

# **News from St. Nick's**

## **Sunday August 28, 2022**

### **The Tenth Sunday After Pentecost**

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**Apostolic Reading:** [1 Corinthians 9: 2-12](#)

**Gospel:** [Matthew 18: 23-35](#)

*“ Parable of the Unforgiving Debtor”*

**Tone 2 • Resurrection Gospel 11**

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"She [the Mother of God] is the bearer of care and the generous organizer of the banquet of divine and deifying delight; and, simply put, the Mother of Him who for His unspeakable goodness became our brother, is the authentic procurator and distributor of all the supernatural and uncreated gifts of To the divine Spirit who are given now and who are still collected in the treasury, through which we make ourselves brothers and co-heirs of Christ."

Saint Theophanes of Nicaea

1300 - 1380

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## **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.

**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.

**ORTHODOX FOOD CENTER - Saturday, September 3** from **9 am prompt until about 12 noon** is our parish's responsibility to staff the Orthodox Food Center. Our next scheduled shopping time at the food bank is Friday, September 2 at 10am. 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](#).

**CREDINTA THE FAITH MAGAZINE** - The new issue of the [Credinta 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.

**COFFEE HOUR** - We would like to thank Andrew and Rebeca Tanacea for sponsoring the coffee hour this coming Sunday, August 28, 2022 in the memory of George Soter who reposed in the Lord 7 years ago.

**STS. ANARGYROI ANNUAL GREEK FESTIVAL** - Will be held on Labor Day Weekend, September 3rd, 4th, and 5th in Marlborough, MA.

**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 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

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AUGUST			
		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

### ***St. Michael - Romanian Orthodox Church - Southbridge, MA***

#### **Our Vision**

The future of the Orthodox Church is not about adapting to the times and being cool; it is about being authentic, living in truth and love, and becoming the temple of the Holy Spirit. Without the right teaching, inspiration, support, and communion with other orthodox Christians our young adults will be confused, weak, and lost. This will impact the whole Orthodox Church in her assembly and jeopardize her future.

#### **Our Mission**

Our mission is to create the right environment and foundation for the Pan-Orthodox young adults, where they can rediscover the authentic Orthodox spirit, receive the right teachings, and revive the old ethnic traditions, build a sound fellowship, and support each other during these difficult times.

#### **Schedule: September 17**

**9:00 am - Divine Liturgy - free attendance**

**10:00 am - 11:30 am - Registration and Brunch**

**11:30 am - 12:30 pm - "Let's get to know each other" - team-building games**

**12:30 pm - 12:45 pm - Coffee and snacks break**

**12:45 pm - 1:30 pm - Workshops - How to make koliva and Holy Bread (proshora). Instructors: Katie Mironidis and Presbytera Camelia Downie**

**1:30 pm - 2:00pm - Sandwiches and preparation for the Main speaker's**

talk - think and write question

2:00 pm - 3:00 pm - *Confession and the Spiritual father in the Orthodox Church*, speaker Protosingelor Ieremia (Berbec).

3:00 pm - 3:30 pm - Q & A Session

3:30 pm - 4:00 pm - Pan-Orthodox Vespers - all cantors are invited to join Holy Arch. Michael's cantors.

5:00 pm - 7:00 pm - Cookout and bonfire

7:00 pm - 9:30pm - Dance and a lot of fun.

**Note:**

**Accommodation:** For those who will need accommodation overnight and would like to attend Divine Liturgy and Coffee Hour the next day, our Parish will offer accommodation in the Parish apartment. Approx: 7 beds, and 5 sleeping bags. First come, first serve.

Extra accommodation could be arranged by request, in advance.

**St. Siluoan YAR is dedicated to people aged 18-35. Only for the Conference, we will accept people of all ages.**

**This is a pilot YAR, and this edition will not charge any fee. However, donations will be accepted.**

## **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 29<sup>th</sup> with a subsequent election to be held via email which would take place from August 30<sup>th</sup> until September 21<sup>st</sup>.** Please submit your nominations via e-mail to: [easternorthodoxcouncil@gmail.com](mailto: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 29<sup>th</sup> and are to be emailed to [easternorthodoxcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:easternorthodoxcouncil@gmail.com)

Elections will take place electronically from August 30<sup>th</sup> – September 21<sup>st</sup>. Votes will be cast by emailing [easternorthodoxcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:easternorthodoxcouncil@gmail.com) with your name, church, and best contact information.

Sincerely,

Paul Swydan – Outgoing Council President

Council of Eastern Orthodox Churches c/o Holy  
Trinity Nursing and Rehabilitation Center 300  
Barber Ave.  
Worcester, MA. 01606

## **NOTES FROM HOLY TRINITY**

***August 28, 2022***

***HOLY TRINITY IS GOING THROUGH A REMODEL to enhance the place. Come in and check out the new lobby. There are almost no Covid restrictions remaining. You are welcome to visit people or volunteer as well. Your presence makes a difference.***

***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](mailto:lbrady@holytrinityrehab.org) by e-mail ([lbrady@holytrinityrehab.org](mailto: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.*

***THE ANNUAL HOLY TRINITY GENERAL ASSEMBLY*** *is scheduled for [Wednesday, September 28th](#). We'll have more details in the coming weeks. But if you're interested in attending, we'll give you the contact information. This meeting receives Annual Reports, elects members to the Board, and generally oversees the whole operation. Each parish has a group of delegates who attend. We'll keep you posted.*

***WE'RE RESUMING THE MONTHLY MEMORIALS SERVICES.*** *After a long hiatus due to the Covid restrictions, we resuming the practice of celebrating a Memorial Service at the regular Divine Liturgy celebrated on the last Wednesday of each month. We remember the residents and other persons important to the life of Holy Trinity who have fallen asleep during that month. Family and friends are urged to attend.*

***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  
or at the cable website: [wccatv.com](http://wccatv.com), or the Worcester TV Roku app.

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