

News from St. Nick's

Sunday, June 7, 2020

Holy Pentecost

The Descent of the Holy Spirit

Apostolic Reading: Acts 2, 1-11

Gospel: John 7, 37-53; 8, 12

The Entirety of the Service is from the Pentecostarion for the Feast

ANNOUNCEMENTS

REOPENING THE CHURCH. We are moving forward with reopening the Church this weekend as planned. You received the [Guidelines for Reopening](#) earlier in the week. Our objective for these opening weeks is to have the occupancy remain approximately **30 people** along with Fr. Nick and the servers. There are **two opportunities to attend Church this weekend** as shown below. Parish Council members will be present to guide us all through this process to ensure it is positive and safe for all.

- ***SATURDAY OF THE SOULS.*** There will be services on **Saturday, June 6** - Matins at 9 AM, Divine Liturgy at 10 AM.
- ***SUNDAY OF PENTECOST.*** Services for Holy Pentecost on **Sunday, June 7** - Matins at 9 AM, Divine Liturgy at 10 AM, followed by the Kneeling Prayers of Pentecost.

THE LIVE-STREAMING OF THE LITURGY WILL CONTINUE. For the indefinite future, you will still be able to access the live-stream of Divine Services. Go to: www.stnicholaschurch.org and click on **"Live Streaming of Services"**

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

ORTHODOX FOOD PANTRY UPDATE. The Food Pantry reopened this past weekend to serve the needs of our community. [Our Parish is staffing the Food Pantry this Saturday, 6/6 and more help is needed.](#) Volunteers will have PPE (masks and gloves) and there is a new plexi-glass screen at the check-in desk. Additional help is needed now and in the coming weeks because many of the regular volunteers may not be in a position to return just yet. For more information, contact [Lisa Demake](#) or [Nicole Apostola](#).

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. Likewise, questions or information for the Parish Council may be addressed to 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 Prosfora 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 (6/4/20)

Holy Trinity In The News! - Please click [here](#) and read the FRONT PAGE story in the Worcester Telegram & Gazette about Holy Trinity

Update - There are currently 2 residents that are positive (not acquired at Holy Trinity), and 80 negative residents (53 are fully recovered, and 27 have always tested negative). We continue to have and use appropriate levels of PPE (personal protection equipment). This is a testament to the staff's tireless work and care to ensure that the facility is meeting all safety standards. Sadly, there have been 10 deaths attributable to Covid-19 at Holy Trinity since the beginning of March. Holy Trinity continues to admit all residents that need long term care or short-term rehabilitation services, and care for them in the safest, and most caring manner possible no matter what their pre-existing condition.

Resident IN PERSON Visits - At this time, the Executive Office of Health and Human Services Department of Public Health is allowing in-person, outside visits with residents, provided certain safety conditions are met. If you would like to schedule an in-person visit, window time, or video call please click [here](#) to complete a visit form. You will receive a follow up email and/or phone call with details about your scheduled visit. Please do not call the center to schedule a visit.

Staff Thank You Meals – Holy Trinity has made the tough decision to curtail the staff meals down to one day per weekday and one day per weekend. Everyone has been extremely generous with their contributions and we are continuing to take donations to fund these meals twice a week. Please visit our [website](#) to see the many generous friends who have supported Holy Trinity during this challenging time, and the many local restaurants that have contributed with meal deliveries. This week's meals were prepared by Garden Fresh Courthouse Café, New England Roast Beef, Thai and I, Bagel Inn, Ted's Pizza, Boomer's Subs and Deli (donated by The Son's of St. Mary's), and The Flying Rhino. We thank everyone who has put their time and effort into this undertaking!

Job Openings – Check out the open positions at Holy Trinity [here](#) to join a wonderful team!

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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