

Glad Tidings~Outreach



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**Sunday, April 3rd, Third Sunday of Great Lent
(Tone #3) Commemoration of the Veneration of the Holy Cross**

Saint of the Day: Venerable Euthymius of Suzdal

Matins Gospel Lesson: St. John 21: 15-25

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: A Reminder

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

Oath of Office – Fr. Joseph will administer the oath of office to the newly elected members of the 2016 **Vetetima~Women's Society**.

-Fellowship in the church hall

- 3:00 PM – **Memory Eternal** – A Memorial Litany for the repose of the soul of Constance Walckner offered by Mr. James Walckner and Family. This litany commemorates the 40th day of her falling asleep in the Lord.

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**Sunday, April 10th, Fourth Sunday of Great Lent
(Tone #4) Commemoration of St. John Climacus (The Ladder)**

Saints of the Day: Martyrs Terence, Pompeius, and those with them, beheaded at Carthage

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

Epistle Lessons: Hebrews 6: 13-20 Ephesians 5: 9-19 (Saint)

Gospel Lessons: St. Mark 9: 17-31

St. Matthew 4: 25-5: 12 (Saint)

-10:00 AM – **The Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great**
Church School Students Homily: The Ladder

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

-Fellowship in the church hall

Church School Humanitarian Project
Boston Children's Hospital

Our Church School, through the efforts of Phyllis Matto, purchased a large number of stuffed animals with the money collected every Sunday by our students in support of their

humanitarian projects. Our students will leave after fellowship for Boston Children's Hospital, meet with Sandi Fenwick and hospital staff at the Center for Families, and present the stuffed animals to them. The animals will be given to the children who are patients at the hospital. Our church school students would like to especially thank Phyllis for all her efforts and to all our church members who support their offering each Sunday.

MAY GOD GRANT YOU MANY YEARS!

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**Sunday, April 17th, Fifth Sunday of Great Lent (Tone #5)
Commemoration of St. Mary of Egypt**

Saints of the Day: Hieromartyr Simeon, Bishop in Persia, and those with him

Matins Gospel Lesson: St. Mark 16: 1-8

Epistle Lessons: Hebrews 9: 11-14 Galatians 3: 23-39 (Saint)

Gospel Lessons: St. Mark 10: 32-45 St. Luke 7: 36-50 (Saint)

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

Homily: A Simple Example

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

Memory Eternal – A Memorial Litany for the repose of the soul of Tafta Foley offered by Ms Lisa Foley and Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Messier and Family. This litany commemorates the third year of her falling asleep in the Lord.

– **Fellowship** in the church hall is in memory of Tafta Foley hosted by her family.

Refer to the Great and Holy Passion Week
Holy Pascha (Easter) and Bright Week Services

Welcome to all visitors joining our church community for Sunday 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 following Divine Liturgy in our church hall.

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

Woman Martyr Thomais of Alexandria - April 13th,

Great Martyr George - April 23rd,

Holy Apostle and Evangelist Mark – April 25th,

St. Stephen of Perm – April 26th,

St. Thomas, the Doubting Disciple – May 8th,

May God Grant You Many Years!

2016 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, April 10th, and continue until Sunday, May 8th.

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!**

Mother's Day Bake Sale

Sponsored by

The Vetetima – Women's Society

Saturday, May 7, 2016

9:00 AM - 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 3rd,

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 6th,

From 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM, the church hall will be open to receive baked goods for the sale.