

Glad Tidings~Outreach



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

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Divine Services and events for the month of February:

Tuesday, 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 7th, 36th Sunday after Pentecost Sunday after the Meeting of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, in the Temple (Tone #3)

Saints of the Day: St. Parthenius, Bishop of Lampsacus and Venerable Luke of Hellas

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

Epistle Lesson: I Timothy 1: 15-17

Gospel Lesson: St. Matthew 15: 21-28

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

Homily: Lord, help me!

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

-Fellowship in the church hall

Thursday, February 11th, The Albanian Orthodox Archdiocese in America Winter Session Council Meeting in our church hall.

-6:00 PM – Dinner hosted by the Vetetima~Women's Society

-7:00 PM – Council Meeting

Sunday, February 14th, 37th Sunday after Pentecost Commemoration of Zacchaeus (Tone #4)

Saints of the Day: Venerable Auxentius of Bithynia Venerable Maron, Hermit of Syria

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

Epistle Lesson: I Timothy 4: 9-15

Gospel Lesson: St. Luke 19: 1-10

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

Homily: Telling the Truth

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

-Memory Eternal – A Memorial Litany for the repose of the soul of Louise Nako (40th Day) offered by Mr. and Mrs. Donald Nako and Family, Mr. and Mrs. Andy Andreo and Family, and Ms Joanne Nako.

-Fellowship in the church hall is in memory of Louise Nako hosted by the Nako and Andreo Families.

Metropolitan Council Meeting: Fr. Joseph will represent our Archdiocese at this meeting in Syosset, NY, from Monday, February 15th until Thursday, February 18th. Please contact Elias T. Verdy in case of a Pastoral Emergency.

Sunday, February 21st, Commemoration of the Publican and Pharisee (Tone #5)

Saints of the Day: Venerable Timothy of Symbol and St. Eustathius of Antioch

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

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: Humility versus Pride

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

-Memory Eternal – A Memorial Litany for the repose of the soul of Joanne Kinas (40th Day) offered by the Kinas and Ropi Families.

-Fellowship in the church hall is in memory of Joanne Kinas hosted by the Kinas and Ropi Families.

Sunday, February 28th, Commemoration of Prodigal Son (Tone #6)

Saint of the Day: Venerable Basil the Confessor, companion of Venerable Procopius of Decapolis

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

Epistle Lesson: I Corinthians 6: 12-20

Gospel Lesson: St. Luke 15: 11-32

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

Church School Students Homily: Father and Son

-Fellowship in the church hall is hosted by Violet Anthony and Majlinda Stoia commemorating the return of the Holy Cross to the church.

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:

“Faith gives rest and joy; unbelief troubles and wounds.”
From the Spiritual Counsels of Father John of Kronstadt

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

Hieromartyr Haralambos, Bishop of Magnesia in Thessaly
February 10th

May God Grant You Many Years!

**Congratulations to the following members of our church
elected to serve as a member of the 2016 Parish Council**

John Andon, Harriett Botka, John Fedak, Peter Nelson,
Stephen Pisuk, Brian Verdy and Elias T. Verdy

A special thank you to the members of the nominating committee
Janet Petren, Chair, assisted by Harriette Botka and Karen Stamuli
for their work.

The **2015 Nativity (Christmas) Offering** was \$3,715 and the **2016
Icon Bidding Sunday** total to date was \$2,000. 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

-**Memorial Saturday** is March 5th. Fr. Joseph will serve Divine
Liturgy at 9:00 AM 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,
March 4th, to either begin or update a list of deceased family names.

-The **Vetetima~Women's Society** will remember the souls of their
departed sisters Sunday, March 6th, 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. Vi Anthony, Treasurer will be available before the
meeting to accept your 2016 membership dues of \$10.00. New
members are always welcome to join the society.

-**Archpastoral Visitation** of His Eminence, Archbishop NIKON,
to commemorate our church's Patronal Feast Day, Sunday,
March 20th.