

# **Annunciation Orthodox Church**

**Albanian Orthodox Archdiocese in America  
Orthodox Church in America**

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## **July 2026 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

**+++ Sunday July 5, 2026 – Fifth Sunday after Pentecost**

Uncovering of the Relics of Ven. Sergius of Radonezh

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

Epistle Lesson Galatians 5: 22 - 6:2

Gospel Lesson Matthew 8: 28 – 9:1

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

**+++ Sunday July 12, 2026 – Sixth Sunday after Pentecost**

Martyrs Proclus and Hilary of Ancyra

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

Epistle Lesson Romans 12: 6 - 14

Gospel Lesson Matthew 9: 1 -8

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

**+++ Sunday July 19, 2026 – Seventh Sunday after Pentecost**

Commemoration of the Holy Fathers of First Six Ecumenical Councils

Fathers of Fourth Ecumenical Council; Uncovering of the Relics of Ven. Seraphim of Sarov

**9:30 am – Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom (Tone 6)**

Epistle Lesson Titus 3: 8 - 15

Gospel Lesson Matthew 5: 14 - 19

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

**+++ Sunday July 26, 2026 – Eighth Sunday after Pentecost**

Repose of Saint Yakov Netvetov, Enlightener of the People of Alaska

**9:30 am – Divine Liturgy of St John Chrysostom (Tone 7)**

Epistle Lesson Galatians 3: 23 – 4: 5

Gospel Lesson Matthew 14: 14 - 25

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

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

**Father Joseph Gallick Memorial Scholarship** – The Parish Council (with parishioner input) has established the Archpriest Joseph Gallick St. Tikhon's Memorial Scholarship Fund in honor of our former Rector, Father Joe. Please see a brief description of the scholarship fund which has been posted in Fellowship Hall and on our church website.

**A Note of Thanks from Nancy Gallick** – “A heartfelt thank you for keeping us in your prayers and for the cards and loving words, including attendance at the 40-Day Memorial. We were blessed to be a part of the Natick Family! Love, Nancy & the entire Gallick Family”

**Bathroom Renovation** – Our second bathroom renovation has begun, with more expected disruption due to the foundation repair that is included in this project. Please see a member of the Parish Council for info – we will continue to provide weekly updates during Sunday announcements.

**July Parish Council Meeting** – will be held on Thursday July 16, starting at 6:30 pm in the Church Hall.

**Self-Service Website Link** – If you would like to receive regular updates and the monthly Bulletin via email, please use the following link to update your information >> <http://www.aocnatick.org/contact-us/>.

**Steps to Request a Memorial** – Please see an important note at the end of this Bulletin.

**Church Elevator Update** – Please be aware that the church elevator is out of order. We have been fortunate to find a servicing company to engage in repairs, and the necessary parts are being ordered.

**Optional Collection During Liturgy** – as Father Gregory has been announcing over the past few months, we have restarted the process of having our Sunday School children pass offering baskets following the sermon each week. This is an OPTIONAL collection that allows visitors and others to make contributions to our church. For parish members who are already contributing regular pledges via mail or other methods, you can continue in your chosen method of participation; at the same time, members may also use this new weekly collection to submit their pledges.

**Fellowship Sign-Up** – Please consider volunteering for weekly fellowship using the sign-up sheet on the candle stand to help support our church. One or more families or members may jointly sponsor fellowship meals. Thank you.

**Sunday School** – We encourage all families with school age children to join us every Sunday for fun and basic Orthodox Christian education.

**Baptism and Chrismation – A note from Father Gregory:** It is incumbent upon all Orthodox Christian parents to have their children Baptized, Chrismated, and Communed at the earliest opportunity. It is essential that children ‘come to the Lord’ as soon as possible to begin their spiritual life into adulthood and to lead a life in the Church, bequeathing the treasures of Orthodox Christian faith into the future.

**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 by email at: [harriglegreg1@yahoo.com](mailto:harriglegreg1@yahoo.com).

#### **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 Antidoron (blessed bread) from the silver bowl.

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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!"

Church Fathers on the Holy Season of Pentecost:

St Macarius the Great, "Spiritual Homilies," (Homily 28):- 5<sup>th</sup> Century

"As the Lord put on the Body, leaving behind all principality and power, So Christians put on the Holy Spirit, and are at rest."

## Guidelines for Parishioners to Follow When Requesting a Memorial Litany

Father Gregory and the Parish Council have received requests for clarification of the process parishioners should follow to request a Memorial Litany (with or without hosting fellowship). The most important consideration for parishioners is to remember that both advanced planning and proactive communication are critical. With that in mind, here are the steps and timing that are necessary to ensure a smooth Memorial:

1. Approximately one month before a planned **Memorial Litany**, please communicate your request via email to both Father Gregory and any member of the Parish Council. Please also add your request on the sign-up sheet at the candle stand in the Narthex. Let us know if you plan to host fellowship as well in conjunction with the Memorial.
2. If you would like your Memorial Litany to be included in the monthly Bulletin, you need to complete step one above no later than the 15th of the month before you plan to have it.
3. If you would like a **Memorial Service (Litany)** that occurs immediately following Divine Liturgy for a loved one, family member, or relative, you should indicate specifically that this is the service you desire. Ideally, this service is designed as a Memorial for one person, prayed during the months after they have died, or on the first anniversary of their passing. A Memorial Litany may be requested up to the third anniversary of an individual's passing.
4. If you provide a **Prayer List of Names** consisting of "**Living**" and "**Deceased**" these names will **ONLY** be prayed for during the Divine Liturgy immediately following the Gospel or priest's Sermon. These should be on a single sheet, designating Living and Deceased, respectively.
5. If you provide the small sheets from the table in the Vestibule, typically these have been for the priest to read silently during the preparation of the Holy Gifts in the Altar, before the Divine Liturgy begins.
6. Of course, if you have any questions about this process, please speak directly with Father Gregory.