

# ***News from St. Nick's***

## **Sunday, May 31, 2020**

### **The Seventh Sunday of Pascha**

### ***Sunday of the Holy Fathers of the 1st Ecumenical Council***

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***Apostolic Reading: Acts 20:16-18;28-36***

***Gospel: John 17:1-13***

***Tone 6 • Matins Gospel 10***

## ***ANNOUNCEMENTS***

***THE LIVE-STREAMING OF THE LITURGY WILL CONTINUE FOR THIS SUNDAY.*** Matins at 9:00am and Divine Liturgy at 10:00am.

***- For the Live-Streaming of Sunday Services,*** go to: [www.stnicholaschurch.org](http://www.stnicholaschurch.org) and click on ***"Live Streaming of Services"***

***- To view previous Services*** on our YouTube Channel, [click here.](#)

***REOPENING THE CHURCH.*** The Parish Council is working on finalizing procedures in keeping with the guidelines for "opening" churches. Next weekend, ***Saturday, June 6*** for the Saturday of the Souls and ***Sunday, June 7*** for Pentecost will be our first public services. Details will be forthcoming.

***CONGRATULATIONS! Margarite Landry*** has become a grandmother! Her son and daughter-in-law, ***Nicholas and Sarah Roumas*** welcomed a baby boy, ***Anthony Major Roumas*** on May 22 at 9:30 AM, 8 pounds and 12 oz, 20.5 inches long. May God grant them all many years!

**NEW EMAIL ADDRESSES FOR THE CHURCH.** If you have information or a notice to share in the Church bulletin, please send that to [Bulletin@stnicholaschurch.org](mailto:Bulletin@stnicholaschurch.org). Likewise, questions or information for the Parish Council may be addressed to [ParishCouncil@stnicholaschurch.org](mailto:ParishCouncil@stnicholaschurch.org).

**STEWARDSHIP.** This is a difficult time for everyone, on so many levels. One is economic. But if you are able, please continue to send what stewardship offering that you feel you can afford. Keep in mind that **the Church is also in the same situation.** There are on-going expenses. You may mail any contributions to the Church address, or you may give on-line, at the parish website by [clicking here](#). God bless you and keep you safe!

**HIS BEATITUDE PATRIARCH DANIEL** has addressed an encouraging **message to the Church on the current COVID-19 pandemic** where he underscores that "the situation of the pandemic calls us to transform suffering into hope and isolation into the desire for more communion among people." You may view his address by [clicking here](#). (Romanian with English subtitles.)

**WE HAVE A COVID FUND.** There are people both in our parish and who come to the Church who are in need. There will very likely be even more as this situation continues. **If you need help**, whatever it might be, including financial assistance, please contact Fr. Nick. We'll find a way to assist you. **ALSO**, we are asking the faithful in our parish **WHO ARE ABLE**, to perhaps contribute toward this fund. We've set up a small committee, headed by Fr. Nick, to administer this fund, and distribute what we're able to give as equitably as possible. **May God keep us all!**

**REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER.** You already know that Fr. Nick maintains a Parish Diptych. He remembers all of the members of the Parish, living and dead, as he prepares the Holy Offering at every Liturgy. But each one of us has a part in that prayer as well. Sometimes we bake a Prospora and bring it, along with names of people who need our prayers, to be remembered during the Liturgy. Very often, when we enter the Church we light a candle, or two or three, as another kind of offering for people we love. The distancing imposed upon us has definitely put a crimp in these and other beautiful practices, but here's a suggestion. **Send the names of people you'd especially like to be remember** to Fr. Nick. He'll make sure they are prayed for during the Liturgy. If you'd like to have **candles lit as well**, make a note on the message that you send, and we'll make sure candles are offered. If you'd like to **make a donation**, that would be a help for our Parish. Either mail it to the Church address, or give on-line by [clicking here](#).

## **HOLY TRINITY NEWS**

### ***A message from Holy Trinity Nursing and Rehabilitation Center (26 May 2020)***

The staff and residents of Holy Trinity hope that everyone had a wonderful Memorial Day Weekend! It was a time of remembrance of those who have passed and an opportunity to recall what their lives meant to each of us. Holy Trinity is relieved to be turning the corner after a

difficult few months and thankful to its staff and residents' families for their support and patience during this challenging time.

**Covid-19 Update** – With a significant shift downward in the number of positive Covid cases, Holy Trinity is pleased to report it is down to 7 Covid-positive residents, none of whom are symptomatic. Sadly, Holy Trinity has reported 10 deaths since the Covid-19 crisis struck and it grieves with the families for their losses. Holy Trinity continues to admit residents that are sick, no matter the ailment, consistent with the Christian mission on which it was founded, continuing to care for them in the safest manner possible and cohorting patients as needed.

### **Resident Activities**

Spring has sprung and Holy Trinity saw a burst of activity during the month of May. Holy Trinity would like to acknowledge and thank local performers Joe Cariglia, Cindy Melikian and George Guertin for donating their time to entertain its residents with a 'social distance' outdoor concert. Birthday celebrations were also had for four residents.

While group activities have been postponed, activities staff have been keeping residents busy. Covid-negative or asymptomatic residents are enjoying hallway bingo, hallway exercise, Hallmark movies, word search puzzles, reminiscing games and more. Residents restricted to their rooms are being offered the opportunity to participate in individual activities such as word search, crossword puzzles, arts & crafts, and adult coloring.

Resident families can schedule Facetime or Skype visits with their loved ones [online](#) or contact the receptionist or social worker to arrange for window visits.

**Staff Thank You Meals** – Holy Trinity appreciates the many donations that have helped to provide meals for staff. You can find a list of generous friends/donors on the [Holy Trinity's website](#), as well as the local restaurants that have contributed with meal deliveries. This past week's meals were prepared by Garden Fresh Courthouse Café, Ciao Bella, Thai and I, Lil M's Mart, Loving Hut (on behalf of The Sankara Healthcare Foundation), and The Manor/The Draught House.

**Job Openings** – Holy Trinity is hiring for a variety of clinical, food service and housekeeping staff. Check out the open positions [here](#).

Holy Trinity invites you to follow its [Facebook](#) page to get ongoing updates on the happenings at Holy Trinity.

## **2020 Graduates**

*"He has filled them with the spirit of God,*

*with skill, intelligence, and knowledge in every kind of craft." (Exodus 35:31)*

We want to acknowledge members of our Church community who are celebrating a graduation and recognize their achievement.

### **MIDDLE SCHOOL**

— **Mihai Gavala**, son of Artic and Cristina Gavala, is graduated from Sutton Middle School, and will attend St John's High School in Shrewsbury.

### **HIGH SCHOOL**

— **Gabriela Joanna Gavala**, daughter of Artic and Cristina Gavala, is graduated from Worcester Academy and will attend Union College in Schenectady, New York. She will study Biology/Psychology and hopes to enroll in the PreMed track.

— **Elodie Killick**, daughter of Elaine and Nicholas Killick, is graduated from Doherty High School. She will be attending the University of Massachusetts at Amherst in the fall studying Biology.

— **Dan Alexandru Nedelescu**, son of Bogdan and Sandra Nedelescu, is graduated from the Massachusetts Academy of Math and Sciences at WPI. He will attend the Georgia Institute of Technology in Atlanta to study Computer Science.

— **Eleni Polymeros**, daughter of William and Laura Polymeros, is graduated from Blackstone Valley Technical High School. She will be attending Worcester State University in the fall.

### **COLLEGE**

— **Dimitri Christo**, son of James and Lea Christo, is graduated from Emmanuel College in Boston with a BA in Graphic Design. He is working for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts at the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.

— **Matthew Alexander Collins**, son of James and Becky Collins, is graduated from Wentworth Institute of Technology in Boston with a BS in Computer Information Systems.

— **Tatiana Karadimitriou**, daughter of Kosmas Karadimitriou and Maria Kalpidou, is graduated from the University of Southern California. She is working in a cancer research lab during her gap year as she applies to medical school.

— **Christian Polymeros**, son of William and Laura Polymeros, is graduated from Massachusetts Maritime Academy with a BS in Facilities Engineering.

— **William Polymeros**, son of Dean and Harriett Polymeros, is graduated from University of Massachusetts at Amherst with a BS in Renewable Energy Engineering.

— **Brian Rucho**, son of Christopher and Julie Rucho, and grandson of Florence Rucho, is graduated from Westfield State University with a BS in Liberal Studies and is pursuing his electrician's license.

— **Zoe Tsongalis**, daughter of Gregory and Nancy Tsongalis, is graduated from Providence College in RI with a BA in Elementary and Special Education. She will begin her teaching career in the Hartford Public School System in VT.

— **Christian Wybieracki**, grandson of Janice Samara, is graduated from Bentley College in Waltham with a BA in Finance. He is pursuing a position in his field.

### **GRADUATE STUDIES**

— **Elias Christo**, son of James and Lea Christo, is graduated from Roger Williams University with a MA in Architecture. He is preparing for the national Architectural Registration Exam and pursuing employment at a residential architecture firm in New England.

— **Matthew Moore**, grandson of Janice Samara, is graduated from the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth, with a MA in Bio-Medical Engineering. He is pursuing a position in his field.

***May our loving Lord continue to bless their efforts and grant them a long life, health, prosperity, and many, many years!***

## Orthodox Links

[Romanian Orthodox Metropolia](#) of the Americas

[Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of North and Central America](#) (Assembly of Bishops)

[International Orthodox Christian Charities](#) (IOCC)

[Orthodox Christian Mission Center](#) (OCMC)

[Orthodox Christian Radio Network](#) (OCN)

[Council of Eastern Orthodox Churches of Central Mass.](#) (CEOC)

## Dates To Remember

Sat. June 6 - Saturday of the Dead

Sun, June 7 - Pentecost

June 15 thru 28 - Apostles' Fast

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