

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:

Thursday, February 2nd, Holy Day commemorating the Meeting of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ in the Temple
Note: No Divine Services are scheduled for 10:00 AM

Sunday, February 5th, Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee [Beginning of the Lenten Triodion] Afterfeast of the Meeting of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, in the Temple (Tone #8)

Saint of the Day: Holy Martyr Agatha of Palermo in Sicily

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

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: Judging Others

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

-Memory Eternal – A Memorial Litany for the repose of the soul of Parshquezi Marku (40th Day) offered by Mr. and Mrs. Fatos Shuteriqi and Family.

-Fellowship in the church hall is in memory of Parshquezi Marku hosted by Mr. and Mrs. Fatos Shuteriqi and Family.

Thursday, February 9th, 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 12th, Sunday of the Prodigal Son (Tone #1)

Saint of the Day: St. Meletius, Archbishop of Antioch

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

Epistle Lesson: I Corinthians 6: 12-20

Gospel Lesson: St. Luke 15: 11-32

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

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

-Fellowship in the church hall

Annual Bidding For Holy Icons which was postponed on Sunday, January 22nd, will be held in the church hall following fellowship.

Thursday, February 16th, -The 100th Anniversary Committee will meet in the church hall beginning at 6:30 PM.

Saturday, February 18th, Memorial Saturday

Epistle Lesson – I Thessalonians 4: 13-17

Gospel Lesson – St. John 5: 24-30

-10:00 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. **NOTE:** Please contact Fr. Joseph by calling the church office before Friday, February 17th, to either begin or update a list of deceased family names.

Sunday, February 19th, Sunday of Meatfare (Tone #2)

Saints of the Day: Apostles of the Seventy Archippus and Philemon and Martyr Apphia

Matins Gospel Lesson: St. Mark 16: 18

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: Heading in the right direction

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

-Memory Eternal—A Memorial Litany for the repose of the soul of Constance Walckner (One Year) offered by Mrs. Harriette Botka.

-Fellowship in the church hall is in memory of Constance Walckner hosted by Mrs. Harriette Botka.

Wednesday, February 22nd, 6:30 PM—A monthly **Parish Council Meeting** in the church hall

Sunday, February 26th, Sunday of Cheesefare (Tone #3)

Expulsion of Adam from Paradise

Saint of the Day: St. Porphyrius, Bishop of Gaza

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

Epistle Lesson: Romans 13: 11-14: 4

Gospel Lesson: St. Matthew 6: 14-21

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

Church School Students Homily: The Nail

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

Monday, February 27th, 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.

A Thought – Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind that you may prove what is the will of God. (Epistle to the Romans 12: 2)

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.

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!**

2017 Parish Council

Congratulations to the following members of our church elected to serve on the council:

Chairman ----- John Fedak Treasurer -- Brian Verdy
Vice Chairman --- Stephen Pisuk Secretary -- Peter D. Nelson
Controllers --- Harriette Botka, Ilira Shehu and Elias Verdy
Fr. Joseph administered the Oath of Office in church following the annual meeting.

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 **Vetetima~Women's Society** will remember the souls of their departed sisters Sunday, March 5th, 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 Lenten savory dish in memory of their departed sisters. The society will convene their annual meeting in the church hall after fellowship. Lila Packer, Treasurer will be available before the meeting to accept your 2017 membership dues of \$10.00 or you may send a check payable to Vetetima, and mailed to Annunciation Church, Attn: Vetetima Women's Society, 37 Washington St., Natick, MA 01760-3547. 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 26th.