

News from St. Nick's

Sunday June 5, 2022

The Seventh Sunday After Pascha

The Holy Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council

Apostolic Reading: [Acts 20: 16-18, 28-36](#)

Gospel: [John 17: 1-13](#)

Tone 6 • Resurrection Gospel 10

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

ORTHODOX FOOD CENTER - Saturday, June 4 from **9 am** until **12 noon** is our parish's responsibility to staff the Orthodox Food Center. ***(Our commitment is the first Saturday of every month)*** 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!***

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.***

SUNDAY SCHOOL ON SUMMER BREAK - This Sunday, June 5th will be the last day of Religious education classes for children for the summer. We thank the teachers for their ongoing commitment to the children of our community!

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.

COFFEE HOUR ON SUMMER RECESS - Coffee will resume in the Fall, but it is too burdensome for any one or two people to bear that responsibility all year. We must share the

burden to make it enjoyable for all. **Four committed volunteers are needed to plan and organize coffee hour once per month.** In this way the commitment for each individual will only be **12 times per year.** Much support will be provided to volunteers to learn what it entails. We need you to speak with [Fr. Vasile](#), [Betty Anderson](#), [Valarie Stamoulis](#) to volunteer!

PROJECT MEXICO: This summer, [James Stamoulis](#) will participate in the [Project Mexico](#) ministry and asks for your support. "I will be working just outside of Tijuana as part of a construction team building homes for families over the course of four days. ***I would truly appreciate any donation toward this trip!*** Thank you so much for your support!"

UKRAINIAN RELIEF: The [Saint Paraskeva Orthodox Charity](#) Our Metropolia in partnership with the Archdiocese of Suceava and Rădăuți is working to support Ukrainian war refugees in transit or intending to stay in Romania. This region is one of the major entry points for persons fleeing the invasion of Ukraine. Funds collected will assist the efforts of the monasteries and parishes in the diocese. 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.

GRADUATIONS

We want to acknowledge and recognize the achievements of the members of our parish community who are celebrating a graduation.

"He has filled them with the spirit of God, with skill, intelligence, and knowledge in every kind of craft." (Exodus 35:31)

HIGH SCHOOL

[Nicole Amelia Karadimitriou](#), daughter of Maria Kalpidou & Kosmas Karadimitriou, graduated with the Principal's Award from Shrewsbury High School. Nicole was the recipient of the Leadership Scholar tuition award to attend the Whitman School of Management and the Rene's Crown Honors Program at Syracuse University.

COLLEGE

[Aaron Paul Christo](#), son of James & Lea Christo and grandson of Joan Christo, graduated Summa Cum Laude from Assumption University with a BA degree in Rehabilitation Counseling. Aaron is currently working on his Master's degree at Assumption, while serving a fellowship at Dismas House, a residential program providing reentry services and support for people formerly incarcerated.

Noah Peter Christo, son of James & Lea Christo and grandson of Joan Christo, graduated Summa Cum Laude from Assumption University with a BA in Business & concentration in Digital Marketing. Noah is exploring business opportunities.

GRADUATE STUDIES

Andrew Atim Opio, son of Joseph and Josephine Opio, graduated from the University of Pennsylvania with a dual degree of a Bachelor of Engineering and a Master of Science in Computer Information Systems. Andrew will be working at Twitter in Boston as a Software Engineer

Zoitza (Zoe) Alexis Tsongalis, daughter of Nancy and Greg Tsongalis, graduated Cum Laude from Arizona State University with a Master's degree in Education with emphasis on Curriculum Design. Zoe is a Special Education teacher at The White River School in White River Junction, Vermont.

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

CHURCH & FACILITY NEEDS

The list below contains **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

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Here is the full [Liturgical Schedule](#) for June:

Day	Date	Time	Service Type
JUNE			
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 Akathist
		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 Akathist
		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 Akathist
		10:00	(†) Divine Liturgy. Peter and Paul, the Holy Apostles

NOTES FROM HOLY TRINITY

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.

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/>

STAY CONNECTED - Please follow us on social media:

- <https://www.facebook.com/HolyTrinityNursingandRehabilitationCenter/>

- <https://www.instagram.com/holytrinityrehab/>

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)

ALL THINGS ORTHODOX - weekly show hosted by Fr. Chris Stamas of St. Spyridon airs on the Worcester Cable channel 194 on Mon @ 7 pm, Sat - 8 pm & Sun - 9 pm or at the cable website: wccatv.com, or the Worcester TV Roku app.

DATES TO REMEMBER

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
Sat, July 23 Electronic Recycling Day

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