

# ***News from St. Nick's*** **Sunday September 18, 2022**

## **The Tenth Sunday After Pentecost**

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***Apostolic Reading:*** [Galatians 2: 16-20](#)

***Gospel:*** [Mark 8: 34-38](#)

*"For God So Loved the World"*

***Tone 5 • Resurrection Gospel 3***

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"You worked salvation in the middle of the earth, Christ God; on the Cross you stretched out your most pure hands, gathering all the nations that say: Lord, glory to you."

This world can only receive the Antichrist, now or at any other time. (...) No wonder, then, that it is difficult to be a Christian - it is not difficult, it is impossible. No one can knowingly accept a way of life which, the more authentically it is lived, the more it leads to self-destruction. And because of this we are always rebelling, trying to make life easier, trying to be half Christians, trying to get the best of both worlds. In the end we have to choose - our happiness lies in one of the two worlds, not both. (...) God gives us strength to follow the path of the crucifixion; there is no other way to be a Christian."

Father Seraphim Rose

1934 - 1982

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

***SUNDAY SCHOOL*** - Church School begun last Sunday, September 11. 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.

**PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCHING OF A MOTHER AND A CHILD AFTER FORTY DAYS -**  
 Last Sunday, September 11 we had the joy to pray for newborn **Vanghel Edward** and his mother **Ana Maclynn Saffron** and also for newborn **Aurelia** and her mother **Zlatina Kosouva - Denietolis**. We wish them all good health, many years, happiness and salvation.

**Fall Camp** - Registration for Greek Metropolis of Boston Fall Camp for our campers in grades 6-12 begins tonight (Monday Sept. 12) at 7pm. More info [here](#)

**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

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## **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 YEAR 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 30th – September 21st. 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  
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Barber Ave.  
Worcester, MA. 01606

## ***HOLY TRINITY NEWS***

### ***September 18, 2022***

***HOLY TRINITY WAS SELECTED by the state of Massachusetts to be part of the emergency response team. For Holy Trinity this includes the state providing 4 license nurses and 6 C.N.A to help support the staffing need and to continue to admit patients to the sub-acute floor. Holy Trinity was selected because of its high quality-care rating, and 2 years of deficiency free surveys. Since the program started Holy Trinity has had 333 admissions in 8 months — an average of 40 admission per month. Holy Trinity's volume admission surpasses other skilled nursing homes in Central Mass. Because of this success, the state has extended the program through March 2023.***

***AND ... ELDER GUIDE, an independent website geared to helping evaluate quality facilities, gave Holy Trinity an elite overall rating of "A." You can find their whole report***

by [clicking here.](https://elderguide.com/senior-living/holy-trinity-eastern-orthodox-n-r-center-01606/)  
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**THE NATIONAL GREEK ORTHODOX LADIES PHILOPTOCHOS SOCIETY** has given Holy Trinity a grant in excess of \$22,000. These funds are targeted to replace and upgrade old and non-functioning furniture on the first-floor subacute unit, with furniture specifically designed for older adults or those in need of adaptive equipment, while also holding up to higher-than-normal wear and usage.

**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. For more information and the ZOOM logon, [click here](#), or you can contact **Steve Fotos** by e-mail: [stevefotos82@gmail.com](mailto:stevefotos82@gmail.com) or phone: (508) 667-8870.

#### **THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY.**

- On Tuesday morning, September 20th, at 10:30 am, Warren T. will be doing an Art Demo.
- This same Tuesday afternoon, at 2:00 pm, Jerry's Ice Cream truck will be pulling up to treat the residents.
- On Thursday morning, September 22nd, at 11:00 am, Roman Catholic Mass will be celebrated.
- And on Friday afternoon, September 23rd, 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](mailto:jcraven@holytrinityrehab.org) or call: 508-852-1000) with questions.

**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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