

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 March:

Saturday, March 5th, Memorial Saturday

Epistle Lesson – I Thessalonians 4: 13-17

Gospel Lesson – St. John 5: 24-30

-9:00 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.

**Sunday, March 6th, Commemoration of Meat-Fare Sunday
(Tone #7) – Sunday of the Last Judgment**

Saints of the Day: The 42 Martyrs of Ammoria in Phrygia, including Constantine, Aetius, Theophilus, Theodore, Melissenus, Callistus, Basoes and others

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

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: Are you ready?

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

-Memory Eternal – A Memorial Litany for the repose of the souls of the departed sisters of our **Vetetima~Women’s Society**.

-Fellowship in the church hall is hosted by the society 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.

-Oath of Office: Fr. Joseph will administer the oath of office to the newly elected members of the 2016 Parish Council. A brief parish council will convene following fellowship in the church.

<p><u>Daylight Saving Time</u> begins at 2:00 AM, Sunday, March 13th. Remember to turn your clock ahead one hour before you go to sleep <u>Saturday night, March 12th</u>.</p>
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**Sunday, March 13th, Commemoration of Cheese-Fare Sunday
(Tone #8) – Expulsion of Adam from Paradise - Forgiveness
Sunday**

Saint of the Day: Translation of the relics of St. Nicephorus, Patriarch of Constantinople

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

Epistle Lesson: Romans 13: 11-14: 4

Gospel Lesson: St. Matthew 6: 14-21

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

Homily: Working for a common benefit...

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

-Memory Eternal – A Memorial Litany for the repose of the soul of Emily A. Fahy (One Year) offered by Mr. and Mrs. Paul Zicko and Family, Ms Charlene Zicko, and Mr. and Mrs. John Archibald, and for the repose of the soul of Flora Busconi (40th Day) offered by the ladies of our church.

-Fellowship in the church hall is in memory of Emily A. Fahy hosted by her family and Flora Busconi hosted by the ladies of our church.

Monday, March 14th, 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, March 19th, **The First Saturday of Great Lent – Commemoration of St. Theodore Tyro (The Recruit)**

Epistle Lesson: II Timothy 2: 1-10

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

-9:00 AM – The Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom
followed by the blessing of koliva

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 20th, **First Sunday of Great Lent (Tone #1) Sunday of Orthodoxy and the Commemoration of the Annunciation of the Mother of God, the Patronal Feast of our church**

Saints of the Day: The Holy Fathers who were slain at the Monastery of St. Sabbas: Venerable John, Sergius, Patrick & others

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

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

Hebrews 2: 11-18 (Patronal Feast)

Gospel Lessons: St. John 1: 43-51

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

- **9:00 AM** – Preparation Prayers followed by General Confession
- **9:30 AM** – Greeting and Vesting of His Eminence, Archbishop **NIKON**
- **10:00 AM** – **Hierarchal Divine Liturgy** followed by the procession with Holy Icons by our church school teachers and students and our Patronal Feast Day Brunch in the church hall

**Sunday, March 27th, Second Sunday of Great Lent
(Tone #2) Commemoration of St. Gregory Palamas**

Saint of the Day: Martyr Matrona of Thessalonica

Matins Gospel Lesson: St. John 21: 1-14

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)

-**10:00 AM** – **The Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great** served by Fr. Mark Doku

-**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:

“The person who loves pleasure is saddened by criticism and hardships, while the person who loves God is saddened by praise and abundance.”

Mark the Monk, Counsels on the Spiritual Life

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

Holy Forty Martyrs of Sebaste-March 9th,

St. Theodore Tyro (The Recruit)-March 19th,

Annunciation of the Mother of God-March 26th,

May God Grant You Many Years!