

# Annunciation Orthodox Church

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Orthodox Church in America

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## February 2024 Monthly Bulletin

### Divine Liturgy: Sundays at 9:30 am

Please note that Feast Day Liturgies are typically held at different times throughout the year depending on the specific Holy Day

#### ON RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION IN THE ORTHODOX CHURCH:

All Orthodox Christians who are spiritually prepared are invited to receive the Precious Body and Blood of Our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ. To partake in Holy Communion, please abstain from eating and drinking beginning at midnight (unless advised otherwise by your physician). If you are an Orthodox Christian visiting with us, please say your name or Chrismation name at time of reception.

**NON-ORTHODOX CHRISTIANS (IF THEY DESIRE) MAY APPROACH DURING COMMUNION FOR A BLESSING AND TAKE A PIECE OF THE "ANTIDORAN" (BLESSED BREAD) FROM THE SILVER BOWL.**

**+++ Friday February 2, 2024 – Feast of The Meeting of Our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ**

**9:30 am – Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom (Tone 1)**

Epistle Lesson Hebrews 7: 7 - 17

Gospel Lesson Luke 2: 22 - 40

**No Fellowship**

**+++ Sunday February 4, 2024 – Thirty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost (Theophany Season)**

Ven. Isidore of Pelusium

**9:30 am – Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom (Tone 2)**

Epistle Lesson Col. 3: 12 - 16

Gospel Lesson Matt. 25: 13 - 30

**Please join us for Fellowship in the church hall after Divine Liturgy**

**+++ Sunday February 11, 2024 – Thirty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost (Theophany Season)**

Hieromartyr Blaise, Bishop of Sebaste

**9:30 am – Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom (Tone 3).**

Epistle Lesson 1 Tim. 1: 15 - 17

Gospel Lesson Matt. 15: 21 - 28

**Please join us for fellowship in the church hall after Divine Liturgy**

**+++ Sunday February 18, 2024 – Sunday of Zacchaeus (Pre-Lenten Season)**

St. Leo the Great, Pope of Rome

**9:30 am – Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom (Tone 4)**

Epistle Lesson 1 Tim. 4: 9 -15

Gospel: Luke 19: 1 - 10

**Please join us for fellowship in the church hall after Divine Liturgy**

**+++Sunday February 25, 2024 – Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee (Pre-Lenten Season)**

Beginning of the Lenten Triodion

**9:30 am – Divine Liturgy of St John Chrysostom (Tone 5)**

Epistle Lesson 2 Tim. 3: 10 - 15

Gospel Lesson Luke 18: 10 - 14

**Please join us for fellowship in the church hall after Divine Liturgy**

## **PRAYER FOR AN ENDING TO THE WAR IN UKRAINE**

"We pray, O Lord our God, for all those who now suffer from the destructive acts of war, especially for the victims in Ukraine. We pray for Thy peace and mercy in the midst of the great suffering inflicted upon Thy faithful people. Vouchsafe to accept the earnest prayers of Thy holy Church, so that by Thy goodness, all hostility, confusion and hatred would be removed, that all may be led to a path of true reconciliation, and lasting peace may be granted to all peoples; hear us and have mercy. Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy. Amen.

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## **IMPORTANT PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**+++ His Grace Bishop NIKODHIM will once again join us for a Hierarchical Divine Liturgy and a Church Luncheon on Sunday March 24, 2024 for the celebration of the Sunday of Orthodoxy and our Matronal Feast Day.** Please mark the date and plan to join us!

**Vetetima Valentine's Day Party** – A Vetetima Valentine's Day Party will be held on Saturday February 3, 2024 in the Church Hall. \$20.00 per person. Please contact Katirina or Ilira for information and to sign-up.

**House Blessings and Holy Water are available through the season of Theophany** – Please contact Fr. Gregory if you desire to have your house blessed. Most times during the week are available, barring severe weather.

**Committee to Sell Our Choir Organ** – The Parish Council has decided to sell the organ in the choir. A small committee co-chaired by Ann Powers and Steve Petren has graciously volunteered to look for potential buyers with the goal of removing the organ by March 15, 2024. If you are interested in assisting the committee, please contact Steve at (508) 429-2745 or Ann at (508) 653-1932. We ask all parishioners to spread the word as we seek potential buyers who can safely remove the organ!

**Fellowship Sign-Up** – Please consider volunteering for weekly fellowship using the sign-up sheet on the candle stand to help support our church.

**Sunday School** – Church school is held each Sunday following Holy Communion. Please encourage friends and family members with school-age children to join us each week!

**Catechumen / Adult Education Classes** – We have reconvened on Wednesday evenings at 6:45 PM. All catechumens please take note of the liturgical schedule through Holy Theophany.

**Church Parking Available on Sundays at the Natick Outdoor Store** – This is a friendly reminder that the owner of the Natick Outdoor Store very graciously allows parishioners to park in the store parking lot on Sundays during church service as long as parishioners leave before the store opens at 12:00 noon and park in the far corners of the parking lot (away from the entrance).

**Memory Eternal** – Longtime friend of Annunciation Orthodox Church and beloved Husband, Father, and Grandfather Ronald Vangel Nasson, 91, of Walpole, formerly Jamaica Plain. August 8, 1932 – January 20, 2024. May his memory be Eternal.

**Reminder: Priest's Visitation for Holy Unction / Communion:** Father Gregory encourages all members and friends of Annunciation Orthodox Church to contact him at their earliest convenience if you or a family member are

ever admitted to a hospital, respite care, rehabilitation, hospice or who may be experiencing a sudden or chronic change in their health and medical condition. The visitation of the parish priest is vital to the overall sacramental, spiritual, and bodily health and the continuity of their piety, practice and reception of God's grace or counsel, especially, in times of sickness, need, or personal trauma. It is the tradition of the Holy Church as established in Holy Scripture that the Church is available to you when you are unavailable to the Church. In such circumstances, please reach out to Father Gregory as follows:

**Father Gregory Contact Info: 508-397-1322 or 774-280-4031**, or by email at [harriglegreg1@yahoo.com](mailto:harriglegreg1@yahoo.com).

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**Welcome** to all visitors joining our church community for Divine Liturgy. Father Gregory and the members of our church community wish to thank you for praying with us and hope you will return soon. Please speak with a member of the Parish Council or Father Gregory if you are interested in becoming a member of our parish.

**Saint / Chrismation Name Days & Birthdays** – Congratulations to our church members who are celebrating their Birthdays, Chrismation Days, and/or Patronal Saint Name Day this month. Please come forward at the end of Divine Liturgy for a blessing while we sing “God grant you many years!”

#### **Apolytikion and Kontakion on the Presentation in the Temple of Our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ**

“Hail, O Virgin, Theotokos full of Grace, for Christ our God, the Sun of Righteousness, has dawned for you, granting light to those in darkness. And you, O Righteous Elder, Symeon, taking in your arms, the deliverance of our souls, who grants Resurrection.

Your birth, O Christ, sanctified the Virgin's womb and properly blessed the hands of Symeon. Having now come and saved us, O Christ Our God, give peace to your commonwealth in troubled times and strengthen those in authority, whom you love, as the only loving One.”