

ST MARY'S ASSUMPTION ALBANIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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**Welcome to Saint Mary's Assumption Albanian Orthodox Church. Check out St. Mary's web page @ stmarysalbanianchurch.org**

**Saint of the Day: Sophronios, Patriarch of Jerusalem**

**ADORATION OF THE HOLY CROSS**

**Tone 6**

**Epistle: Hebrews 4: 14-5:6 Gospel: Mark 8:34-9:1**

**CHURCH NOTES: CHURCH SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES THIS COMING WEEK:**

- Today, we have a one year Memorial for +George Treska. The Coffee Hour is sponsored in his memory. May His Memory Be Eternal!
- Wednesday, March 14, Presanctified Liturgy at Holy Trinity Nursing Home., 9:30 am. All are invited to attend.
- Wednesday, March 14, Presanctified Liturgy here at St. Mary's. The Services begin at 6:00 pm followed by a light Lenten meal immediately after services. All are welcome.
- Friday, March 16, Salutations to the Blessed Virgin will be held here at St. Mary's Annunciation in Natick. Services begin at 7:00 PM followed by a light Lenten meal immediately after services. All are welcome.
- Please tune to radio station WTAG, 580am for cancellation notices of church services.
- Next Sunday, March 18, we will have a six month Memorial Services for +Nora Kiritsy, a two year Memorial for +Thomas Laska, and a three year Memorial for +Olympia Petrides. The Coffee Hour is sponsored in all of their Memories. May Their Memories Be Eternal!
- Today, during Coffee we will have a slide presentation on the Church in Albania.
- Petafi donations can be made during Sunday Coffee Hour.
- Thursday March 15, Senior Social at 11:00am

**COMMUNITY EVENTS**

- The Women's Guild of St. Mary's is sponsoring an Easter Bread Sale. A two pound Easter Bread will be available for \$15.00 each. Breads will be available for pick up Saturday morning, April 7 from 10:00 to noon or following Easter Sunday Services. Please order by March 30. Mail check to Carole Del'Aquila at 52 Havelock Road, Worcester, Ma 01602. Don't forget the Women's Guild Dinner/Meeting on Tuesday March 13 at 7:00 PM.
- If you would like to arrange a Memorial Service, please call Father Dennis at the church. This will assure that your Memorial Service will go as you planned.
- SAVE THIS DATE! Saturday, March 24, 2007. The Council of Eastern Orthodox Churches will sponsor another COME AND SEE program for our children here at St. Mary's and ALL area Orthodox Churches from 9:00 am to 3:00 . It is designed for children K-8th grades. More information to follow.
- PALM SUNDAY LUNCHEON here at St. Mary's on April 1, immediately following church services. Adults: \$15, children: \$5. For reservations call Evelyn Smith at 508 756-9728 or Catherine Weiss at 508 852-5296.
- Planning for St. Mary's 2007 Albanian Festival is well underway. It will be held on June 1, 2, 3, . Volunteers are needed. Please call Meri Kodra at 508 798-2491.
- Forms are available in the back of the church for ads in the Church Festival Commemoration book. This is a great way to remember you family including your loved ones asleep in the Lord.

**DID YOU KNOW?**

In the Orthodox Church we commemorate the finding of the Cross on which Christ was crucified on the third Sunday of Great Lent. We refer to this as the Adoration of the Cross. For Christians, the cross does not represent death but rather the promise of life. The commemoration consists of a procession with the Cross surrounded by flowers and the reading of special prayers.