

News from St. Nick's **Sunday June 12, 2022**

The Eighth Sunday After Pascha **The Descent of the Holy Spirit**

Apostolic Reading: [Acts, 2: 1-11](#)

Gospel: [John, 7: 37-53; 8: 12](#)

The Entirety of the Service Celebrates the Feast

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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. ***Please bring an updated list of the deceased that you would like to be remembered.***

MONDAY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT On **Monday, June 13** there will be Akathist at 9 am and Divine Liturgy at 10 am to celebrate the Holy Trinity.

MUSTARD SEED MEAL - Our next meal for the [Mustard Seed](#) is scheduled for **Friday, June 17th**. **Volunteers** are needed to help prepare the food, and transport it. Also, a ***sponsor is needed to underwrite the \$400. cost of the meal.*** This is a beautiful way to honor the life of a loved one who has fallen asleep. For more information, contact [Deb Sedares](#).

SUNDAY SCHOOL ON SUMMER BREAK - Last Sunday was the last day of Religious education classes for children for the summer.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SUMMER RETREAT: Save the date! August 1 - 2, Sunday school retreat in conjunction with Sts. Anargyroi Church. Details to follow....If your child is interested, contact [Valarie Stamoulis](#).

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!

METROPOLIA CONFERENCE - His Eminence **Metropolitan Nicolae** has shared the proceedings of a [conference](#) sponsored by the Metropolia dedicated to **"The year of homage to prayer in the life of the Church and the Christian"** featuring discussion on the Hesychast saints, Simeon the New Theologian, Gregory Palamas and Paisie of Neamt." The [Conference](#) is in Romanian, so those of you that are bilingual may enjoy viewing.

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.

Arthur David Peterson, son of Nicole Apostola & Kenneth Peterson, and grandson of Fr. Nicholas and Presbyteria Maria, graduated with High Honors from Burncoat High School. Arthur received the French Language Award and will attend Clark University in the fall.

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

Zoitzia (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
- \$65** - Flowers for the planters at the entrance to the Church
- \$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)
- \$200** - Additional Shelving for the utility/storage room.
- \$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			
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

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 Covid patients in our sub-acute Village unit only, as follows: Community-Acquired: 1; Facility-Acquired: 3; and Staff: 2. All the patients and direct care staff in the Village are being tested every two days. In addition, Village direct care staff are wearing K95 masks.

There are no Covid patients in our long-term units. A second booster for residents will begin next week. Patients and residents in all community areas are being encouraged to wear masks. We remain vigilant in all cleaning and safety procedures.

VACATION HELP FOR CAREGIVERS – It's 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,

WE NEED YOUR EMAIL - If you would like to receive the monthly newsletter, 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/>

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER - [June Newsletter](#) from Holy Trinity

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
Fri, June 17	Mustard Seed
Sat, July 23	Electronic Recycling Day
Mon/Tues, Aug 1-2	Sunday School Retreat

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Sunday Services: Matins at 9:00 am and Divine Liturgy at 10:00 am