

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 January:

Sunday, January 1st, No Divine Services are scheduled.

Friday, January 6th, Holy Day commemorating the Holy Theophany of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ

Matins Gospel: St. Mark 1: 9-11

Epistle Lesson: Titus 2:11-14; 3: 4-7

Gospel Lesson: St. Matthew 3:13-17

-10:00 AM – The Divine Liturgy of St John Chrysostom
followed by the Great Blessing of Water

Home Blessing: Fr. Joseph is available to bless your home. Please contact him to arrange a convenient date and time.

Sunday, January 8th, 29th Sunday after Pentecost (Tone #4)
Sunday after the Holy Theophany of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ

Saints of the Day: Venerable George the Chozebite, Abbot, Venerable Domnica of Constantinople, and St. Emilian the Confessor, Bishop of Cyzicus

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

Epistle Lesson: Ephesians 4: 7-13

Gospel Lesson: St. Matthew 4: 12-17

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

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

-Memory Eternal – A Memorial Litany for the repose of the soul of Joanne Kinas (One Year) offered by the Ropi Family

-Fellowship in the church hall is in memory of Joanne Kinas offered by the Ropi Family.

NOTE: Fr. Joseph will represent the Orthodox Church in America at a Conference of Military and Veteran Administration Hospital Endorsers in Alexandria, VA, from Monday, January 9th, until Thursday, January 12th. Please contact Elias T. Verdy at (508) 872-1641 in case of a Pastoral Emergency.

Sunday, January 15th, 30th Sunday after Pentecost (Tone #5)

Saints of the Day: Venerable Paul of Thebes and John Calabytes (the Hut-Dweller)

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

Epistle Lesson: Colossians 3: 12-16

Gospel Lesson: St. Luke 18: 18-27

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

Homily: Excuses

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

-Memory Eternal – A Memorial Litany for the repose of the soul of Michael Stephen (One Year) offered by Mrs. Vi Anthony and Family.

-Fellowship in the church hall is in memory of Michael Stephen offered by Mrs. Vi Anthony and Family.

Monday, January 16th,

-11:00 AM – The annual Natick Community Celebration of **Rev Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day** at the Wilson Middle School Auditorium, 22 Rutledge Road, Natick. Guest speaker is Jim Kates. The public is invited to attend. The Natick Interfaith Clergy Association and the Natick School Department are sponsors of this celebration. A free will offering will be taken at the conclusion of the celebration to help defray expenses of the celebration and to support the Friends of Natick METCO and the Natick Vi Tutuny Food Pantry.

Wednesday, January 18th, 6:30 PM-A monthly **Parish Council Meeting** in the church hall

January 22nd, 31st Sunday after Pentecost (Tone #6)

Saints of the Day: Apostle Timothy of the Seventy and Monk Martyr Anastasius the Persian

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

Epistle Lesson: I Timothy 1: 15-17

Gospel Lesson: St. Luke 18: 35-43

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

Homily: The Monks and Eternal Life

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

-Memory Eternal – A Memorial Litany for the repose of the soul of James Argir (40th Day) offered by Mr. and Mrs. James Argir and Family and Mr. and Mrs. Michael Argir and Family.

-Fellowship in the church hall is in memory of James Argir hosted by Mr. and Mrs. James Argir and Family and Mr. and Mrs. Michael Argir and Family.

Annual Bidding For Holy Icons in the church hall following fellowship.

Sunday, January 29th, 32nd Sunday after Pentecost, Sunday of Zacchaeus (Tone #7)

Saint of the Day: Translation of the Relics of Hieromartyr Ignatius the Godbearer, Bishop of Antioch

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

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: Wasting Precious Time

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 29th, please contact Janet Petren - janetpetren@verizon.net or Harriette Botka – hbotka@verizon.net or Karen Stamuli – karen.stamuli@gmail.com

Fellowship and the 2017 Annual Membership Meeting in the church hall. Plan to attend this very important meeting. Have you paid your **2016 Church Pledge**? Contact our Parish Council Treasurer, Brian Verdy at (508) 376-6202, if you are not sure or have any questions regarding your pledge.

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:

“May God be gracious to us and
make his face shine upon us.”

Psalm 67: 1

Looking Ahead:

-Thursday, February 2nd, Holy Day commemorating the Meeting of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, in the Temple...Divine Liturgy will begin at 10:00 AM

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

St. Basil the Great – January 1st

Holy Glorious Prophet, Forerunner and
Baptist, John – January 7th

May God Grant You Many Years!