

News from St. Nick's **Sunday June 19, 2022**

The First Sunday After Pentecost
The Sunday of All Saints

Apostolic Reading: [Hebrews 11: 32-40](#) & [12: 1-2](#)

Gospel: [Matthew 10: 32-33; 37-38](#) & [19: 27-30](#)

Tone 8 • Resurrection Gospel 1

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Happy Father's Day

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. To help, contact [Deb Sedares](#). The meal has been graciously sponsored ***In loving memory of Dino and Elizabeth Sotiropoulos by their loving family on the 10th anniversary of their falling asleep in the Lord.***

SUNDAY SCHOOL SUMMER RETREAT: Save the date! Sunday School Retreat - **August 1** at Sts. Anargyroi, and **August 2** here at St. Nicholas. Details to follow....If your child is interested, contact [Valarie Stamoulis](#).

NO LITURGY JULY 3 - There will be **NO Divine Liturgy** at our Church on **Sunday, July 3** because Fr. Vasile will be attending the Metropolitan Congress in Troy, MI. We encourage you to use this as an opportunity to visit one of our sister Orthodox Churches in the area.

ELECTRONICS RECYCLING is **Saturday, July 23 from 9 am to 2 pm**, and we need about **3-4 people** to help with traffic and coordination. Please contact [Gerry Belba](#) if you are able to volunteer on that day.

TWO MORE COFFEE HOUR VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - As we restructure coffee hour for the Fall, **2 more volunteers are needed to plan and organize coffee hour once per month**. We thank **Dina Salerno** and **Jenny Montvitt** for coming forward to serve the Church! If you would like to join them, please reach out to [Valarie Stamoulis](#) or [Betty Anderson](#) 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."** 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. Funds collected will assist the efforts of the monasteries and parishes in the diocese. To learn more 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

Day	Date	Time	Service Type
JUNE			
Sunday	19-June	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-June	9:00	Matins or Akathist
		10:00	(†) Divine Liturgy. Nativity of the Forerunner John the Baptist
Saturday	25-June	10:00	Confessions. Please call ahead of time. *
Sunday	26-June	9:00	Matins
		10:00	Sunday 2 after Pentecost. Regional All Saints.
Wednesday	29-June	9:00	Matins or Akathist
		10:00	(†) Divine Liturgy. Peter and Paul, the Holy Apostles

* Fr. Vasile will be available for confession on Saturday, 6/25 from 10:00 am, or at another time

by appointment. In either case, please call ahead: 508-320-0645.

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

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.

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
- \$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

NOTES FROM HOLY TRINITY

A TRAVEL TIP FOR YOUR SUMMER VACATION - Every U.S. household can get up to three orders of at-home rapid COVID-19 tests at no cost! These “self-tests” give rapid results and can be taken anywhere on vacation, regardless of your vaccination status. Visit www.COVID.gov/tests to place your order. You will need to enter your name and mailing address. Each new order includes eight free COVID-19 tests shipped to your home at no cost—two separate packages of four tests each.

COVID 19 UPDATE – Holy Trinity currently has eight positive patients. All positive patients are residing in the COVID wing. In addition, one staff member tested positive. All our Employees are fully vaccinated. Ninety percent (90%) of our residents are fully vaccinated. Contact tracing has been conducted, and we will continue to test every three days for the next ten days.

Our long-term neighborhoods continue to be COVID free. All long-term residents are COVID negative. Currently, we have no visitation restrictions. However, visitors are asked to always wear a mask in our facility (whether in a room, a common area, or the lobby). Visitors to the COVID wing are encouraged to wear K95 or N95 masks; full gowns will be provided at the time of the visit.

It is important to be vigilant, and we are applying all the tools in our prevention toolbox to protect each other. Thank you for all you are doing to keep Holy Trinity safe, including wearing face masks and social distancing!

FOUNDING MEMBER CHURCHES – Our founding orthodox churches grace our lobby's newly painted "Windy Blue" walls with "Olympus White" trim. Painting is a cost-effective renovation strategy to keep out moisture, repel dust, reduce odors, and promote healthy indoor air quality!

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/>

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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

Fri, June 17	Mustard Seed
Mon, June 20	Apostles' Fast Begins
Sun, July 3	NO Liturgy at our Church
Sat, July 23	Electronic Recycling Day
Mon/Tues, Aug 1-2	Sunday School Retreat

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