

News from St. Nick's **Sunday September 04, 2022**

The Tenth Sunday After Pentecost

Apostolic Reading: [1 Corinthians 15: 1-11](#)

Gospel: [Matthew 19: 16-26](#)

“ The Rich Young Man”

Tone 2 • Resurrection Gospel 11

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The acceptable year of the Lord

On the first day of September we begin the church year, the cycle of feasts and fasts of the Orthodox Church. In the Synaxarion for the month of September, we find that this day is also called the Indiction, from the Roman custom of numbering the days of the year beginning on September 1. Also on this day we remember the entrance of our Lord Jesus Christ into the synagogue in Nazareth (Luke 4:16-30). Taking the book of Isaiah, He read, “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because He has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord” (Luke 4:18-19). Closing the book, Christ interprets for those present the verses they have heard, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing” (Luke 4:21). The verses from Isaiah were well known by the Jews to refer to the Messiah, the One who would bring liberation to captives, sight to the blind, freedom to the oppressed. Christ clearly tells the synagogue worshippers that these words have been fulfilled. But if at the beginning “all spoke well of him, and wondered at the gracious words which proceeded out of his mouth,” by the end of his discourse “they were all filled with wrath... and they rose up and put him out of the city.” They could not accept the fact that the son of Joseph, the carpenter, could be the Messiah predicted by the prophets.

The Savior clearly reveals Himself, from the very beginning of his activity, as Messiah. He announces here “the acceptable year of the Lord.” At the beginning of every church year, we remember these words and our mission in the year we are entering: to listen to the scriptural message, to receive it, and to understand it. This message reveals God Himself. Therefore, we must receive it, like the Jews in the synagogue in Nazareth. But then we

must strive to understand it, knowing well that the Word itself works in us and brings us to understanding. We must allow ourselves to be penetrated by the word, and not to oppose our human logic to it, as did the Jews here in the synagogue. “How can the son of the carpenter claim to be the Messiah?” And they changed from hearers of the word to persecutors of the one who preached the word, thus earning condemnation for themselves.

May it not be so with us! Let us allow the Word to bring about a change in us; let us allow the Spirit to work freely, and not smother Him with the letter of the law. The entire church year is a succession of feasts which present the Word of God to us. At every feast, the Word addresses us personally. God reveals his will to each of us individually—for our entire life, but also for each and every moment of it. God has a word for every instant of our lives. It behooves us to hear it, to receive it, and to understand it.

Let us ask our Good God to bless this beginning of the church year! May He grant us His peace, increase in our families and parishes, and may He protect us from all the works of the enemy! May He show us all to be worthy fulfillers of His Word!

† Metropolitan Nicolae

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.

ONE MORE COFFEE HOUR VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - As we restructure coffee hour for the Fall, **1 more volunteers are needed to plan and organize coffee hour once per month**. If you would like to join them, please reach out to [Betty Anderson](#) to volunteer!

MEMORY ETERNAL - It is with heavy heart to inform you that Servant of God, Lillian Chachi fell asleep in the Lord on Sunday evening, August 28th. Lillian was a faithful and devoted lifelong and founding member of St. Nicholas Orthodox Church, serving the church in many different capacities.

Lillian's funeral service will be held on Friday, September 2nd at 11am in St. Nicholas Orthodox Church. Calling hour from 10 to 11am just prior to the funeral service.

Burial will follow the funeral service at Hope Cemetery.

A full obituary will appear in the Worcester Telegram beginning on Wednesday, August 31st.

MEMORY ETERNAL! This Sunday we will celebrate a Memorial Service for **Ileana Nedelescu**, who fell asleep in the Lord. We celebrate a Memorial Service for **Kamal Shaheen**, who fell asleep in the Lord 1 year, **Gheorghe Heletea** 5 years and **Mariana Heletea** 6 months. We ask our loving Lord to comfort their children and all their families, and we pray that they rest among the saints where there is no pain, grief, or sighing, but life which does not end! Bogdan and Sandra Nedelescu, Daniel and Gheorghina Shaheen will sponsor the coffee hour this Sunday in the memory of their beloved ones.

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

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

Day	Date	Time	Service Type
Luna Iunie			
Sunday	4-Sep	9:00	Matins
		10:00	Sunday 12 after Pentecost. The Rich Young Man Prayer Service for the Beginning of Church School
Thursday	8-Sep	9:00	Matins/Akatist
		10:00	The Nativity of Our Most Lady the Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary
Sunday	11-Sep	9:00	Matins of Acatist
		10:00	Sunday before Holy Cross
Wednesday	14-Sep	9:00	Matins
		10:00	The Elevation of the Venerable and Life-Giving Cross
Sunday	18-Sep	9:00	Matins
		10:00	Sunday after Holy Cross
Sunday	25-Sep	9:00	Matins
		10:00	Four Fishermen Called
Wednesday	28-Sep	9:00	Divine Liturgy at "Holy Trinity" Nursing and Rehabilitation Centre

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 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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HOLY TRINITY NEWS

September 4, 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.

THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY. On Monday, September 5th at 2:00 pm, ***Country Singer Cameron Sutphin*** will be performing for the residents, and on Thursday, September 8th at 2:00 pm, ***Rusty Guertin*** will be providing musical entertainment. If you and your friends would like to attend, you are definitely welcome! Contact ***Julie Craven*** (e-mail: jcraven@holytrinityrehab.org or call: 508-852-1000) with questions.

JOB OPENINGS. There are a number of employment opportunities available at Holy Trinity. For the latest postings, check out our website by [clicking here](#).

REMEMBER. Holy Trinity is also an established Rehabilitation Center that can help your loved one overcome any acute illness, and work on improving any functional declines related to a recent hospitalization.

THE ANNUAL HOLY TRINITY GENERAL ASSEMBLY is scheduled for ***Wednesday, September 28th***. We'll have more details in the coming weeks where, if you are interested in attending, you'll find the information you need. The General Assembly 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.

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)

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