

Glad Tidings~Outreach



Annunciation Orthodox Church
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Divine Services and events for the month of December:

Tuesday, December 1st, 6:30 PM-A monthly Parish Council Meeting in the church hall

**Sunday, December 6th, 27th Sunday after Pentecost (Tone #2)
Feast Day commemorating St. Nicholas the Wonderworker,
Archbishop of Myra in Lycia**

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

Epistle Lessons: Ephesians 6: 10-17

Hebrews 13: 17-21 (St. Nicholas)

Gospel Lessons: St. Luke 17: 12-19

St. Luke 6: 17-23 (St. Nicholas)

-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: Wonderworker

Note – Reservation deadline to Madeline Socrat for the **Vetetima-Women’s Society Merry Christmas Party** at Ken’s Steak House, Framingham.

**Sunday, December 13th, 28th Sunday after Pentecost (Tone #3)
Sunday of the Forefathers and the Repose of Venerable Herman of Alaska, Wonderworker of All-America**

Saints of the Day: Martyrs Eustratius, Auxentius, Eugene, Mardarius, & Orestes, at Sebaste & Holy Martyr Lucy the Virgin

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

Epistle Lesson: Colossians 3: 4-11

Gospel Lessons: St. Luke 14: 16-24

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

Homily: Alms

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

-Fellowship in the church hall

Note: Final Sunday to contribute to the Annual Mitten Tree

-1:00 PM – Vetetima-Women’s Society Merry Christmas Party at Ken’s Steak House, Route 9, Framingham.

**Sunday, December 20th, 29th Sunday after Pentecost (Tone #4)
Sunday before the Nativity of our Lord, God, and Savior,**

Jesus Christ

Saint of the Day: Hieromartyr Ignatius the God-bearer, Bishop of Antioch

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

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 God-bearer

Memory Eternal – A Memorial Litany for the repose of the soul of Dhori Mihal (Ten Years) offered by Mrs. Marika Mihal and Family.

-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 is in memory of Dhori Mihal offered by Mrs. Marika Mihal and Family.

Sunday, December 27th, 30th Sunday after Pentecost (Tone #5)
Third Day of the Nativity Feast, 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

Saint of the Day: Holy Protomartyr and Archdeacon Stephen

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

Epistle Lesson: Galatians 1: 11-19

Gospel Lesson: St. Matthew 2: 13-23

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

Homily: First Martyr

-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:

Come, O ye faithful, and let us behold where Christ is born. Let us join the Magi, kings from the east, and follow the guiding star. Angels sing praises there without ceasing, and shepherds abiding in the fields offer a

fitting hymn, saying: ‘Glory in the highest to Him who in the cave this day is born of the Virgin and Theotokos, in Bethlehem of Judah.’ Nativity Matins Verse

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 Martyr Lucy the Virgin – December 13th
Holy Protomartyr and Archdeacon Stephen,
Holy Righteous Ones: Joseph the Betrothed, David the King
and James the Brother of the Lord – December 27th

May God Grant You Many Years!

2016 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.

Thank You to Chefs Steve Pisuk, Thom Brooke, and Robert Pisuk, 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. A special thank you to our fabulous wait staff, Lynn Redonnet and Brian Verdy. \$1,200 was raised and donated to our church. **May God Grant You Many Years!**

Our **2015 Bazaar Co-Chairs** Flora Busconi and Karen Stamuli want to thank all our members and friends who supported our bazaar. A special thank you to our local merchants, and to Ted Stamuli for many hours of work in preparation for the day of the bazaar. \$4,800 was raised for our church.

Looking Ahead

Wednesday, Jan. 6th - The Theophany of our Lord-Blessing of Water

Sunday, Jan. 10th - Icon Bidding Sunday in the church hall following Divine Liturgy

Sunday, Jan. 24th - 2016 Annual Membership Meeting in the church hall following Divine Liturgy~ **2015 Pledge** ~Have you paid your church pledge for 2015? Contact our Parish Council Treasurer, Brian Verdy, if you are not sure or have any questions regarding your pledge.