

ST MARY'S ASSUMPTION ALBANIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

UNDER THE OMOPHORION OF HIS GRACE BISHOP NIKON, BISHOP OF BOSTON, NEW ENGLAND AND THE ALBANIAN ARCHDIOCESE OF AMERICA ORTHODOX CHURCH IN AMERICA

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Welcome to Saint Mary's Assumption Albanian Orthodox Church. **Check out St.**

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Tone 6, Saints of the Day: The Holy and Righteous Ancestors of God, Joachim and Anna

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 4: 6-15, Gospel: Luke 5: 1-11

TODAY IS THE 15TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

- Next Sunday, September 16, there will be a One Year Memorial for Nora Kiritsy! May Her Blessed Memory Be Eternal.

CHURCH SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES THIS COMING WEEK:

- Monday, September 10, Salutations to the Theotokos for Health and Well Being will take place in our Sts. Peter and Paul Chapel. The service begins at 7:00 PM.
- Wednesday, September 12,...Divine Liturgy at Holy Trinity. The service begins at 9:30am.
- Friday September 14, a Divine Liturgy will be held here at Saint Mary's to commemorate the Exhaltation of the Cross. The service begins at 9:30 AM.
- If you would like to arrange a Memorial Service, please call Father Dennis first. At the time you call, please provide Fr. Dennis with the names of those deceased family members you wish to commemorate.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Annual Assembly of the Albanian Orthodox Church in America will be held in Worcester from Thursday, September 27 thru September 29. Friday's session begins at 10:00 AM in our church hall and ends at 3:30 PM. All are invited to attend as observers. If you wish to attend the banquet on Friday evening at 6:30 PM, the cost is \$25.00. Saturday morning at 8:30 AM there will be a Hierarchical Divine Liturgy followed by a Memorial Service at Hope Cemetery for Kistaq Dishniza

- This afternoon, Egest Veliu and Jola Roba will be wed in Holy Matrimony here at St. Mary's. We are pleased to welcome Father Sotir Dinka who has come from Albania to attend and assist in the wedding ceremony. May God Grant the new couple many years.

- **SAVE THE DATE!** On the evening of November 3, 2007, Saint Mary's Assumption Albanian Orthodox Church is sponsoring a gala dinner and entertainment to celebrate our 25 years at our present church location. More information will be provided in the near future.

- **SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION:** Today is Sunday School Registration in the Church Hall. Sunday School classes will begin on Sunday, September 16, 2007. We hope to see all of St. Mary's children in attendance throughout the school year so we ask parents, grandparents, Godparents, or aunts/uncles to please make every effort to see that they attend as often as possible. **LET US BRING OUR CHILDREN TO LEARN OF GOD'S LOVE FOR THEM."**

- The **WOMEN'S GUILD** will meet on September 18 at 7:00 pm in the Church Hall. The meeting will be hosted by "Tastefully Simple." Come and enjoy a large sampling of tasty foods, breads, dips, sauces and much more. Call Lynn Gonzales for more details at 508-842-3645.

- On September 30, Saint Nicholas Orthodox Church in Shrewsbury will host an "Old Style Church Picnic" between 12 noon through 3:00 pm.

DID YOU KNOW?

- In the Orthodox Church, on September 14, we commemorate the Exhaltation of the Cross. A well established tradition within the Orthodox Church is that Helen, the mother of Constantine the Great discovered near Golgotha the three crosses on which Christ and the two thieves were crucified. Bishop Macarios identified the true Cross of Christ as the one whose touch immediately returned a dying woman to perfect health. On September 14, the Cross is commemorated in a spirit of triumph as a 'weapon of peace and unconquerable ensign of victory' (Kontakion of the feast).