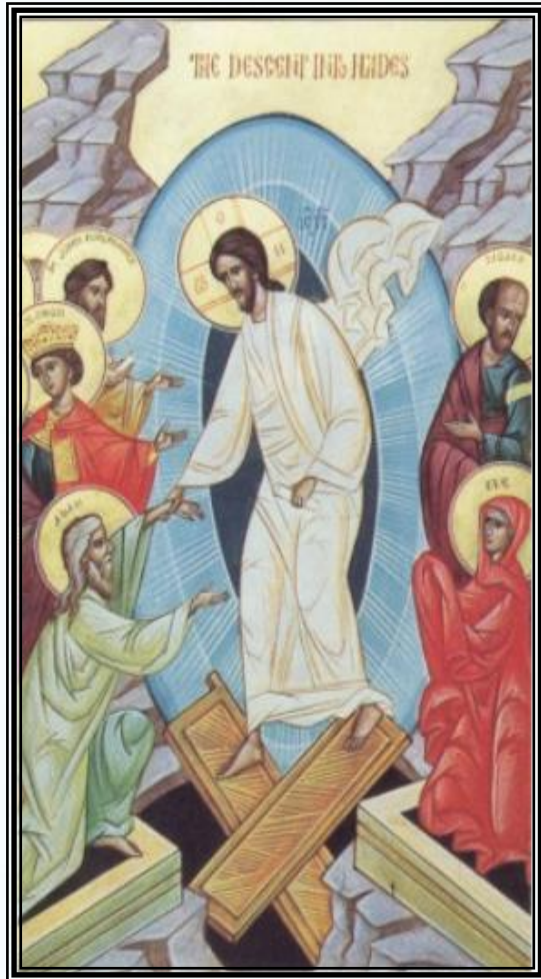


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Christ Is Risen! Truly He Is Risen!
Krishti Ungjall! Vertet Ungjall!
Christos Anesti! Alithos Anesti!
Christos Voskrese! Voistinnu Voskrese!
Hristos a Inviat! Adevarat a Inviat!
Al Maseeh Qam! Huggun Qam!

***2015 Great and Holy Passion Week
Holy Pascha (Easter) and Bright Week Services***

Annunciation Orthodox Church
Albanian Orthodox Archdiocese in America
Orthodox Church in America
37 Washington St. Natick, MA 01760-3547
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Saturday, April 4th, Commemoration of the Resurrection of Lazarus

Saints of the Day: Venerable Joseph the Hymnographer and Venerable George of Mt. Maleon in Peloponnesus

Epistle Lesson: Hebrews 12: 28-13: 8

Gospel Lesson: St. John 11: 1-45

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

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Sunday, April 5th, Palm Sunday – Entry of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ into Jerusalem

Saints of the Day: Martyrs Agathopodes the Deacon, Theodulus the Reader, and those with them in Thessalonica

Matins Gospel Lesson: St. Matthew 21: 1-11, 15-17

Epistle Lesson: Philippians 4: 4-9

Gospel Lesson: St. John 12: 1-18

-9:30 AM -- Preparation Prayers followed by General Confession in preparation for Great and Holy Passion Week

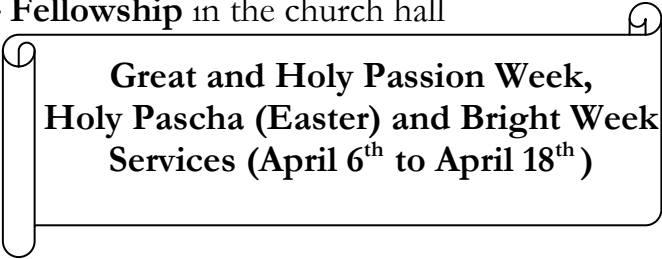
-10:00 AM – Blessing and distribution of palms followed by The Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

Homily: Awake my soul...

Note: Our Church School teachers and students will hold palms in the center aisle during Gospel reading Great Entrance procession.

-11:15 AM – Church School in the church hall

– Fellowship in the church hall



**Great and Holy Passion Week,
Holy Pascha (Easter) and Bright Week
Services (April 6th to April 18th)**

Great and Holy Wednesday, 8th,

-7:00 PM – The Service of Holy Unction and the anointing of all faithful Orthodox Christians attending the service.

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Great and Holy Thursday, April 9th, Commemoration of the Last Supper and the Institution of the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist

Saints of the Day: Martyr Eupychius of Caesarea in Cappadocia

Epistle Lesson: I Corinthians 11: 23-32

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Gospel Lesson: St. Matthew 26: 2-20, St. John 13: 3-17, St. Matthew 26: 21-29, St. Luke 22: 43-45, and St. Matthew 26: 40-27: 2

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

-7:00 PM – Matins with the reading of the Twelve Passion Gospels

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Great and Holy Friday, April 10th, Commemoration of the Passion, Death, and Burial of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ

-3:00 PM – Vespers with the Entombment of our Lord

NOTE: The church will remain open for the faithful to pray before the Tomb.

-7:00 PM – Lamentations before the Tomb of our Lord

Homily: Before Thy Cross

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Great and Holy Saturday, April 11th,

-7:30 PM – Paschal Resurrection Matins

– The Paschal Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

Homily: The Resurrection

– The blessing of the Artos (Bread) and distribution of red eggs.

- The blessing of Paschal foods in the church hall followed by a Paschal pot luck meal to end the fast and celebrate the Glorious Resurrection of our Lord.

NOTE: To prepare yourself to partake of the Holy Eucharist at the Paschal Divine Liturgy, you must fast (abstain) from food, drink, smoking, etc., from 12:00 Noon, Great and Holy Saturday.

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Holy Pascha (Easter) Sunday, April 12th,

-12:00 Noon – Paschal Vespers

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Easter Flowers and Easter Offering Donation Envelopes are enclosed with this edition of the **Glad Tidings-Outreach** for your convenience. You may mail or bring your donation envelope to Great and Holy Friday, Great and Holy Saturday or Paschal Vespers Services.

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Sunday, April 19th, Second Sunday of Pascha – Commemoration of St. Thomas, the Doubting Disciple (Tone #1)

Saint of the Day: Venerable John of the Ancient Caves in Palestine

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

Epistle Lesson: Acts of the Holy Apostles 5: 12-20

Gospel Lesson: St. John 20: 19-31

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

Homily: A Challenge

-11:15 AM – Church School in the church hall

Memorial Litany – A Memorial Litany for the repose of the soul of George Pojani offered by Mr. and Mrs. Nonda Bimbli and Family. This memorial litany commemorates the fifth year of his falling asleep in the Lord; and for the repose of the soul of Emily A. Fahy offered by Mr. John Fahy and Family. This memorial litany commemorates the 40th day of her falling asleep in the Lord.

-Fellowship in the church hall is in memory of George Pojani and Emily A. Fahy hosted by their families.

A **Monthly Parish Council Meeting** will follow fellowship.

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Sunday, April 26th, Third Sunday of Pascha – Commemoration of the Myrrhbearing Women (Tone #2)

Saints of the Day: St. Stephen, Bishop of Perm and Hieromartyr Basil, Bishop of Amasea

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

Epistle Lesson: Acts of the Holy Apostles 6: 1-7

Gospel Lesson: St. Mark 15: 43-16: 8

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

Church School Student Homily: Women of the Church

Memory Eternal – A Memorial Litany for the repose of the souls of our departed **Vetetima-Women’s Society** sisters. This litany is an annual commemoration of their falling asleep in the Lord.

-Fellowship in the church hall is hosted by the society in memory of their departed sisters. The annual meeting of the **Vetetima-Women’s Society** will convene following fellowship. The agenda is to elect officers for 2015 and to discuss and conduct any

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necessary business. New members are always welcome. The yearly dues is \$10.00

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A Thought:

**Thou didst descend into the tomb, O Immortal,
Thou didst destroy the power of death.
In victory didst Thou arise, O Christ God,
proclaiming ‘Rejoice’ to the myrrhbearing women,
granting peace to Thy apostles, and bestowing
resurrection on the fallen.**

The Paschal Kontakion

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**Congratulations To Our Church Members Celebrating their
Patronal Saint Name Day of**

Woman Martyr Thomais of Alexandria - April 13th,
St Thomas, the Doubting Disciple – April 19th,
Great Martyr George - April 23rd,
Apostle and Evangelist Mark – April 25th,
St. Stephen of Perm – April 26th,
May God Grant You Many Years!

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2015 Project Helping Hands - Our Church School teachers and students are collecting urgently needed items to assist the needs of The Vi Tutuny Food Pantry in Natick. This project will continue until St. Thomas 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 are located in the church hall for you to place your donation.

Monetary donations are also accepted. Make your check payable to our church (Memo: Pantry) and mail it to the church or leave it at the candle desk on Sunday.

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

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Looking Ahead:

-Sunday, May 3rd, Memorial Litany for the repose of the soul of

Andrea Chick offered by Mr. Ronald Chick and Family, and Mrs. Mary Verdy and Family. This litany commemorates the ten anniversary of her falling asleep in the Lord.

-Thursday, May 14th, The Albanian Orthodox Archdiocese in America Spring Session Council Meeting in our church hall.

-Sunday, May 17th, Dell Park Cemetery - Following fellowship in the church hall, Fr. Joseph will serve a Memorial Litany at the grave of Fr. Peter Chala at Dell Park Cemetery followed by the blessing of the graves of our departed family members buried at the cemetery. (Weather Permitting)

Mother's Day Bake Sale

sponsored by
The Vetetima-Women's Society

Saturday, May 9th,

9:00 AM to 2:00 PM
at the church hall

Sale favorites of
lakror (spinach, leek sauerkraut pies),
baklava, kouribie (butter cookies),
finiqi, and more will be available

**The ladies are asking our church members to
bake a favorite recipe and donate it for the sale.**

-Tuesday, May 5th,

**9:30 AM - Volunteers with experience making
baklava and volunteers who want to learn how to make
baklava are invited to come to the church hall to make
extra baklava for the sale.**

-Friday, May 8th,

**The church hall will be open from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM,
to receive baked goods.**