

News from St. Nick's **Sunday September 11, 2022**

The Tenth Sunday After Pentecost

Apostolic Reading: [Galatians 6: 11-18](#)

Gospel: [John 3: 13-17](#)

"For God So Loved the World"

Tone 4 • Resurrection Gospel 2

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The Patriarch of Romania sends a message on the occasion of the start of the 2022-2023 school year.

His Beatitude emphasizes that today when, under the influence of secularization, spiritual values are neglected, and education is subject to paradigm changes, children and young people "need to discover the deep Christian meaning of life, the importance of prayer, the joy of communion with God and with fellow men".

Patriarch Daniel also shows that students need "to cultivate essential virtues, such as: respect for the dignity of the person, friendship, sincere love, solidarity and gratitude".

"Also, children and young people need a thorough education for life, which includes personal experiences, lived within a concrete community, starting in the family and continuing in school, in the life of the Church and society."

Prayer - source of peace, joy and communion

At the beginning of the 2022-2023 school year, with parental love, we congratulate and bless all Romanian students, parents, teachers and professors, carrying them in the prayers of the Church, so that the Most Merciful God may send them all "the spirit of wisdom and in

understanding , to enlighten their minds and thoughts and to open their hearts to receive the teachings of the good " . [1]

The Holy Synod of the Romanian Orthodox Church proclaimed the year 2022 as the Year of Homage to prayer in the life of the Church and of Christians .

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.

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! This Sunday we will celebrate a Memorial Service for **Elisabeta**, who fell asleep in the Lord. We celebrate a Memorial Service for **Nita Dumitriu**, who fell asleep in the Lord.

Dan and Liana Manescu and Maria Dumitriu will sponsor the coffee hour this Sunday in the memory of their beloved ones.

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

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. Siluon 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 11, 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.

IT'S GOING TO BE A BUSY WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY. The gang at Holy Trinity has a whole series of activities planned.

- On Monday morning, September 12th, the residents will be going on a shopping trip to Walmart.
- On Tuesday morning, September 13th, at 10:00 am, Warren T. will be doing an Art Demo.
- On Thursday afternoon, September 15th, at 2:00pm, the Ladies from St. Mary's will be hosting a Coffee Social.
- And on Friday afternoon, September 16th, at 2:00pm they will be holding the September Birthday Bash with musical entertainment by Bill McCarthy.

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.

THE ANNUAL HOLY TRINITY GENERAL ASSEMBLY will be held on **Wednesday, September 28th**. 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. If you would like more information, please contact **Steve Fotos** by e-mail: stevefotos82@gmail.com or phone: (508) 667-8870. There will be ZOOM linking information in next week's announcements.

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.

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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