

# MONTHLY BULLETIN

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## February Services

### **Thursday, February 2**

Presentation of Our Lord  
Divine Liturgy **9:30 am**

### **Sunday, February 5**

The Publican and the  
Pharisee  
Orthos **8:30 am**  
Divine Liturgy **9:30 am**

### **Sunday, February 12**

The Prodigal Son  
Orthos **8:30 am**  
Divine Liturgy **9:30 am**

### **Saturday, February 18**

Saturday of the Souls  
Divine Liturgy **9:00 am**

### **Sunday, February 19**

Judgement Sunday  
Orthos **8:30 am**  
Divine Liturgy **9:30 am**

### **Saturday, February 25**

Saturday of the Souls  
Divine Liturgy **9:00 am**

### **Sunday, February 26**

Forgiveness Sunday  
Orthos **8:30 am**  
Divine Liturgy **9:30 am**

## Commitment

A priest was visiting the home of a parish family one day. Gathered beside him at the home were the children, grandchildren and wife of the family patriarch who laying in a sick bed during his final hours.

The family members told the priest many stories that day regarding the man lying in the sick bed. All of them possessed one common theme; commitment. The family patriarch was a man committed to his Church, his family and his country. He was a strong man.

In his younger days he was a man that could not be easily driven away from his community. He was there to stay whether or not he got along with everyone.

The patriarch was not a perfect man, nor was he painted in such a manner. But, his commitment to God, family and country is what made him so admirable.

The Merriam-Webster dictionary defines *commit* as “to carry into action deliberately.” The family patriarch was a man that did just this. He deliberately carried his plans into action. He was, as the phrase goes, “all in.”

In the Book of Proverbs, we read:

*Commit thy works unto the Lord, and thy thoughts shall be established*  
-Proverbs 16:3-

What does this passage mean? It means that we go “all in with God;” not just on Sunday in front of the masses; not just from the pulpit when preaching a sermon, but every day and in all that we do!

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**Bible Studies*****Tuesday, February 7***

6:15pm – 7:45pm

***Thursday, February 9***

11:00am – 12:30pm

***Tuesday, February 14***

6:15pm – 7:45pm

***Thursday, February 16***

11:00am – 12:30pm

***Tuesday, February 21***

6:15pm – 7:45pm

***Tuesday, February 28***

6:15pm – 7:45pm

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## “Jamming with Father Chris”

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### **"You have not had jam until you have had our jam!" Father Christopher Kolenstsas & Family**

My dear brothers and sisters in the Lord,

I invite you all to join me on **Thursday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>** for a morning and afternoon of jam making, Bible study and good old fashioned para. This event is scheduled to take place in our Church Hall.

Over one decade ago my wife and I began making the finest fruit jams that you have ever tasted. Those who have tasted our fruit spreads will attest to their fine texture and mouth-watering flavor.

What makes our jam so unique is the recipe and process that we use. The recipe is simple as is the entire process. What is required is your time and patience. The process cannot be rushed.

Order of events are as follows:

**11:00 am**- Arrival time and fruit preparation

**11:45 am – 2:00 pm** - simmer the jam on low heat stirring jam constantly.

While Jam is simmering, we will take turns stirring the pot while holding our Bible study and taking lunch.

**2:00 pm** – ladle jam into sterilized jars

**2:15 pm** – process jars in boiling water

While jars are processing, we will clean up our tools and work station

**3:00 pm** – Finished!!

There are only 10 seats available for this class. Please RSVP to my cell phone at 774-372-9107.



In His Service,

Father Christopher Kolentsas

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## CHOIR NEWS

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A Big Thank You to all that sent to donations for the **Revered John Govostes Assumption of the Virgin Mary Choir Scholarship Fund**. Scholarships will be awarded to high school seniors that give two years of faithful service singing and/or reading in the Assumption of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church of Ipswich, MA choir or chant stand.

Without all of you, this scholarship would not be possible. Father John so loved the music of our church and the choir. If you would like to make a contribution please send your donation to Stella Spyropoulos 4 Bruce Road, Danvers, MA 01923. Checks can be made out to The Assumption of the Virgin Mary Choir.

### **Thank you to our donors:**

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## MELISSA SOCIETY

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### **Vasilopeta Happy New Year 2023**

In honoring St. Basil, the Great and in keeping with the tradition of the cutting of the Vasilopeta, which emanates from his blessed actions, the ladies of Melissa Society will once again be inviting us all to partake of a special slice of Vasilopeta along with a coffee hour immediately following church services on Sunday, February 5.

Please attend to celebrate the New Year together as a parish. One lucky person will find the coin within the bread bestowing good luck on its recipient for the year 2023.

### **Melissa Meeting**

The Melissa Women's Society will hold their monthly meeting on **Wednesday, Feb 1<sup>st</sup>** at **6:30pm** at the Blue Marlin in Essex. New members are invited to attend. Please contact Chris Sarantopoulos at 978-500-6248 or email at [cesarantopoulos@hotmail.com](mailto:cesarantopoulos@hotmail.com)

# February

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Melissa Meeting <b>6:30pm @Blue Marlin in Essex</b>	2 Presentation of Our Lord <b>Liturgy 9:30am</b>	3	4
5 The Publican and the Pharisee Orthos <b>8:30am</b> Liturgy <b>9:30am</b>  <b>Goya Meeting</b>	6 Greek School <b>4:00-7:00pm</b>	7 Bible Study <b>6:15pm-7:45pm</b>  Greek School <b>4:00 – 6:00pm</b>	8	9 Bible Study <b>11:00am – 12:30pm</b>	10	11
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