

News from St. Nick's

Sunday July 31, 2022

The Seventh Sunday After Pentecost

Apostolic Reading: [Romans, 15: 1-7](#)

Gospel: [Matthew, 9: 27-35](#)

“Jesus Heals Two Blind Men and One Man Unable to Speak in Capernaum”

Tone 6 • Resurrection Gospel 7

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“And when Jesus reached the house the blind men came up with Him and He said to them , “ Do you believe that I am able to do this?” And they say to Him, “Yes, Lord. According to your faith, let it be to you.” And their sight returned.”

Matthew 9, 28-30

The best example of effectiveness and power of any medicine is the healing of the sick. God shows us the power of faith. Of all the miracles, which happen because of faith in Christ, the most beneficial to the soul is the transfiguration of a sinner into a righteous person. As a confirmation of such a miracle of man's transfiguration we have Saint Vladimir, who says to each one of us: “I was like night changed into day”. He asks us: “Who were you before being baptized? Who did you become after being baptized? How do you view the spiritual world? Do you see Christ with you?”

Let us think about what answers we can give to these questions. Amen.

VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL

Vacation Church School with our friends from St. Anargyroi's church in Marlboro starts tomorrow!

WHEN: Monday & Tuesday, **August 1-2.**

TIME: 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

LOCATION:

- **Monday, 8/1 at Sts. Anargyroi, 9 Central St., Marlboro, MA**
- **Tuesday, 8/2 at St. Nicholas, 34 Gold St., Shrewsbury**

THEME: Our theme this year will be “The Divine..”. Very excited to have Fr. Vasile demonstrating how to make Holy Bread.

RSVP: **Please RSVP today if you have not already done so!**

- Email [Valarie Stamoulis](#), or call / text 617-803-3798 or
- E-mail [Presbytera Eleni Christakos](#) or call / text 603-566-1514.

[CLICK HERE](#) to see the Flier. We hope your children can attend and have fellowship with the children from St. Anargyroi's. Feel free to contact Valarie or Presbytera Eleni with any questions.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FAST PERIOD - The fast Period for the **Dormition of the Mother of God** begins Monday, August 1 through Monday, August 15th.

Paraclesis - We will hold special Paraclesis services to entreat the Mother of God for her protection on July 5, 10 and 12 at 6:30 p.m.

ORTHODOX FOOD CENTER - Saturday, August 6 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)** For more information, contact [Fr. Vasile](#) or [Nicole Apostola](#) and view the [descriptive guide](#).

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!

CREDINTA THE FAITH MAGAZINE - The new issue of the [Credința Magazine](#) contains articles of great interest with reference to the latest events in our Metropolis. There are articles on the year of prayer in the life of the Church and the commemorative year of the hesychastic saints - Simeon the New Theologian, Gregory Palamas and Paisie of Neamt.

UKRAINIAN RELIEF: The **Saint Paraskeva Orthodox Charity** Our Metropolia in partnership with the Archdiocese of Suceava and Radauti is working to support Ukrainian war refugees. To learn more and contribute, please [click here for the website of Saint Parascheva Charity](#) or go to their [Facebook page](#).

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Here is the [Liturgical Schedule](#) for July/August:

Day	Date	Time	Service Type
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Sunday	31-Jul	9:00	Matins
		10:00	Sunday 7 after Pentecost
Monday	1-Aug		Dormition Fast Begins
Friday	5-Aug	18:30	Paraclesis of the Mother of God. Confessions.
Saturday	6-Aug	9:00	Matins/Akatist
		10:00	Transfiguration of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, Fruit Blessing
Sunday	7-Aug	9:00	Matins
		10:00	Sunday 8 after Pentecost
Wed	10-Aug	18:30	Paraclesis of the Mother of God. Confessions.
Friday	12-Aug	18:30	Paraclesis of the Mother of God. Confessions.
Saturday	13-Aug	10:00	Confessions. I will be available for confessions before and after Paraclesis and on Saturday from 10 am, or at another time by appointment. In either case, please call ahead: 508-320-0645
Sunday	14-Aug	9:00	Matins
		10:00	Sunday 9 after Pentecost
Sunday	14-Aug	18:00	Dormition Vespers - St. Mary's, Wednesday 6:00 pm
Monday	15-Aug	9:00	Matins
		10:00	Dormition
Sunday	21-Aug	9:00	Matins or Acatist
		10:00	Sunday 10 after Pentecost
Sunday	28-Aug	9:00	Matins
		10:00	Sunday 11 after Pentecost
Monday	29-Aug	9:00	Matins
		10:00	Beheading of Prophet and Baptist John
Wed	31-Aug	9:30	Divine Liturgy at "Holy Trinity" Nursing and Rehabilitation Centre

NOTES FROM HOLY TRINITY

REHABILITATION. You have a choice when it comes to short-term rehab. We offer outstanding services in our extraordinary, Medicare-certified center, including physical, occupational, and speech therapies. For over 25 years, we've been helping patients restore function, improve mobility, relieve pain and prevent or limit physical disabilities from injuries or disease. If you have questions or would like more information, please contact our Director of Rehab, **Heather Walsh** at 508-852-1000 or by [e-mail](#).

INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING? Do you have a passion for helping others? Can you share a talent, such as knitting, baking, or playing the piano? Please consider volunteering. Call **Julie Craven**, with the Activities department, at 508-852-1000, or [e-mail](#) her to discuss one of the many ways you might lend a helping hand. We are especially excited that our church groups are back hosting luncheons, coffee socials, and assisting with Liturgy.

JOB OPENINGS. Looking to begin a new career in healthcare, but not sure how to get started? While we are always in need of experienced Certified Nursing Assistants (CNAs), we also offer training for those interested in the field. An essential role in the care of our residents, CNAs follow care plans to help facilitate daily living and healthcare needs. Our ideal candidate is compassionate, team-oriented, and has strong attention to detail. [Click here for a full listing](#) with detailed job descriptions. If you have questions, please contact: **Lisa Brady** at 508-852-1000. Recent grads and people familiar with the languages and cultures of our Orthodox communities are encouraged to apply.

HEALTH CARE IS COMPLICATED. We need to make ourselves aware of the in's and out's of the system. Did you realize that most emergency room visits occur during the warmer months of the year? Heat can be a greater problem than even extreme cold. We all try not to think about the difficulties of aging, but it's a reality that we face especially with those we love. The fact is that at least 70% of people over 65 will need long-term care services and support at some point in their lives. This is the reason why our Church established Holy Trinity, as a place where people could receive the kind of care they need and deserve.

A KIND WORD OF THANKS IS ALWAYS A BLESSING. Recently one of our residents who was being discharged from Holy Trinity after a very lengthy stay, said to our staff: "I must say you saved my life and I am very grateful. Thank you very much. God Bless." We pray that God bless him with continued good health and long life!

DIVINE LITURGY is celebrated every Wednesday morning at 9:30am. Please keep Holy Trinity, its staff, directors, residents, and families in your prayers. And remember: you can always attend Liturgy and visit with the residents! They'd really appreciate it.

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

Aug 1-15 Fast of the Dormition of the Mother of God
Mon/Tues, Aug 1-2 Vacation Church School
Sat, Aug 6 Orthodox Food Center, 9-12
Fri, Aug 19 Mustard Seed Meal

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