

January 17, 2010

St. Mary's Assumption Albanian Orthodox Church
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Sunday After Epiphany

Epistle: St. Paul's to the Hebrews 13:17-21

Gospel: St. Luke 19:1-10

HOUSE BLESSINGS

- If you would like to have Fr. Timothy bless your home, there is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board at the bottom of the stairs. Please provide your name, address and phone number. Fr. Timothy will call to schedule a time that is convenient for you.

NETWORKING SITE

- St. Mary's is now on Facebook! You can access information about St. Mary's upcoming services, the latest news and the Orthodox faith on our new Facebook page. Thanks to Fr. Timothy for setting this up

MEMORIALS

- Today, there will be a 1 Year Memorial for +Spiro Kote and a 2 year Memorial for +Foto Vezuli. The coffee hour will be sponsored by the Kote & Vezuli families. May their Memories be Eternal!

UPCOMING SERVICES

- Wednesday, January 20th Divine Liturgy at Holy Trinity. The service begins at 9:30am. All are welcome to attend.
- Friday, January 22nd at 10:00am– Divine Liturgy for St. Timothy
- Saturday, January 23rd at 6:00pm – Vespers in the Chapel.
- Confession's can be heard by Fr. Timothy after the Great Vespers on Saturday nights or by appointment.

BIDDING OF ICONS

- The Bidding of Icons will take place next Sunday, January 24, 2010. If you have an Icon from last year, please return them so that we can organize them and prepare for the Bidding of Icons. The Youth Group will be sponsoring the Luncheon. A minimal donation of \$5.00 is asked.

THANK YOU

- Thank you to all who donated towards the two censers that were needed. May God Bless you!

GRAND RAFFLE

- There are still tickets available for the Grand Raffle. Tickets are \$25. each or \$100. for five tickets. First prize is \$3000., Second prize is \$1000., Third Prize is \$500., Fourth Prize is \$250. and Fifth Prize is \$250. The drawing of prizes to take place on Sunday, February 14th. You can mail your check to St. Mary's or see Bob Laska in front of the 'Large Check' in the Church hall during the coffee hour.

VALENTINE'S DAY LUNCHEON

- Mark your calendars, Sunday, February 14th after the Divine Liturgy the Women's Guild will be sponsoring a Valentine's Day Luncheon. Adults: \$15., Children 12 & under \$5.00. Proceeds to benefit St. Mary's Assumption Church. Our own Chef Mark Johns will be in the kitchen preparing a wonderful meal for all. Flyers with full details to come.

CHURCH CLOSINGS

- In the event of a Blizzard or Nor'Easter, Fr. Timothy will make the decision to close the Church by 8:00am Sunday Morning. Those of you who have given us your e-mail address you will be sent an e-mail notification. For all others please listen to radio station WBZ News Radio 1030 or tune to television channels WBZ-TV 4.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENT

- Fr. Timothy will be visiting each classroom during the month of January after the Divine Liturgy to teach and explain to the children about the Priest's Vestments. Please bring your children so that they can experience a visit with Fr. Timothy and get a first hand look at the Vestments of our Priest. Fr. Timothy will be visiting the classrooms on January 17th, 24th and 31st.

LOST & FOUND

- Ladies, please check to see if you are missing a pair of purple gloves and a black printed scarf.. If you are please contact the church office.

UPCOMING EVENTS

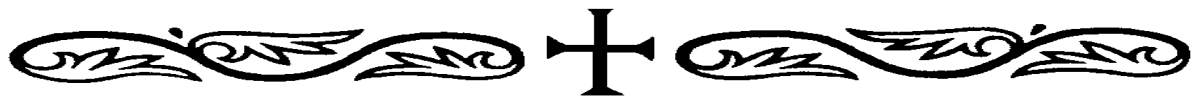
- Bible Study– Wednesday, January 20, 2010 starting at 7:00pm in the Sunday School wing. All who want to learn more about the Bible are welcome to attend.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- If you have an e-mail address and would like to receive information from the Church including the Sunday Bulletins and Tidings, please e-mail Lisa Gregory in the Church office at info@stmarysalbanianchurch.org. Currently we have over 125 addresses, but we know there are more of you out there that could be receiving the information via e-mail.

MEMORIAL SERVICES AND SACRAMENTS

- If you would like to arrange a Memorial Service, Baptism, Wedding or rent the hall, please call the church office Monday through Friday between 10:00 am and 2:00 pm and speak with our Secretary Lisa regarding scheduling of your event. The Church Office number is 508 756-1690.



FAQJA E INTERNETIT

- Tashmë Shën Maria ndodhet dhe në Facebook! Ju mund të merrni informacione në lidhje me Kishën e Shën Marisë, shërbimet e saj të ardhshëm, lajmet e fundit dhe rreth besimit ortodoks në faqen tonë të re në Facebook. Falenderojmë At.. Timotheun për krijimin e kësaj faqeje.

PËRKUJTIMORE

- Sot i ndajnë 1 vjet +Spiro Kote. Kujtimi i tij të ngelet i përjetshëm. Familja Kote do të sponsorizojë orën e kafesë.
- Sot i ndajnë 2 vjet +Foto Vezuli. Kujtimi i tij të ngelet i përjetshëm. Familja Vezuli do të sponsorizojë orën e kafesë.

SHËRBIME TË ARDHSHME

- Të Mërkurë më 20 Janar, Liturgjia do të bëhet në Shën Trini. Shërbesa do fillojë më 9:30 në mëngjes. Të gjithë janë të mirëpritur.
- Të Shtunë, më 23 Janar në orën 6:00 mbasdite – Mbrëmjesore në Faltore
- Njerzit që dëshirojnë të rëfihen, do të dëgohen nga At Timothy (Thimi) mbas Mbrëmësore së Madhe çdo të Shtunë në darkë ose mund të lini një orë të caktuar për tu takuar

LARTËSIMI I IKONAVE

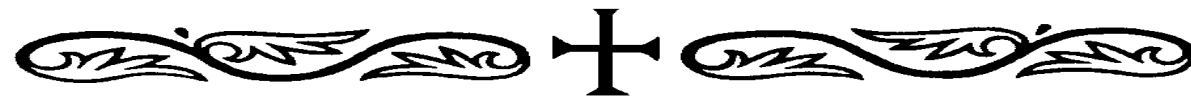
- Më 24 Janar, 2010 do të bëhet Lartësimi i Ikonave. Nëse kini në shpi ikona nga viti i kaluar, ju lutemi kthehni në kishë që të mund të fillojmë organizimin e tyre për Lartësimin e ri që do bëhet.

MBYLLJA E KISHËS

- At Timothy do të vendosë të mbyllë kishën në orën 8:00 të mëngjezit të Dielave, nëse do të kemi stuhi me dëborë. Të gjithë njerzit të cilëve ua kemi adresat e e-mail-it, do të njoftohen nëpërmjet e-mail-it. Gjithë të tjerët, ju lutemi dëgjoni në radio të Shtunë në mëngjes emisionin “WBZ News Radio 1030 am”, ose shikoni kanal televiziv WBZ-TV4.

LLOTARIA

- Ende ka bileta të pashitura për llotarinë e madhe. Biletat kushtojnë \$25,00 secila ose \$100,00 për pesë bileta. Çmimi i parë është \$3000,00, Çmimi i dytë është \$1000,00, Çmimi i tretë është \$500,00, Çmimi i katërt është \$250,00 dhe Çmimi i pestë është \$250,00. Të Dielë më 14 Shkurt do të tërhiqet shorti. Mund të postoni çekun në kishë ose të takoni Bob Laskën në sallën e Kishës gjatë orës së kafesë.



DREKË PËR DITËN E SHËN VALENTINIT

- Shënoni kalendarin ditën e Dielë më 14 Shkurt, mbas Liturgjisë së Shenjtë, Shoqata e Gruas “Women's Guild” do të sponsorizojë drekën me rastin e ditës së Shën Valentinit. Për të riturit bileta është \$15,00, për fëmijët në moshën 12 e poshtë bileta është \$ 5,00. Të ardhurat do ti jepen Kishës së Shën Marisë. Kuzhinieri ynë, Mark Xhons do të jetë në kuzhinë për të përgatitur ushqimet e mrekullueshme për të gjithë ne. Së shpejti do të shpërndajmë informacion me më shumë detaje.

LAJME NGA SHKOLLA E SË DIËLES

- At Timothy do të vizitojë çdo klasë gjatë muajit Janar, mbas Liturgjisë Hyjnore për tju mësuar dhe shpjeguar fëmijëve rreth Veshjeve të Priftit. Ju lutemi sillni fëmijët për të patur mundësinë të takohen me At Timothy dhe për të parë së afërmi Veshjet e priftit tonë. At Timothy do të vizitojë klasat e shkollës në datat 17,24,dhe 31 Janar

TË HUMBURA & TË GJETURA

- Zonja, shikoni nëse kini humbur një palë dorashka lila si dhe një shall të zi. Nëse po, atëherë kontaktoni zyrën e kishës.

NGJARJE TË ARDHSHME

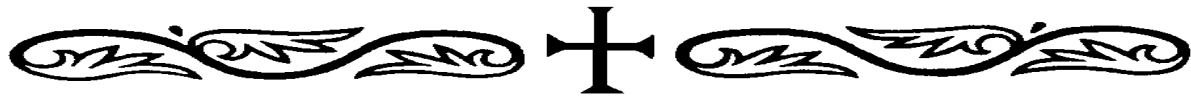
- Studime mbi Biblën - At Timothy do të fillojë një klasë javore për studimin e Biblës duke filluar të Mërkurë, më 6 Janar 2010 në orën 7:00 mbasdite. Të gjithë ju që dëshironi të mësoni më shumë mbi Biblën jeni të mirëpritur të merrni pjesë.

LAJMËRIM

- Nëse ju kini një adresë e-mail dhe dëshironi të merrni informacion nga Kisha duke përfshirë Buletinet e së Dielës si dhe Tidings ju lutemi dërgoni një e-mail Lisa Gregory në zyrën e Kishës në adresën info@stmarysalbanianchurch.org. Aktualisht ne kemi mbi 125 adresa, por ne e dimë që janë shumë më tepër ata që do të kishin dëshirë të marrin këtë informacion nëpërmjet e-mail-it.

SHËRBIME PËR PËRKUJTIMORE DHE SAKRAMENTE

- Nëse ju kini nevojë të bëni një Shërbesë Përkujtimore, Pagëzim, Dasmë ose të merrni me qera sallën e Kishës ju lutemi telefononi në zyrën e Kishës nga e Hëna në të Premte midis orëve 10:00 pd dhe 2:00 md dhe flisni me sekretaren tone Lisan për të planifikuar evenimentin tuaj. Numri i telefonit është 508-756-1690. Për të porositur grure ju lutemi telefononi Gloria Simo në 508-791 -0177. Për të sponsorizuar orën e kafesë, telefononi Catherine Weiss në 508 852-5296.



THE THEOPHANY BLESSING OF HOMES/BUSINESSES

During the days following the Feast of the Theophany (January 6th), it is customary for the Priest to visit the homes of his parishioners, bringing with him the “Jordan Water” for the traditional Theophany House Blessing. (Fr. Timothy will have a printed schedule available for you to sign up for him to bless your home and/or business. It is common practice that once the Great Fast begins House Blessings are suspended.)

All who reside in the household should make every effort to be present for the Blessing. In anticipation of the arrival of the Priest to the house, a hand-censer, if owned, and incense in the family’s icon corner should be prepared. If there is no icon corner, a small table should be placed on the eastern wall of the main room of the dwelling; the table, covered with a white cloth, should be set with one or more icons standing upright, a candle in a candle stand, a hand-censer and incense. A small bowl along with several sprigs of evergreen bound together with a ribbon should also be placed in the icon corner (or on the table), along with a clearly printed list of the Baptismal names of the members of the household. Upon the arrival of the Priest, he is to be greeted by all of the family members, each of whom asks the Priest’s blessing and reverences his right hand. Then a family member lights the candle and hand-censer and turns off all televisions, radios, etc. in the home. Lights should be turned on in all the rooms of the house that are to be blessed. Then the entire family gathers with the Priest before the icon corner (or table) to begin the Theophany House Blessing.

The Priest, vested in cassock and epitrachelion and faces the icons. He then places incense upon the lighted charcoal in the hand-censer and blesses it saying the usual prayer. He then places his hand-cross at the icon corne and pours “Jordan Water” into the bowl provided by the family.

After the prayers the head of the household holding a lighted candle leads the Priest through the house, The Priest carries the bowl of “Jordan Water” and, using his hand-cross together with the bound sprigs of evergreen, sprinkles each room with the “Jordan Water” while the festal Apolytikion “When Thou, O Lord wast baptized ...” is chanted repeatedly throughout the House Blessing while other members of the household walk behind the Priest during the blessing. The procession through the house ends at the icon corner (or table).

The Priest replaces the bowl and sprigs of evergreen in the icon corner (or on the table), and, holding the hand-cross and facing the people, he says the Dismissal.

It should be noted that it is customary for the head of the household to discreetly present the Priest with an envelope containing an honorarium and a list of the Living and Departed for whom the family requests his prayers during the New Year.



THE EPISTLE

(For St. Anthony the Great)

*Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints.
What shall I render to the Lord for all that He has given me?*

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews. (13:17-21)

Brethren, obey your leaders and submit to them; for they are keeping watch over your souls, as men who will have to give account. Let them do this joyfully, and not sadly, for that would be of no advantage to you. Pray for us, for we are sure that we have a clear conscience, desiring to act honorably in all things. I urge you the more earnestly to do this in order that I may be restored to you the sooner. Now may the God of peace Who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do His will, working in you that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ; to Whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

THE GOSPEL

(For the Fifteenth Sunday of Luke—“Zacchaeus Sunday”)

The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (19:1-10)

At that time, Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. And there was a man named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector, and rich. And he sought to see Who Jesus was, but could not, on account of the crowd, because he was small of stature. So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see Jesus, for He was to pass that way. And when Jesus came to the place, He looked up and said to him, “Zacchaeus, make haste and come down; for I must stay at your house today.” So he made haste and came down, and received Him joyfully. And when they saw it they all murmured, “He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner.” And Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, “Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I restore it fourfold.” And Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham; for the Son of man came to seek and to save the lost.”