

# **ST. NICHOLAS WEEKLY BULLETIN**

## **Sunday October 23, 2022**

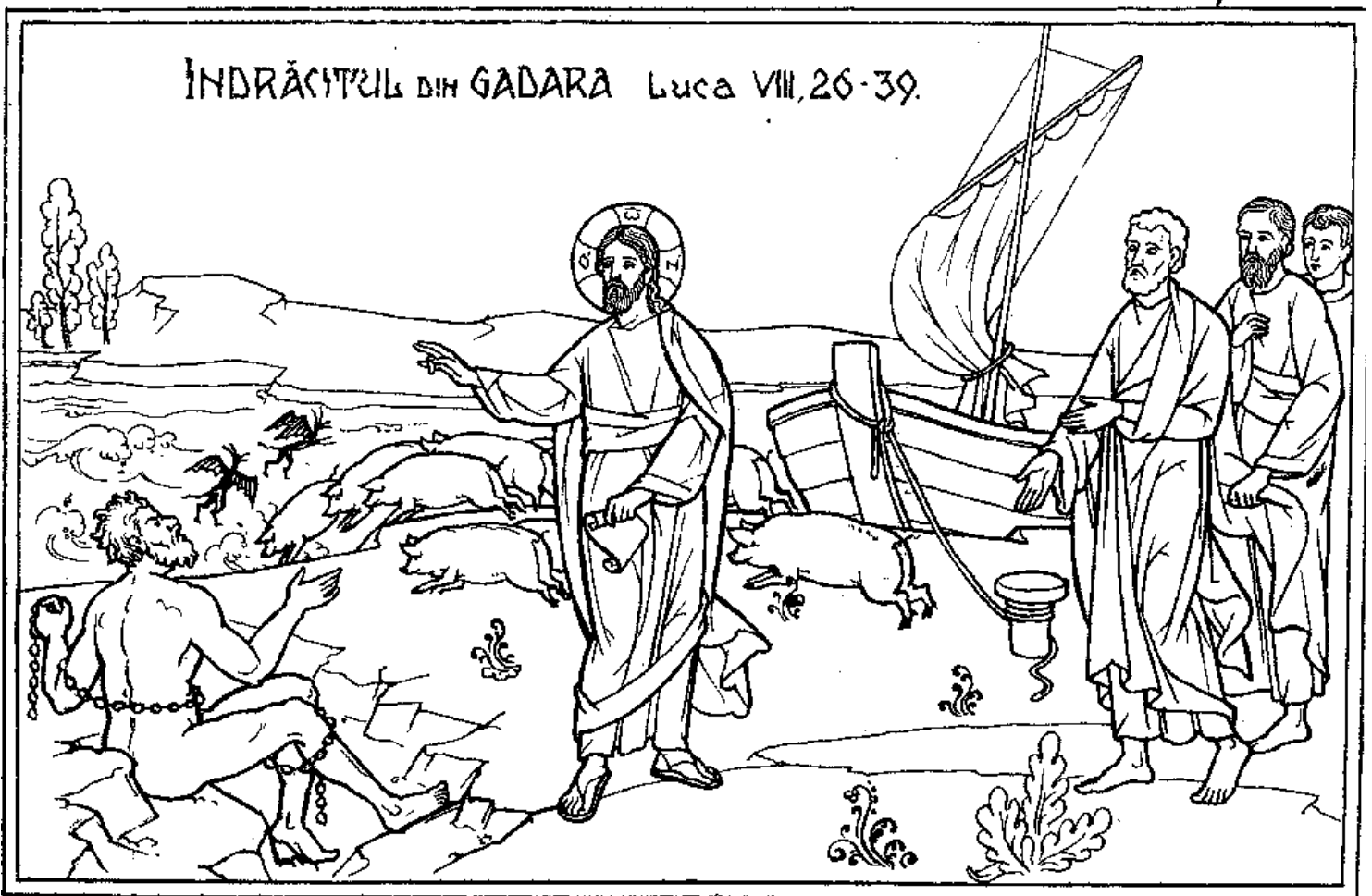
**The Twenty Third Sunday After Pentecost**

***Apostolic Reading:*** [Ephesians 2: 4-10](#)

***Gospel:*** [Luke 8: 26-39](#)

***Tone 2 • Resurrection Gospel 8***

***“Jesus Heals a Man with a Demon”***



**“He patiently knocks on our hearts and waits for us to welcome Him into our lives, families and societies, knowing that without Christ, we can do nothing,”**

We, too, have not been shunned by this danger of atheistic ideology. Even after 1990, when faith became free again, there were various opinions calling for the removal of Christ from the life of our nation, either by removing His icon from schools, public institutions, or by religious education from the public education system etc.”

“But, behold, Christ overcomes all these things and continues to knock at the door of our hearts. He does not force any door. He tells us that ‘no one can come to the Father except through me’ and that I am the door; anyone who enters through Me will find pasture” that is, eternal life.”

The Patriarchal Auxiliary Bishop Varlaam of Ploiești.

## **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 financially and to get together as a church family.

THE MENU IS:

Appetizer: spinach pita, chicken soup, romanian sausages (mititei);

Main course: traditional pork stew with feta cheese, cornbread/mashed potatoes, pickle and salad;

Desert: baklava and kouroubia.

All our food is made in the church kitchen with a lot of care and love.

**COME AND SEE!**

**The weather looks great, please bring outdoor/sport attire!!!**

**PITA AND HOMEMADE SAUSAGE** - We have pitas and homemade sausage for sale. If you can't stay, you can take your meal home.

**Byzantine church music course - "Let's fulfill our prayer to the Lord!"**

We want to start a church music course for our believers with the aim of having decent singing at Vespers, Matins and Holy Liturgy. Leonard Milea from Izvorul Tămăduirii parish in NJ is willing to initiate this course. It will be about learning, over time, the psaltic notation, typical for the two Lauds and for other services of the Orthodox Church, learning the voices and applying them to the services. The course will be held online on the Zoom and WhatsApp platform, most likely on Saturday in the hours before Vespers. Leonard will combine the theory of psaltic music with practice, including singing examples on whatsapp that everyone can listen to and learn during the week separately from the online courses.

We want to start the course on Saturday, November 12. I will also participate personally!

***FAITH MAGAZINE 3/2022*** - You can find it at the link below on the web page of the Metropolis. Thanks to those who contributed articles to this rich issue. There are articles on the Homage Year of prayer and of the Hesychast saints, an article dedicated to PF Patriarch Daniel at 15 years of patriarchy and other articles from the life of the parishes.

<https://mitropolia.us/pdf/2022.10.18.pdf>

***MUSTARD SEED MEAL*** - Looking ahead - our next meal for the [Mustard Seed](#) is scheduled for **Friday, October 21st. Volunteers and sponsors are needed to underwrite the \$400. cost of the meal.** This is a beautiful way to honor the life of a loved one who has fallen asleep. If you have it in your heart to contribute, please contact **Betty Anderson by email** ([bettya16@verizon.net](mailto:bettya16@verizon.net)) or by phone 508-353-9449.

***PITA DOUGH MAKING*** - Looking for volunteers for our Pita Dough Making on October 29. If you wish to participate, please contact **Betty Anderson by email** ([bettya16@verizon.net](mailto:bettya16@verizon.net)) or by phone 508-353-9449.

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

***Romanian Hesychasm Conference*** - On Saturday 15 October we had a very nice and useful conference of IPS Metropolitan Seraphim from Germany on Zoom and Facebook about Romanian Hesychasm. Found the recorded conference below:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/lj2z0pNtI4c3igSpOitdjLfpe22vloOysWcxU4IEMx3sP3jFYwM3tunOUtw5p2eL.uiE83hxSvrxLNgi?startTime=1665860548000>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/mitropolia.us/videos/3070548703235279>

***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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**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.

### Dates to remember:

Fry , Oct 21 - Mustard Seed 1:00 pm  
Wed, Oct 26 - †) The Holy Great Martyr Demetrius the Myrrh-streamer  
Thu, Oct 27 - †) St. Dimitrie the New, the protector of Bucharest  
Mon, Oct 31 - "All Saints Feast" Akatist. Games, movie, sweets and a lot of fun for our children.

### Namedays

Wed, Oct 26 - †) The Holy Great Martyr Demetrius the Myrrh-streamer.

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Dimitri Michael Saffron

## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Here is the [Liturgical Schedule](#) for the rest of October:

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". FUNDRAISING LUNCHEON AT ST. NICHOLAS
Wednesday	26-Oct	9:30	Divine Liturgy at "Holy Trinity" Nursing and Rehabilitation Centre †) 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 Lazaros".
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](#).**

[\(Click here for a PDF version of this week's news\)](#)

A Prayer of Fr. Laurence

LET US PRAY TO THE LORD, O you who are the source of all power and authority, eternal Father: You yourself have given the throne over all things to your Christ, and to him we have pledged our lives. In your divine loving kindness, strip us of everything that is ours and fill us with what is yours, that we may rise to genuine transcendence by winning access to our own true selves. By the grace and mercies and love for us of your only Son, with whom you are blest, together with your all-holy, good, and life-giving Spirit: now and forever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

## HOLY TRINITY NEWS

### October 23, 2022

***DO YOU CARE FOR A LOVED ONE AT HOME*** and need to plan time away? Holy Trinity offers respite care. This allows families to have an opportunity to have medical care provided in their absence. Whether it is to get a away or take care of your personal needs. 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. Contact ***Mary Charmchi*** at [mcharmchi@holytrinityrehab.org](mailto:mcharmchi@holytrinityrehab.org) and explore the options.

***JOB OPENINGS***. We have openings for NURSES, and CNAs, as well as activities person for every other weekend. [Click here](#) for detailed job descriptions and a full listing of these and other openings. If you have questions, please call Holy Trinity at: 508-852-1000.

***PROGRAMS PLANNED FOR THIS COMING WEEK***. On Tuesday, October 25th there will be musical entertainment by Rusty G at 2:00 pm. And on Thursday, October 27th, there will be a Catholic Mass celebrated at 11:00 am, and then musical entertainment by Heather Rae at 2:00 pm. On Friday, October 28th there will be a Restaurant Outing to Kyoto at 11:30. If you'd like to attend, contact ***Julie Craven*** in the Activities department, at 508-852-1000, or by [e-mail](#). (Each of these events is subject to change.)

***HOLD YOUR NEXT MEETING AT HOLY TRINITY.*** A perfect way for people to get to know the wonderful resource we have in Holy Trinity is to hold some regular parish meetings at the facility. We're talking about parish councils, women's and men's clubs, and any other church groups (like seniors and even youth). The Community Room is available after 4:00 pm any day of the week. Of course, certain rules apply and requests need to be made in advance. For details, please contact [info@holytrinityrehab.org](mailto:info@holytrinityrehab.org), and let us know what you're planning.

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