

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:

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

Saturday, 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 7th, **31st Sunday after Pentecost (Tone #6)**
Sunday after the Holy Theophany of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ

Saint of the Day: Synaxis of the Holy Glorious Prophet, Forerunner and Baptist John

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

Epistle Lessons: Ephesians 4: 7-13

Acts of the Holy Apostles 19:1-8 (St. John)

Gospel Lessons: St. Matthew 4: 12-17

St. John 1: 29-34 (St. John)

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

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

-Fellowship in the church hall

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

Sunday, January 14th, **32nd Sunday after Pentecost (Tone #7)**

Saints of the Day: The Holy Fathers slain at Sinai and Raithu

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

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: Give Me Sight

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

-Fellowship in the church hall.

Thursday, January 18th,

6:30 PM-A monthly Parish Council Meeting in the church hall

Saturday, January 20th,

-10:00 AM – Holy Baptism and Chrismation of Roman J. Scorzoni

Sunday, January 21st, 33rd Sunday after Pentecost (Tone #8)

Sunday of Zacchaeus

Saint of the Day: Venerable Maximus the Confessor

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

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: No Barriers

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

2018 Nomination Committee

The nomination committee for the 2018 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 21st, please contact Karen Stamuli (Chair) – karen.stamuli@gmail.com or Harriette Botka – hbotka@verizon.net

Fellowship and the 2018 Annual Membership Meeting in the church hall. Plan to attend this very important meeting. Have you paid your **2017 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.

Sunday, January 28th, Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee (Tone #1)

Saint of the Day: St. Ephraim the Syrian

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

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: Who am I?

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

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

-Fellowship in the church hall is in memory of Virginia James hosted by Mr. and Mrs. David Mandozzi and Family.

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:

“Humility exalted the Publican, overcome with shame and sorrow at his evil deeds, when he cried to the Creator, be merciful; but exaltation brought down from righteous the unhappy Pharisee who spoke in pride. Therefore let us earnestly desire the good things and avoid the bad.”

(Publican and Pharisee, Matins Canticle Three, Sessional Hymn)

Looking Ahead:

Friday, 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

Saturday, February 10th, Memorial Saturday

Divine Liturgy will begin at 10:00 AM 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 Saturday, February 10th, to either begin or update a list of deceased family names.

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

St. Basil the Great – Monday, January 1st

Holy Glorious Prophet, Forerunner and

Baptist, John – Sunday, January 7th

May God Grant You Many Years!