

ST. NICHOLAS WEEKLY BULLETIN

Sunday October 9, 2022

The Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost

Apostolic Reading: [Galatians 1: 11-19](#)

Gospel: [Luke 7: 11-16](#)

Tone 8 • Resurrection Gospel 6

“Jesus Raises the Son of the Widow of Nain”



This is one of the three resurrections performed by our Lord as recorded in the Gospels. They confirm the promise given to the prophet Ezekiel that God will one day open the graves and raise all the dead (Ezk 37: 1-14). Many people have exercised authority over the living; only the Son of God “has power over both the living and the dead”. While Christ has power through

His word alone (Jh 11: 43), here He also **touched** the coffin to show that His very body is life-giving. This event also prefigures Christ's own Resurrection. As Mary would weep for Jesus at the Cross, yet her tears would be turned to joy by the Resurrection, here a widow's **only son** is raised from the dead, putting an end to her weeping.

"I am the resurrection and the life; he that believeth in Me, though he die, yet shall he live. And whosoever liveth and believeth in Me shall never die. **Do you believe this?**"

Lord Jesus Christ

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FUNDRAISING LUNCHEON AT ST. NICHOLAS – The kitchen is having a luncheon on October 23 after the Divine Liturgy. We cordially invite you to taste our homemade sausages and other delicious foods done by our ladies. It will be a good opportunity to help our church and to get together as a church family.

LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS, NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY - Getting ready for the holidays and our St. Nicholas' delicious pitas. The kitchen is planning on making dough on Saturday October 8th starting at 9 am for 1-3 hours. Please contact Betty Anderson at 508-353-9449 or bettya16@verizon.net.

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM "SEARCHING YOUR FAITH" - In 2022 the EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM *EXPLORING YOUR FAITH* continues [EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM](#)

ORTHODOX SCHOOL EXPLORATION – On September 15, 2022 there was a meeting at St. Michael's in Southbridge to begin exploring the idea of creating an Orthodox Parochial school as well as ideas to help support Orthodox homeschoolers. Various concerned Orthodox parishioners and Clergy attended from Central MA Orthodox parishes. As a result, a small committee has developed an internet survey. The survey will help us determine what the level of interest is with parents and the specific demographic statistics needed to estimate possible

student population. Theorthodoxschool.com is the website we will use to link to our survey.
<https://theorthodoxschool.com/>

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MEMORY ETERNAL! This Sunday we will celebrate a Memorial Service for **Lillian Chachi**, fell asleep for 40 days ago and **Cristian V. Dumitriu**, fell asleep 6 months ago. We ask our loving Lord to comfort their families and rest the souls where there is no pain, grief, or sighing, but life which does not end!

BAPTISM - We joy and gladness we announce to you that **Vanghel Edward Saffron** will be baptized on October 16 soon after the Divine Liturgy. We would like to congratulate the parents **Dimitri and Ana Maclynn Saffron** and also the Godparents **Andrew and Rebeca Tanacea** for this special and blessed event.

THERE WILL BE NO COFFEE HOUR ON THAT SUNDAY - OCTOBER 16

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 the rest of October:

Day	Date	Time	Service Type
October			
Friday	7-Oct	18:00	Paraclesis of the Mother of God - Open dialogue with parishioners
Saturday	8-Oct	0:00	Akatist - Confessions.
Sunday	9-Oct	9:00	Matins
		10:00	Sunday 20 after Pentecost "A Widow's Son Is Raised"
Friday	14-Oct	7:30	Akatist
		8:00	(†) Divine Liturgy - St. Parascheva from Iasi
Sunday	16-Oct	9:00	Matins
		10:00	Sunday 21 after Pentecost - "(Parable of the Sower and the Seed)". Baptism - NO COFFEE HOUR.
Friday	21-Oct	18:00	Paraclesis of the Mother of God - Movie night "Serafima"
Sunday	23-Oct	9:00	Matins
		10:00	Sunday 23 after Pentecost - "Jesus Heals the Gerasene Demoniac".
Wednesday	26-Oct	7:30	Akatist
		8:00	†) The Holy Great Martyr Demetrios the Myrrh-streamer
Thursday	27-Oct	7:30	Matins
		8:00	†) St. Dimitrie the New, the protector of Bucharest
Friday	28-Oct	18:00	Paraclesis of the Mother of God
Sunday	30-Oct	9:00	Matins
		10:00	Sunday 22 after Pentecost - "The Rich Man and Lazarus".
Monday	31-Oct	18:00	"All Saints" Akatist. Games, movie, sweets and a lot of fun for our children.

To see the monthly Calendar of Religious Services & Events, [Click Here](#).

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A Prayer of Fr. Laurence

LET US PRAY TO THE LORD, Lord, God of invincible power and might: Grace us with discernment, with keen vision and refined perception. But when it comes to judging others, make us blind and disinterested, totally oblivious to all their faults and failings. Let us look, rather, at our own mistakes and refrain from condemning others for what we see as the mistakes they make and the evils they commit. For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, Father, Son and Holy Spirit: now and forever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

HOLY TRINITY NEWS October 9, 2022

HOLY TRINITY GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETS. The annual Holy Trinity General Assembly met this past Wednesday, September 28th to review the affairs of the Center and elect members to fill the Board vacancies. Steve Fotos, President of the Board, has prepared this short synopsis.

We finished 2021 with a small net profit, however, it was only due to the approximately \$4 million we received in government funding for Covid. 2022 has seen a significant turnaround thanks to our CEO, Rodolfo Parra. Holy Trinity has become the first choice of UMass and other local hospitals for rehabilitation services of all types, and that is where the majority of revenue has come from in 2022, putting Holy Trinity on course to be net profitable for the first time.

The reviews from residents, patients, and staff are off the charts. Holy Trinity has quickly become a top rated, 5-star facility that has a waiting list for some services. We are always looking for volunteers to visit with patients/residents, assist with field trips, and help with activities. We also had a record year for donations, and are excited to announce a donation of \$50,000 from Foti Pantazis to remodel the rehabilitation unit. This, as well as a \$23,000 donation from the National Philoptochos which went towards the completion of our furniture replacement, provides a modern look to our exemplary patient care.

We are still looking to fill some key nursing positions, so please check out our [website](#) to see if your skills match those that we need.

Thanks to every one of you who have contributed your time, talent, and treasure! Each one of us should be proud to call Holy Trinity our own!

NEW PANTAZIS SUBACUTE CENTER TO OPEN THIS YEAR. Holy Trinity has received a generous donation of \$50,000 from Fotios (Foti) Pantazis to support the creation of a dedicated subacute unit for transitional and rehabilitation care. Fotios Pantazis, whose mother is a resident of Holy Trinity, presented a check for \$50,000 in recognition of the care his mother has received at Holy Trinity. The updated subacute rehabilitation unit will be named *The Pantazis Subacute Center* to honor the family's generosity.

Holy Trinity has become one of the most sought-after rehabilitation programs in the region. The new dedicated subacute unit, comprised of 37 beds, will focus on helping short-term residents regain the independence needed to transition home with the highest level of strength and functionality possible. Offering nursing care as well as the services of an in-house rehabilitation team, Holy Trinity's subacute team helps individuals who have suffered injuries from falls, have had recent surgery that requires rehab, and those that have experienced strokes or other life altering medical events.

"Holy Trinity is a special place that has enabled my family member to thrive and I wanted to help," says Foti Pantazis. "I have seen firsthand the dedicated and highly skilled staff of nurse managers, RNs and LPNs who care for residents with extreme compassion, warmth and understanding."

Upgrades to the 20,000-square-foot space will include new carpet and floors, new bedroom furniture, smart TVs and phones in all resident rooms, the addition of a kitchenette and new dining furniture, and modern artwork to adorn the walls. The nurse's station will be equipped with new counters, iPad technology for patients to use during their stay, and the unit will also house new medical equipment. The transformation of *The Pantazis Subacute Center* is underway now and will be completed by the end of the year.

THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY.

- On Wednesday, October 12th, Bill Shontz will be providing musical entertainment.
- On Thursday, October 13th, Clyde Wheatley will be playing the saxophone for the residents.
- On Friday, October 14th, Rusty Guertin will be providing musical entertainment.

If you and your friends would like to attend, you are definitely welcome! Contact [Julie Craven](mailto:jcraven@holytrinityrehab.org) (e-mail: 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)

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airs on the Worcester Cable channel 194 on Mon @ 7 pm, Sat - 8 pm & Sun - 9 pm
or at the cable website: wccatv.com, or the Worcester TV Roku app.

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Sunday Services: Matins at 9:00 am and Divine Liturgy at 10:00 am