Annunciation Orthodox Church

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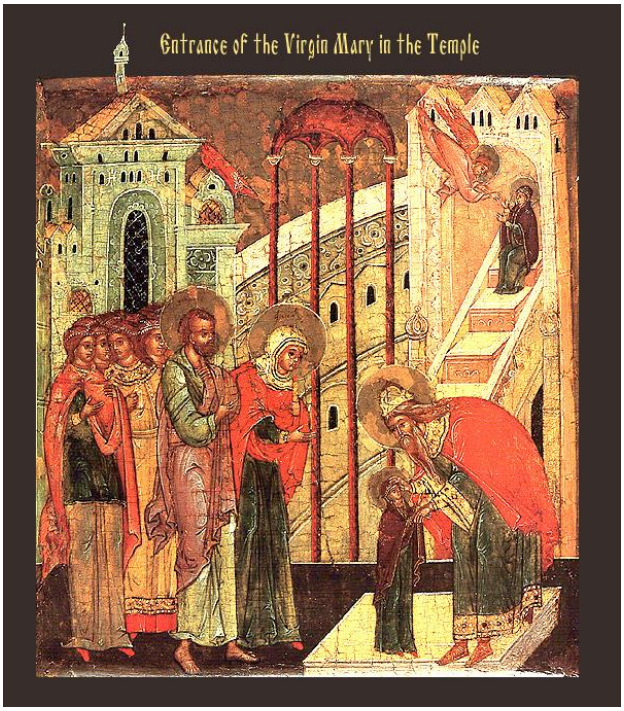
November 2026 Bulletin



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 November 1, 2026 – Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Wonder-Worker and Unmercenary Healers Cosmas and Damian

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

Epistle Lesson 1 Corinthians 12: 27 – 13:8 (Sts. Cosmas and Damian)

Gospel Lesson Luke 16: 19 -31

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

+++ Sunday November 8, 2026 – Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

Synaxis of Archangel Michael, Gabriel, Raphael, Uriel, Solphiel, Jegudiel, and Barachiel

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

Epistle Lesson Hebrews 2: 2 – 10 (Archangels)

Gospel Lesson Luke 8:41 - 56

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

+++ Sunday November 15, 2026 – Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Martyrs and Confessors Gurius, Samonos, and Abibus, of Edessa

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

Epistle Lesson Ephesians 2: 14 - 22

Gospel Lesson Luke 10: 25 - 37

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

+++ Sunday November 22, 2026 – Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost - Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple

Philemon and Archippus, and those who accompanied them

9:30 am – Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom (Tone 8)

Epistle Lesson Hebrews 9: 1 – 7 (Feast)

Gospel Lesson Luke 10: 38 - 42; 11: 27 – 28 (Feast)

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

+++ Sunday November 29, 2026 – Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Martyr Parzomon and the 370 with him, Martyrs in Bithynia

9:30 am – Divine Liturgy of St John Chrysostom (Tone 1) & "Flag Day"/Albanian National Prayers

Epistle Lesson Ephesians 5: 8 - 19

Gospel Lesson Luke 18: 18 – 27

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IMPORTANT PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS:

Annual Parish Member Meeting – We will hold our annual meeting on Sunday February 7, 2027 following Liturgy in the Church Hall. Please plan to join this important event. Everyone is invited, but only members in good standing who have fulfilled their 2026 pledges may vote. In addition, if you are interested in running for the Parish Council, please inform a member of the Nominating Committee (comprised of Father Gregory and John Fedak). Election of the Council will be one of the agenda items at the Annual Meeting.

November Parish Council Meeting – will be held in the Church Hall on Tuesday November 17 beginning at 6:30 pm.

Catechumen (Inquirer) Class – Father Gregory is facilitating a Catechumenal Class for Inquirers to the Orthodox Christian Faith (and anyone who desires to increase or strengthen their faith and practice in the Church), following Divine Liturgy. The class will be held upstairs in the Nave of the church following brief participation in fellowship. Classes will be one hour in length and will take place every other Sunday.

Vetetima Fall Bake Sale – The Vetetima would like to thank everyone for supporting their October bake sale! If you are interested in purchasing an Albanian pie or purchasing raffle tickets, please contact Katerina Shuteriqi at (508) 333-6282.

Father Joseph Gallick Memorial Scholarship – The Parish Council 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. If you are interested in making a contribution, please add an identifying note on the memo line of your personal check. Thank you to those who have already contributed!

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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!"

Thoughts on Feast of Entrance of Blessed Theotokos into the Temple in Season of Holy Nativity:

"Since the early days of the church, titles of holiness greater than any saint have been given to the Mother of God. She is called the All-holy, Panagia. We venerate her as one who is greater and holier than the Cherubim and the Seraphim, greater than the angels of God, who, endowed with vision, can see, contemplate and adore, on a greater level than the angels who are, as it were, before the throne of the Most High." -*Metropolitan Anthony of Sourozh*

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.