

# 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:

**Friday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, Holy Day commemorating the Meeting of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ in the Temple**

Matins Gospel Lesson: St. Luke 2: 25-32

Epistle Lesson: Hebrews 7: 7-17

Gospel Lesson: St. Luke 2: 22-40

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

**Sunday, February 4<sup>th</sup>, Sunday of the Prodigal Son - Afterfeast of the Meeting of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, in the Temple (Tone #2)**

Saint of the Day: Venerable Isidore of Pelusium

Matins Gospel Lesson: St. Mark 16: 1-8

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: Jealousy**

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

**-Fellowship** in the church hall is hosted by Janet and Steve Petren

**Annual Bidding For Holy Icons** which was postponed on Sunday, January 7<sup>th</sup>, will be held in the church hall following fellowship.

**Thursday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, 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

**Saturday, February 10<sup>th</sup>, 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 Saturday, February 10<sup>th</sup>, to either update or begin a list of deceased family names.

**Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup>, Sunday of Meatfare - The Last Judgement (Tone #3)**

Saint of the Day: Hieromartyr Blaise, Bishop of Sebaste

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

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:** Separating the people

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

**-Fellowship** in the church hall

**Monday, February 12<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 PM-A monthly Parish Council Meeting** in the church hall

**Sunday, February 18<sup>th</sup>, Sunday of Cheesefare – Expulsion of Adam from Paradise (Tone #4)**

Saint of the Day: St. Leo the Great, Pope of Rome

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

Epistle Lesson: Romans 13: 11-14: 4

Gospel Lesson: St. Matthew 6: 14-21

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

**Homily:** Forgiveness

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

**-Fellowship** in the church hall

**Monday, February 19<sup>th</sup>**, 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.

**Saturday, February 24<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, February 25<sup>th</sup>, First Sunday of Great Lent (Tone #5) Commemoration of the Sunday of Orthodoxy**

Saint of the Day: St. Tarasius, Archbishop of Constantinople

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

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**

**Church School Students Homily:** Sunday of Orthodoxy

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

**-Fellowship** in the church hall is hosted by The Fedak Family

**Monday, February 26<sup>th</sup>**, -The **100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee** will meet in the church hall beginning at 6:30 PM.

**A Thought** – Have mercy on me, O God, have mercy on me.  
(Refrain from the Great Canon of St. Andrew of Crete)

**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**

St. Theodore Tyro (The Recruit) – February 24<sup>th</sup>  
**May God Grant You Many Years!**

-The **Vetetima~Women's Society** will remember the souls of their departed sisters Sunday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, 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, is accepting your 2018 membership dues of \$10.00 in person 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.

**Looking Ahead**

-Sunday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, The Archpastoral Visitation of His Eminence, Archbishop **NIKON**, to commemorate our church's Patronal Feast Day.

**Altar Boys**

Fr. Joseph is asking for the names of boys from our church who served in the altar prior to 1997. This information will be used in conjunction with our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration in 2019. You may contact Fr. Joseph at (508) 481-2028 or by email at [aocnatick@gmail.com](mailto:aocnatick@gmail.com)