

News from St. Nick's **Sunday, May 1, 2022**

The Second Sunday After Pascha

Sunday of St. Thomas

Apostolic Reading: Acts 5:12-20

Gospel: John 20:19-31

Tone 1 • Resurrection Gospel 1

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

INSTALLATION OF FR. VASILE On the weekend of May 7 - 8, our parish will be blessed by a visit from our Hierarchy, **His Eminence Metropolitan Nicolae** along with **V. Rev. Fr. Daniel Ene**, Eparchial Secretary/Dean for Eastern USA, as His Eminence installs Fr. Vasile Aileni as the new pastor of our community.

This will be an opportunity to welcome **Fr. Vasile, Preotasa Claudia**, and their children **Julia, Sarah**, and **Mark**; as well as to extend appreciation and well-wishes to **Fr. Nicholas** and **Presbytera Maria** for their lifetime of love, dedication and service to our parish.

On **Saturday, May 7** there will be **Great Vespers at 6 pm** with clergy from our sister parishes in the area. On **Sunday, May 8** there will be **Matins at 8:30 am, Divine Liturgy at 10 am**, with His Eminence Nicolae presiding, followed by the installation ceremony and coffee hour. Please join us with your presence and prayers for this important occasion in the life of the St. Nicholas community.

MEMORY ETERNAL! With sadness and hope in the Resurrection, we share the news that **Carol S. Soter** fell asleep in the Lord on April 24, 2022. Carol was predeceased by her husband, George Soter, and son Gary Michael Soter. Her funeral was held on Friday, April 29 at

the Church. She was a devoted participant and volunteer in the Church throughout her life. We offer our deepest sympathy to her children and their families. May her memory be eternal!

MEMORY ETERNAL! With sadness and hope in the Resurrection, we share the news that **Cristian V. Dumitriu**, D.M.D. 51, fell asleep in the Lord on April 18, 2022. Dr. Dumitriu owned and operated Able Dental, a dental practice in Worcester. His funeral was held on Thursday, April 21. We offer our deepest condolences to his mother, Mrs. Maria Dumitriu, sister, Roxana Herzog and family. May his memory be eternal!

THANKS TO EVERYONE whose gifts of time, talent, and treasure contributed to making Holy Week and Pascha so special. Your generous donations, all of the baking efforts, those who helped with ushering, set-up and clean-up, the religious education teachers, and everyone who participated and shared in the Divine Services were all a blessing to our community during that Holy Season.

CALLING ALL GRADUATES It's the season when we want to recognize the graduates from among our Church family. If you or someone you know will be graduating, please [email](#) us the following information so they may be included:

- Full name of graduate
- Parents' names
- Where they are graduating from
- Note any honors or distinctions
- Future educational or career plans

UKRAINIAN RELIEF. The **Saint Paraskeva Orthodox Charity** in partnership with our Metropolia is working with the Archdiocese of Suceava and Rădăuți to support Ukrainian war refugees in transit or intending to stay in Romania. This region of Romania is one of the major entry points for persons fleeing the invasion of Ukraine. Funds collected will assist the monasteries and parishes in the diocese that have set up more than 500 fully equipped shelters. If you would like to learn more about this effort and contribute, please [click here for the website of Saint Parascheva Charity](#) or go to their [Facebook page](#).

OUR ON-LINE GIVING SYSTEM HAS BEEN UPGRADED! Please check it out by [clicking here](#), or by using the [ON-LINE](#) link on our parish homepage. You may use this option to submit one-time or recurring payments.

COMMUNITY NEWS

A MEDICATION TAKE BACK opportunity will be held on **Saturday, April 30th from 10:00am to 2:00pm**, at the Shrewsbury Senior Center, 98 Maple Ave, Shrewsbury. No fee. No proof of identification. No questions. This is open to the general public. Bring in your expired or unused medications for safe and proper disposal. If you're unable to make it that day, you can search for year-round Pharmaceutical Public Disposal Locations by [clicking here](#).

ALL THINGS ORTHODOX is a weekly show hosted by Fr. Christopher Stamas of St. Spyridon Cathedral. Fr. Chris interviews people active in the life of the Church on questions of faith and action. It is aired on the **Worcester Cable channel 194** on **Mondays** at 7 pm, **Saturdays** at 8 pm and **Sundays** at 9 pm. Also look for it on the Cable website: wccatv.com, or the **Worcester TV** Roku app.

ORTHODOX FOOD CENTER

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED Lovin' Spoonfuls- A [Massachusetts Food Rescue Organization](#), would like to partner with us and deliver **healthy, perishable food - fruits and vegetables, dairy and protein to the food pantry on a weekly basis**, to supplement the food we get at the WCFB. This is a wonderful opportunity for the Pantry!

The Lovin' Spoonfuls truck will make a weekly delivery to St. Spyridon's on **Friday**, (late morning or early afternoon) just in time for our Food pantry distribution on Saturday. **Volunteers are needed who have the ability to sit and wait for the delivery. There may be some lifting involved to assist with the transport from truck to pantry.** A lock box will be placed at the entry door of the pantry (from the church hallway) to allow the volunteer access to the pantry. If we can get 4-6 volunteers on a rotating schedule it would become a once-a- month or less commitment and a great way to expand the food supplies available to our clients. For more information, contact [Nicole Apostola](#).

NOTES FROM HOLY TRINITY

AN OUNCE OF PREVENTION IS WORTH A POUND OF CURE - April's the time to celebrate Occupational Therapy Month. Occupational Therapy, or OT, is the only profession that helps rehabilitate individuals experiencing medical, psychological, developmental, and cognitive challenges. Holy Trinity's lead Occupational Therapist, **Nina Asfoura**, is a member of St. George Orthodox Cathedral and a 1st generation Syrian American, who works to help long-term residents and short-term patients regain life skills through meaningful therapeutic activities. "It's a very rewarding profession," comments Nina. "I use a variety of modalities available including ultrasound, diatherapy, electrical stimulation, and standard testing for cognitive abilities. I also recommend a variety of adaptive equipment and assistive devices." Nina is part of a team that includes a speech and language pathologist and physical therapists.

HOLY TRINITY IS HERE TO HELP! - While we have a limited number of beds available, if you need long-term or short-term rehab admissions, please call our **Admissions Director, Mary Charmchi**, on her cell: (774) 502-5745 or, by email: mcharmchi@htrn.net.

COVID-19 UPDATE - There are currently no Covid-positive Holy Trinity residents or employees.

JOB OPENINGS - Recent grads and people familiar with the languages and cultures of our Orthodox communities are encouraged to apply. To join our award-winning team and advance your career, [Click here](#) for a full listing of our openings with detailed job descriptions.

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[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, May 7 Hierarchical Great Vespers 6 pm
Sun, May 8 Matins, 8:30 am - Divine Liturgy, 10 am
Sun, May 8 Fr. Vasile's Installation
Mon, May 30 Memorial Day
Sat, June 11 Saturday of the Soul
Sun, June 12 Pentecost

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