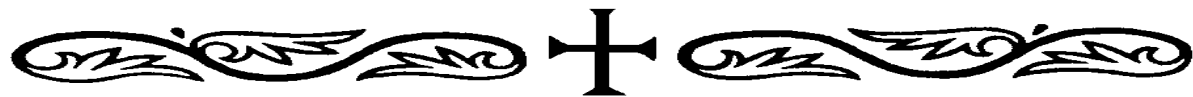


January 10, 2010

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

Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians 4:7-13

Gospel: St. Matthew 4:12-17

HOME VISITATION

- If you would like to have Fr. Timothy Cremeens visit you at your home. Please call the church office to set up a time that is convenient for both of you. His ultimate goal is to reach out to all the Albanian families in the community.

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 40 day Memorial for +Joseph Doku. The coffee hour will be sponsored by the Doku family. May his Memory be Eternal!
- Next Sunday, January 17, there will be a 2 year Memorial for +Foto Vezuli. May His Memory be Eternal!

UPCOMING SERVICES

- Wednesday, January 13. Divine Liturgy at Holy Trinity. The service begins at 9:30am. All are welcome to attend.
- Saturday, January 16 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.

NEEDED

- We are need of a small censer for use at Trisagion services at the Funeral Homes. The censer costs \$200. If you can donate toward this, please contact Fr. Timothy.

BIDDING OF ICONS

- The Bidding of Icons will take place on January 24, 2010. If you have an Icon from last year, please start to return them so that we can organize them and prepare for the Bidding of Icons

WOMEN'S GUILD ANNOUNCEMENT

- The Women's Guild of St. Mary's sends wishes to everyone for a happy, healthy, and blessed New Year. We hope this decade is good to all of you and your families.
- Please come. Join Us. If you have been thinking about joining our group, or even re-joining, this is the year. We look forward to celebrating our 55th Anniversary with activities full of fun and fond memories. If you have any old photos, etc. bring them along. The February 9th meeting and our Valentine's Day Luncheon will kick off our 55th year. Watch for the Sunday Bulletin, The Tidings, and our flyers for the up-coming events. Help us celebrate! Remember..... our purpose has been and continues to be to support the Sunday School and our church.

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 10th, 17th, 24th and 31st.

LOST & FOUND

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

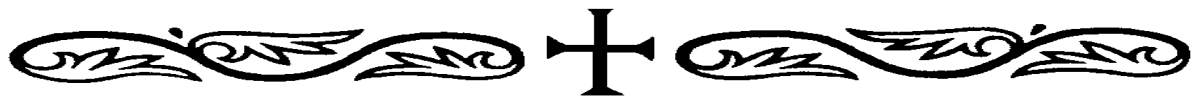
- The Women's Guild monthly meeting is this Tuesday, January 12th at 6:30 in the Church Hall. It will be a Bingo/Pizza Meeting. For \$5.00 you will get 2 Bingo cards and pizza. There will be prizes for the winners! Hope to see you there.
- Bible Study– Wednesday, January 13, 2010 starting at 7:00pm in 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.



VIZITA NË SHTËPI

- Nëse kini dëshirë që At Timothi të vijë dhe tju takojë në shtëpitë tuaja, ju lutemi telefononi në zyrën e kishës për të caktuar një orë që është e përshtatshme për ju dhe për At Timothi. Qëllimi dhe dëshira e tij është që të njihet me të gjitha familjet në komunitetin Shqiptar.

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 40 ditë Xhozef Doku (Joseph Doku). Kujtimi i tij të ngelet i përjetshëm. Familja Doku do të sponsorizojë orën e kafesë.

SHËRBIME TË ARDHSHME

- Të Mërkurë më 13 Januar, Liturgjia do të bëhet në Shën Trini. Shërbesa do fillojë më 9:30 në mëngjes. Të gjithë janë të mirëpritur.
- Të Shtunë, më 16 Janar në orën 6:00 mbasdite – Mbrëmjesore në Faltore
- Njerzit që dëshirojnë të rëfihen, do të dëgohen nga At Timothi (Thimi) mbas Mbrëmësore së Madhe çdo të Shtunë në darkë ose mund të lini një orë të caktuar për tu takuar

LARTËSIMI I IKONAVE

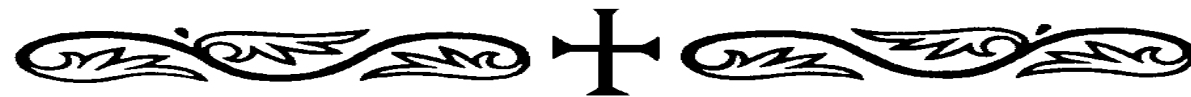
- Më 24 Janar, 2010 do të bëhet Lartësimi i Ikonave. Nëse kini në shpi ikona nga viti i kaluar, ju lutemi kthehni në kishë që të mund të fillojmë organizimin e tyre për Lartësimin e ri që do bëhet.

NEVOITEN

- Kemi nevojë për dy temjanica të vogla, për ti përdorur në shërbesën e Trisiagjion (E Trinsë së Shënjtë) në shtëpitë funerale. Temjanicat kushtojnë \$200,00 secila. Nëse dëshironi të dhuroni për to, ju lutemi kontaktoni At Timothi.

MBYLLJA E KISHËS

- At Timothi 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.



LAJME NGA SHKOLLA E SË DIËLES

- At Timothi 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 Timothi dhe për të parë së afërmi Veshjet e priftit tonë. At Timothi do të vizitojë klasat e shkollës në datat 10,17,24,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

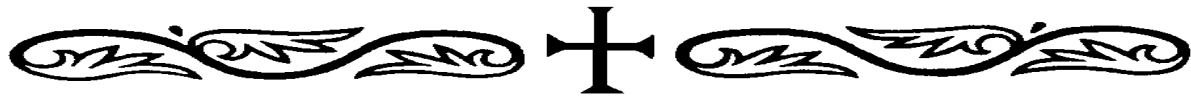
- Takimi mujor i Shoqatës së Gruas, do të jetë të Martë më 12 Janar në orën 6:30 mbasdite në sallën e Kishës. Do të jetë një mbrëmje ku do luhet Bingo.
- Studime mbi Biblën - At Timothi do të fillojë një klasë javore për studimin e Biblës duke filluar të Mërkurë, më 6 Janar 2010 në orën 7:00 mbasdite. 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 100 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 meshë 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 the Sunday after Theophany of Christ)

Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us. Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Ephesians. (4:7-13)

Brethren, grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ’s gift. Therefore it is said, “When He ascended on high He led a host of captives, and He gave gifts to men.” (In saying, “He ascended,” what does it mean but that He had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is He who also ascended far above all the heavens, that He might fill all things.) And His gifts were that some should be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.

THE GOSPEL

(For the Sunday after Theophany of Christ)

The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (4:12-17)

At that time, when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee; and leaving Nazareth he went and dwelt in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulon and Naphtali, so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: “The land of Zebulon and the land of Naphtali, toward the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.” From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, “Repent, for the kingdom of Heaven is at hand.”