

# 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 4<sup>th</sup>, 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

**-10:00 AM – The Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom**  
followed by the blessing of koliva

**Sunday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, First Sunday of Great Lent (Tone #4)  
Commemoration of the Sunday of Orthodoxy**

Saints of the Day: Venerable Martyr Conon of Isauria, St. Mark  
the Faster, of Egypt, and Martyr Conon the Gardener, of Pamphylia

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

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

Gospel Lesson: St. John 1: 43-51

**- 9:30 AM – Preparation Prayers followed by General  
Confession**

**-10:00 AM – The Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great  
Homily: Triumph of Orthodox**

**– The Procession with Holy Icons** by our church  
school teachers and students

**-Memory Eternal** – A Memorial Litany for the repose of the souls  
of the departed sisters of our **Vetetima~Women’s Society**, and for  
the repose of the soul of Norma Chani (Three Years), and for the  
repose of the soul of Aferdita Rita Fagan. (Two Years)

**-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. Lila Packer, Treasurer,  
will be available before the meeting to accept your 2017 member-  
ship dues of \$10.00. New members are always welcome to join the  
society.

<p><b><u>Daylight Saving Time</u></b> begins at 2:00 AM, Sunday, March 12<sup>th</sup>. Remember to turn your clock ahead one hour before you go to sleep <b><u>Saturday night, March 11<sup>th</sup></u></b>.</p>
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**Sunday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, Second Sunday of Great Lent  
(Tone #5) Commemoration of St. Gregory Palamas**

Saints of the Day: Venerable Theophanes the Confessor, of  
Sigriane, St. Gregory Dialogus, Pope of Rome and Venerable  
Simeon the New Theologian

Matins Gospel Lesson: St. Luke 24: 12-35

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**

**-Church School Students Homily: Giver or Taker?**

– **Fellowship** in the church hall

**Thursday, March 16th, 6:30 PM-A monthly Parish Council Meeting** in the church hall

**Sunday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, Third Sunday of Great Lent**

**(Tone #6) Commemoration of the Veneration of the Holy Cross**

Saints of the Day: Martyr Pancharius, at Nicomedia and St.

Innocent of Komel, disciple of St. Nilus of Sora

Matins Gospel Lesson: St. Luke 24: 36-53

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: Deny yourself!**

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

– **Fellowship** in the church hall

**Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, Fourth Sunday of Great Lent**

**(Tone #7) Commemoration of St. John Climacus (The Ladder) and the Commemoration of the Annunciation of the Mother of God, the Patronal Feast of our church**

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!**

Saints of the Day:

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

Epistle Lessons: Hebrews 6: 13-20

Hebrews 2: 11-18 (Patronal Feast)

Gospel Lessons: St. Mark 9: 17-31

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

- **9:30 AM** – Greeting and Vesting of His Eminence,  
Archbishop **NIKON**

-**10:00 AM** – **Hierarchal Divine Liturgy** followed by our Patronal  
Feast Day Brunch 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**

“No one has sinned against Thee as I have;  
yet accept even me, compassionate Savior  
for I repent in fear and cry with longing:  
against Thee alone have I sinned; I have  
transgressed, have mercy on me.”

Great Compline Canticle Eight Verse  
Thursday of the First Week of Great Lent

### **2017 Holy Icon Bidding**

Fr. Joseph and the Parish Council thank everyone who participated  
in this year’s bidding for Holy Icons. Your kindness and generosity  
was very much appreciated. Total amount received to date is  
\$2,115. May God grant you many years!

### **Looking Ahead**

- Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, Holy Baptism and Chrismation of Theodore  
Mihal into the Orthodox Faith at 10:30 AM
- Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, Commemoration of Lazarus
- Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, Palm Sunday

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

St. Theodore Tyro (The Recruit)-March 4<sup>th</sup>,  
Holy Forty Martyrs of Sebaste-March 9<sup>th</sup>,  
St. Patrick, Bishop of Armagh-March 17<sup>th</sup>,  
Annunciation of the Mother of God-March 26<sup>th</sup>,  
**May God Grant You Many Years!**