

Glad Tidings~Outreach



Annunciation Orthodox Church
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Orthodox Church in America

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December-Volume 2017-12

Divine services and events for the month of December:

**Sunday, December 3rd, 26th Sunday after Pentecost (Tone #1)
Feast Day commemorating St. Nicholas the Wonderworker,
Archbishop of Myra in Lycia**

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

Epistle Lessons: Ephesians 2: 14-22

Hebrews 13: 17-21 (St. Nicholas)

Gospel Lessons: St. Luke 18: 18-27

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
Church School Students Homily: Who is St. Nicholas?**

-Fellowship in the church hall hosted by our church school teachers

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

**Sunday, December 10th, 27th Sunday after Pentecost (Tone #2)
Saint of the Day: St. Angelina of Albania, mother of Blessed John,
King of Serbia**

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

Epistle Lesson: Ephesians 6: 10-17

Gospel Lessons: St. Luke 17: 12-19

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

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

-Fellowship in the church hall

Note: Final Sunday to contribute to the Mitten Tree

**Monday, December 11th, 6:30 PM-A monthly Parish Council
Meeting** in the church hall

**Sunday, December 17th, 28th Sunday after Pentecost (Tone #3)
Sunday of the Forefathers**

Saints of the Day: Holy Prophet Daniel and the Three Holy
Youths; Ananias, Azarias and Misael (Shadrach, Meshach and
Abednego)

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

Epistle Lesson: Colossians 3: 4-11

Gospel Lesson: St. Luke 14: 16-24

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

Homily: Invited Guests

-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

REFER TO THE NATIVITY AND
NEW YEAR SERVICES 2017 INSERT

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:

Magnify, O my soul, the Most Pure Virgin Theotokos,
more honorable and more glorious than the heavenly
hosts. I behold a strange, most glorious mystery!
Heaven – the Cave! The Cherubic Throne – the Virgin!
The Manger – the place where Christ lay, the uncontainable
God whom we magnify in song.

The Nativity Hymn to the Theotokos

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

Great Martyr Barbara – December 4th

St. Nicholas the Wonderworker,

Archbishop of Myra in Lycia – December 6th

Holy Martyr Lucy the Virgin – December 13th

Holy Protomartyr and Archdeacon Stephen, December 27th

Holy Righteous Ones: Joseph the Betrothed, David the King
and James the Brother of the Lord – December 31st

May God Grant You Many Years!

Looking Ahead

Saturday, January 6th - The Theophany of our Lord and the
Blessing of Water

Sunday, January 7th - Icon Bidding Sunday in the church hall
following Divine Liturgy

Sunday, January 21st - The 2017 Annual Membership Meeting in
the church hall following Divine Liturgy.