

News from St. Nick's **Sunday, May 15, 2022**

The Fourth Sunday After Pascha **Sunday of the Healing of the Paralytic**

Apostolic Reading: [Acts 9: 32-42](#)

Gospel: [John 5: 1-15](#)

Tone 3 • Resurrection Gospel 5

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANK YOU To everyone whose gifts of time, talent, and treasure contributed to the wonderful installation celebration last weekend! As we offered our appreciation and well-wishes to **Fr. Nicholas** and **Presbyteria Maria** for their lifetime of love, dedication and service to our parish, we also joyfully welcomed our new pastor, **Fr. Vasile, Preoteasa Claudia**, and their children **Julia, Sarah**, and **Mark**. We were particularly blessed to have the spiritual wisdom of our Hierarch, **His Eminence Metropolitan Nicolae** presiding, along with the guidance and support of **V. Rev. Fr. Daniel Ene**, Eparchial Secretary/Dean for Eastern USA. We are grateful to the many people behind the scenes who made it such a lovely event.

MEMORY ETERNAL! On Wednesday, May 11, there was a **40-Day Memorial Service** held for **Mariana Heletea**, mother of **Gheorghina Shaheen** who fell asleep in the Lord on April 3. May our Loving Lord comfort Gheorghina, Nader, and all of their family and may Mariana rest among the Saints!

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

ORTHODOX FOOD CENTER Saturday, **June 4** from **9 am prompt until about 12 noon** is our parish's responsibility to staff the Orthodox Food Center. In recent years our crew of volunteers has dwindled, and we really need new people to commit themselves to this ministry of our Church. For more information, contact [Nicole Apostola](#) and view the [descriptive guide](#). In the words of St. John Chrysostom, *"Feeding the hungry is a greater work than raising the dead."*

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

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

THE SPECIAL MONTH OF MAY - In May we gratefully recognize National Nursing Week (May 6-12) and National Speech and Language Therapist Month. We salute the true value of geriatric nurses and therapists who help our older patients and residents cope with changes to physical and cognitive abilities with the utmost care, compassion, and respect.

COVID 19 REHABILITATION UNIT – In coordination with our medical director, we have a dedicated team of registered nurses and patient care technicians who are caring for 4 short-term Covid patients. There are *no* Covid-positive staff or long-term residents, and we remain vigilant in all cleaning and safety procedures.

VACATION HELP FOR CAREGIVERS - Now is the time to start planning for short-term relief for primary caregivers traveling for a vacation. Holy Trinity can schedule several days or weeks of care for your loved one. For more information, email info@holytrinityrehab.org.

DON'T WAIT...SEND US YOUR EMAIL – It is our objective to send out our monthly newsletter by email to reduce our cost of printing. If you would like to receive the newsletter hot-off-the-press, please forward your email to dmillhofer@holytrinityrehab.org.

DIVINE LITURGY - The Divine Liturgy is celebrated each Wednesday morning at 9:30 am for our residents. We welcome volunteers and visitors who would like to attend.

FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK/INSTAGRAM – We are making every effort to keep you informed. Please follow us on social media:
<https://www.facebook.com/HolyTrinityNursingandRehabilitationCenter/>
<https://www.instagram.com/holytrinityrehab/>

JOB OPENINGS - We invite you to be part of a team where you are encouraged to see the value in every person and build connections. To join our award-winning team and advance your career, for a full listing and detailed job descriptions of our openings, visit:
<https://www.holytrinityrehab.org/employment/>.

NEWSLETTER - Here is the link to the [May Newsletter](#).

A DAY TO REMEMBER

On Sunday, May 8, 2022, His Eminence Metropolitan Nicolae was amidst the faithful at St. Nicholas Church in Shrewsbury, Massachusetts, for the installation of the new parish priest, Rev. Fr. Vasile Aileni, following the retirement from this position of the V. Rev. Fr. Nicholas Apostola. The event was also attended by V. Rev. Fr. Daniel Ene, Eparchial Secretary and Dean for the Eastern United States.

After the Holy Gospel, His Eminence Nicolae spoke about the significance of the third Sunday after Easter, dedicated to Myrrh-Bearing women:

“Out of love for Christ, these women came to the tomb early Sunday morning to perform the anointing ritual, and they also believed that someone would roll the stone at the door of the tomb. This was accomplished, and moreover, instead of finding the dead body, they received

the news of the Resurrection from the angel and the assurance to the Apostles that they would meet Him in Galilee.

St. John Chrysostom calls these women the apostles of the Apostles because they were the ones who proclaimed the Resurrection to the Apostles. These faithful women were the first to receive the proclamation of the Resurrection and met Him, the Risen Christ, together—except Mary Magdalene, who met Him separately. For their love, faithfulness, and courage, they were made worthy of this meeting and of the words of the Risen Christ: Rejoice and be not afraid.”

After the Hierarchical Liturgy, His Eminence Metropolitan Nicolae handed Father Vasile Aileni the Holy Gospel, the Holy Cross and the key to the church, explaining in turn the importance of the Word in the Holy Gospel that must be read and be made known by every priest, in order that the faithful might partake of it. The Cross is the sacrifice we make in this life and which we carry together with Christ, with the hope that we too will be victorious over sin and death. Finally, the Key entrusted to the priest shows us both the administrative responsibility of the priest towards the Church of Christ, but also the duty to lead the faithful to the Kingdom of Heaven.

His Eminence, Metropolitan Nicolae offered the new parish priest the icon of the Most Holy Mother of God for protection and guidance in his new mission and welcomed Fr. Vasile, Psa. Claudia and their children to St. Nicholas Church.

Priest Vasile Aileni was ordained on April 14, 2013 by HE Metropolitan Nicolae and has served as Parish Priest at All Saints Romanian Orthodox Church in Toronto, ON, Canada from 2016 until now. As a gift from the parish of Saint Nicholas, Fr. Vasile Aileni received a diptych with the icon of Saint Basil the Great together with his new patron, Saint Nicholas.

After the installation of the new priest, His Eminence Metropolitan Nicolae offered Father Nicholas Apostola, as a token of appreciation, a beautiful pectoral cross, thanking him and Preoteasa Maria for all their activity, dedication and love for over forty years in this parish. From the parish, Father Nicholas and the Preoteasa Maria received an icon of the Mother of God painted in Romanian costume, surrounded by saints named after their children and grandchildren, as well as many flowers.

The Massachusetts House of Representatives sent a letter of appreciation to Father Nicholas, in which it mentions Father Nicholas' missionary work and community service in the Worcester area: founding a food bank for the needy, being a founding member of the Nursing Home sponsored by the Orthodox Churches in the Worcester area, missionary work as Vicar of the Archdiocese and academic work as a professor at the Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Seminary in Brookline. For his entire mission, members of the Chamber congratulate Father Nicholas Apostola. As a sign of love and gratitude, Father Vasile Aileni gave him an icon of Saint Basil the Great.

The ceremony was followed by a fraternal agape in which the faithful said their goodbyes to Father Nicholas Apostola and Preoteasa Maria, while offering a warm welcome to Father Vasile and Preoteasa Claudia.

Parish Priest Vasile Aileni

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

Mon, May 30 Memorial Day
Sat, June 4 Staff Orthodox Food Center
Sat, June 11 Saturday of the Souls
Sun, June 12 Pentecost

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