

News from St. Nick's

Sunday August 21, 2022

The Tenth Sunday After Pentecost

Apostolic Reading: [1 Corinthians 4: 9-16](#)

Gospel: [Matthew 17: 14-23](#)

"Jesus Heals a Boy with a Demon"

Tone 1 • Resurrection Gospel 10

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"The Commandments of God are higher than all the treasures of the earth. Whoever has acquired them has received God within himself."

- St. Isaac the Syrian

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION - To enroll your children for Sunday School, please complete the linked [form](#) and also provide us with Photo/Video Consent at the end of the registration form.

MUSTARD SEED MEAL - Our next meal for the [Mustard Seed](#) is scheduled for **Friday, August 19th**. We Would like to thank our donors for their generosity. This is a beautiful way to honor the life of a loved one who has fallen asleep. If you have it in your heart to contribute, please contact [Deb Sedares](#).

ONE 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, Jenny Montvitt and Dimitri Saffron** 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!

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Here is the **Liturgical Schedule** for August:

Day	Date	Time	Service Type
AUGUST			
Wed	10-Aug	6:30	Paraclesis of the Mother of God. Confessions.
Friday	12-Aug	6:30	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	6:00	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 Center

Council of Eastern Orthodox Churches of Central Massachusetts

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

An invitation went out to the leadership of each member parish of the Eastern Orthodox Council (Parish Priest, Parish Council President and Members) to a meeting to reinvigorate the Council of Eastern Orthodox Churches of Central Massachusetts. You are getting this letter because each of the twelve Orthodox Churches are constitutive members of the Council. Before we get to telling you a little history

of the Council, we want you to keep these dates in mind. Due to lack of attendance a quorum was not achieved at the last General Meeting. The hope is to elect a slate of executive officers of: President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary, via email, in order for a quorum to be achieved. **We are asking for nominations for these positions by Monday, August 29th with a subsequent election to be held via email which would take place from August 30th until September 21st.** Please submit your nominations via e-mail to: easternorthodoxcouncil@gmail.com. Please remember to include your name, contact information, and the parish that you are a member of. The Council will send the nominees out via each parish's email list.

Now, for a little history. The Council was founded in the early 1950s. Initially by Churches in Worcester proper, but very quickly each of the twelve central Massachusetts Orthodox churches were incorporated. At the time, it was a ground-breaking organization, dedicated to helping to bring together all of the Orthodox jurisdiction in our area in projects of common purpose. Throughout the 1950s into the 1970s, the Council organized an annual Pan-Orthodox Liturgy on the Sunday of Orthodoxy, inviting a hierarch from one of our parish jurisdictions to be the prime celebrant. After a period of four or five years of dormancy, it was reinvigorated and began to take on even more ambitious projects. In addition to the Sunday of Orthodoxy celebration, a whole array of Lenten services, lectures and retreats were organized. The development of the Orthodox section at Hope Cemetery was realized. There was a weekly Sunday radio broadcast. The Orthodox Food Pantry began distributing food to those in need every Saturday, now for over thirty-five years. And of course, there's the Holy Trinity Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, founded by the Council through the hard work and selflessness of parishioners from each of the twelve churches, celebrating its twenty-seventh anniversary this year.

And while this history is impressive, it has presented us with a dilemma. Most people who are active in each of these important projects really don't know how they came to be. They took on, in many cases, lives of their own. Where the Council looked after each of these organizations and projects, as they grew into maturity, the "center" was uncared for. This is why we are writing to you, The "center", the Council needs your wonderful energy to make sure that these important projects continue, and even more can be organized. Again, here are the dates:

Nominations are due by August 29th and are to be emailed to easternorthodoxcouncil@gmail.com

Elections will take place electronically from August 30th – September 21st. Votes will be cast by emailing easternorthodoxcouncil@gmail.com with your name, church, and best contact information.

Sincerely,

Paul Swydan – Outgoing Council President

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NOTES FROM HOLY TRINITY

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A SMILE CAN SAY A MILLION WORDS and can change the forecast of the day. Greeting each other and our valued residents in a positive way is a key to the success of Holy Trinity. Team members listen and understand the importance of clear communications with each other and our residents and patients. Our activities department engages and plans daily and monthly events and to keep the residents engaged and enjoying the nice summer months. If you'd like to join our team of volunteers, talk to: **Julie Craven** at 508-852-1000 or e-mail: jcraven@holytrinityrehab.org.

JOB OPENINGS. We have openings for full time or part time licensed nursing staff (LPNs or RNs) for the 7am -3pm shift every other weekend. Also, full time and part time certified nursing assistants (CNAs) for the 7am - 3pm, and 3pm - 11pm shifts. [Click here](#) for detailed job descriptions and a full listing of these and other openings. If you have questions, please contact the Human Resources Generalist: **Lisa Brady** by e-mail (lbrady@holytrinityrehab.org) or call: 508-852-1000.

PLANNING AHEAD IS IMPORTANT. The next time you visit your Primary Care Physician (PCP), consider discussing a Health Care Proxy (HCP), and Massachusetts Medical Orders for Life-Sustaining Treatment (MOLST). These directives are the same as any other medical order that health professionals follow in an emergency and regular care. They help medical professionals understand your goals of care and treatment. One should also name a Health Care Proxy (HCP) who is a person (or persons) you appoint to make health care decisions only when you are not able to do so yourself, due to incapacity or incompetency. You should choose a person who will be well-informed of your wishes for care and treatment to act in your best interest.

PROGRAMS PLANNED FOR THIS COMING WEEK. On **Monday, August 22nd**, there will be a **Resident Council meeting at 2:00 pm**. And on **Tuesday, August 23rd**, we'll be holding the **August Birthday Bash** with music entertainment by **Bill McCarthy**. If you'd like to attend, contact **Julie Craven** in the Activities department, at 508-852-1000, or by **e-mail**.

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.

STAY CONNECTED. Be sure to like our [Facebook page](#) for frequent updates and photos.

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
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