

# Glad Tidings~Outreach



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

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December-Volume 2016-12

Divine services and events for the month of December:

**Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost (Tone #7)  
Feast Day commemorating St. Nicholas the Wonderworker,  
Archbishop of Myra in Lycia**

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

Epistle Lessons: Ephesians 2: 14-22

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:** Giving from the heart...

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

**Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost (Tone #8)  
Sunday of the Forefathers**

Saints of the Day: Venerable Daniel the Stylite of Constantinople  
and Venerable Nikon the Dry of the Kiev Caves

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

Epistle Lesson: Colossians 3: 4-11

Gospel Lessons: St. Luke 14: 16-24

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

**Homily:** The Saints

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

**-Fellowship** in the church hall

**Note:** Final Sunday to contribute to the Annual Mitten Tree

**Monday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 PM-A monthly Parish Council  
Meeting in the church hall**

**Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost (Tone #1)  
Sunday before the Nativity of our Lord, God, and Savior,  
Jesus Christ**

Saints of the Day: Martyr Sebastian at Rome and his companions

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

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 special gift...

**Memory Eternal** – A Memorial Litany for the repose of the soul of Archpriest Michael Soter (40<sup>th</sup> Day) and for the repose of the soul of Louise Nako (One Year) offered by Mr. and Mrs. Donald Nako and Family, Mr. and Mrs. Andy Andreo and Family, and Ms Joanne Nako.

**-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 Louise Nako hosted by Nako and Andreo Families.

**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:**

Christ is born: extol him!

Christ from heaven: go to meet him!

Christ on earth: be lifted up!

Sing to the Lord, all the whole earth,  
and praise him in song with joy,

O ye people: For he has glorified himself.

Nativity Matins Verse

**Congratulations To Our Church Members Celebrating Their**

**Patronal Saint Name Day Of**

Great Martyr Barbara – December 4<sup>th</sup>

St. Nicholas the Wonderworker,

Archbishop of Myra in Lycia – December 6<sup>th</sup>

Holy Martyr Lucy the Virgin – December 13<sup>th</sup>

Holy Protomartyr and Archdeacon Stephen,

Holy Righteous Ones: Joseph the Betrothed, David the King  
and James the Brother of the Lord – December 26<sup>th</sup>

Holy Protomartyr and Archdeacon Stephen – December 27<sup>th</sup>

**May God Grant You Many Years!**

**2017 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. \$1,150 was raised and donated to our church. **May God Grant You Many Years!**

Our **2016 Bazaar Co-Chairs** Ilira Shehu 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. \$4,305.00 was raised for our church.

### **Looking Ahead**

Friday, January 6<sup>th</sup> - The Theophany of our Lord and the Blessing of Water

Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup> - A Memorial Litany for the repose of the soul of Joanne Kinas offered by the Kinas and Ropi Families. This litany commemorates the one year anniversary of her falling asleep in the Lord.

Sunday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> - Icon Bidding Sunday in the church hall following Divine Liturgy

### **2017 Nomination Committee**

The nomination committee for the 2017 Parish Council is seeking volunteers to serve their church. The Parish Council meets monthly at a time convenient to the members (usually in the evening). If you are interested in having your name entered into nomination at the Annual Membership Meeting, Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup>, please contact Janet Petren - [janetpetren@verizon.net](mailto:janetpetren@verizon.net) or Harriette Botka – [hbotka@verizon.net](mailto:hbotka@verizon.net) or Karen Stamuli – [karen.stamuli@gmail.com](mailto:karen.stamuli@gmail.com)

Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup> – The 2017 Annual Membership Meeting in the church hall following Divine Liturgy. **2016 Pledge** - Have you paid your church pledge for 2016? Contact our Parish Council Treasurer, Brian Verdy, if you are not sure or have any questions regarding your pledge.