

News from St. Nick's **Sunday, May 29, 2022**

The Sixth Sunday After Pascha **Sunday of the Man Born Blind**

Apostolic Reading: [Acts 16:16-34](#)

Gospel: [John 9: 1-38](#)

Tone 5 • Resurrection Gospel 8

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEMORY ETERNAL! This Sunday we will celebrate a Memorial Service for **Carol Soter**, fallen asleep in the Lord 40 Days. We ask our loving Lord to comfort her children and all their families, and we pray that Carol rest among the saints where there is no pain, grief, or sighing, but life which does not end!

RESUME PASSING THE COLLECTION BASKET This had been suspended due to Covid protocols but this Sunday we will resume passing the collection basket at the end of the Liturgy.

SUMMER RECESS FOR COFFEE HOUR This Sunday is the last Sunday Coffee Hour as we take our usual summer break. We want to thank **Betty Anderson** and **Valarie Stamoulis** for their weekly efforts providing coffee hour.

COFFEE HOUR TO BE REORGANIZED for the Fall - **4 committed volunteers are needed to plan and organize coffee hour once per month.** It is too burdensome for any one or two people to bear that responsibility all year. Everyone enjoys coffee hour, but it will be much more enjoyable for all if we share the burden. In this way the commitment for each individual will only be **12 times per year.** Much support will be provided to each volunteer as they get acclimated to the task. To volunteer speak with [Fr. Vasile](#), [Betty Anderson](#), [Valarie Stamoulis](#) or any member of the Parish Council.

LAST CALL FOR 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

PROJECT MEXICO: This summer, [James Stamoulis](#) will participate in the [Project Mexico](#) ministry and asks for your support. Since 1988, Project Mexico has been building safe, secure and weather-tight homes for impoverished families across Northern Mexico. "I will be working just outside of Tijuana constructing homes for these families over the course of four days. These homes are built entirely with volunteer labor and once complete, they are provided so that these families can build a brighter future for themselves and their children. ***I would truly appreciate any donation toward this trip!*** Every little bit counts. Thank you so much for your support!"

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 the left menu of our parish homepage. You may use this option to submit one-time or recurring payments.

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

MEMORIAL DAY On Memorial Day, **Monday, May 30**, Fr. Vasile will be available to bless individual grave sites at **Hope Cemetery** from **10:00 am until noon**, at which time there will be a memorial service at the altar in the Orthodox Section. ***Please bring an updated list of the deceased that you would like to be remembered.*** If you wish to schedule a time to meet him, or to visit a different cemetery on another day, please contact [Fr. Vasile](#).

THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD On **Thursday, June 2** there will be Matins at 9 am, and Divine Liturgy at 10 am to celebrate the Feast.

SATURDAY OF THE SOULS BEFORE PENTECOST On Saturday, June 11 there will be Matins at 9 am, and Divine Liturgy at 10 am to remember all those who have fallen asleep in the Lord. ***If you would like to make the Koliva*** (wheat) for that service please contact [Fr. Vasile](#). ***Please bring an updated list of the deceased that you would like to be remembered.***

Here is the full **Liturgical Schedule** for June:

Day	Date	Time	Service Type
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Sunday	29-May	9:00	Matins
		10:00	6th Sunday after Pascha. Sunday of the Blind Man
Monday	30-May	10:00	Blessing the graves.
		12:00	Memorial Service at the Altar Hope on Memorial Day - Hope Cemetery.
Thursday	2-Jun	9:00	Matins
		10:00	(†) Divine Liturgy. Holy Ascension
Sunday	5-Jun	9:00	Matins
		10:00	7th Sunday after Pascha. Fathers of the 1st Council
Saturday	11-Jun	9:00	Matins
		10:00	Divine Liturgy. Saturday of the Souls followed by Memorial Service.
Sunday	12-Jun	9:00	Matins
		10:00	(†) 8th Sunday after Pascha. Holy Pentecost.
Monday	13-Jun	9:00	Matins or Acatist
		10:00	(†) Divine Liturgy. Monday of the Holy Spirit.
Sunday	19-Jun	9:00	Matins
		10:00	1st Sunday after Pentecost. The Sunday of All Saints.
Monday	20-June		The beginning of the Lent for St. Peter and Paul.
Friday	24-Jun	9:00	Matins or Acatist
		10:00	(†) Divine Liturgy. Nativity of the Forerunner John the Baptist
Sunday	26-Jun	9:00	Matins
		10:00	Sunday 2 after Pentecost. Regional All Saints.
Wednesday	29-Jun	9:00	Matins or Acatist
		10:00	(†) Divine Liturgy. Peter and Paul, the Holy Apostles

CHURCH & FACILITY NEEDS

This is a new addition to the bulletin where we will list **ongoing needs for the Church as well as special needs that may arise**. Any and every offering is most appreciated. If you have any

questions, or would like to donate for or towards one of these items, please speak with [Fr. Vasile](#), any member of the Parish Council or use the [online giving](#) site.

“Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.” (Corinthians 9:7)

OFFERING

- \$25** - Box of Three Kings Charcoal (100 pieces)
- \$50** - 2 Beeswax Candles for the Holy Altar
- \$60** - 14 oz. box of natural Incense from the Boswellia Project in Ethiopia
- \$180 (\$15. ea)** - Case of Mavrodaphne Wine for Holy Communion (12 bottles)
- \$250** - Preschool height folding table for Sunday School
- \$1,000** - Replacement of 5 Icon Banners behind the Altar
- \$1,100** - Upgrade of amplification system and microphones
- \$8,000** - Crack repair, sealcoating & line striping of driveway

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.

ORDER FREE COVID TESTS: Every home in the U.S. is eligible to order a 3rd round of free at-home covid-19 test kits offered by the Federal Government. To do so, simply complete this [online form](#).

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](#). **Fr. Vasile will be there on June 4th, and hopes that some of you might join him in that effort!**

NOTES FROM HOLY TRINITY

LOBBY CEILING RENOVATION - Our lobby's ceiling has been replaced as we continue our efforts to improve building maintenance.

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 3

short-term Covid patients. There is one Covid-positive positive staff member who is quarantined at home. 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.

WE NEED 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.

STAY CONNECTED - 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](#).

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 at Hope Cemetery - 10 am-noon
Thurs, June 2	The Lord's Ascension, Matins 9 am / Liturgy 10 am
Sat, June 4	Staff Orthodox Food Center
Sat, June 11	Saturday of the Souls, Matins 9 am / Liturgy 10 am
Sun, June 12	Pentecost

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