

ST. NICHOLAS WEEKLY BULLETIN

Sunday November 27, 2022

The Thirtieth Sunday after Pentecos

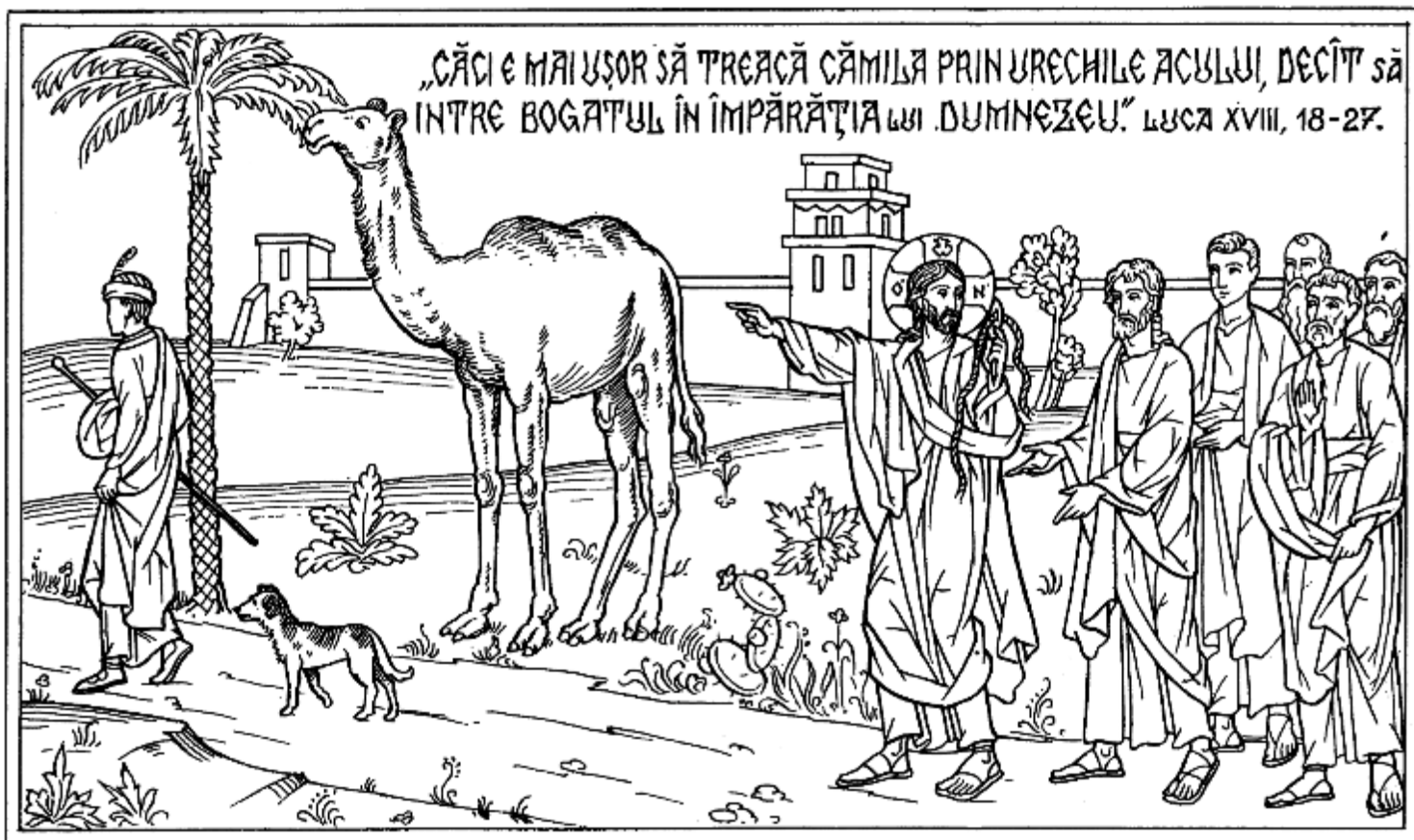
Apostolic Reading: [Colossians 3: 12-16](#)

Gospel: [Luke 18: 18-27](#)

Tone 7 • Resurrection Gospel 2

“The Rich Ruler & Keeping the Commandments”

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Saint Catherine, who was from Alexandria, was the daughter of Constat (or Cestus). She was an exceedingly beautiful maiden, most chaste, and illustrious in wealth, lineage, and learning. By her steadfast understanding, she utterly vanquished the passionate and unbridled soul of Maximinus, the tyrant of Alexandria; and by her eloquence, she stopped the mouths of the so-called philosophers who had been gathered to dispute with her. She was crowned with the crown of martyrdom in the year 305. Her holy relics were taken by Angels to the holy mountain of Sinai, where they were discovered many years later; the famous monastery of Saint Catherine was originally dedicated to the Holy Transfiguration of the Lord and the Burning Bush, but later was dedicated to Saint Catherine. According to the ancient usage, Saints Catherine and Mercurius were celebrated on the 24th of this month, whereas the holy Hieromartyrs Clement of Rome and Peter of Alexandria were celebrated on the 25th. The dates of the feasts of these Saints were interchanged at the request of the Church and Monastery of Mount Sinai, so that the festival of Saint Catherine, their patron, might be celebrated more festively together with the Apodosis of the Feast of the Entry of the Theotokos. The Slavic Churches, however, commemorate these Saints on their original dates.

Apolytikion of Great Martyr Catherine

Plagal of the First Tone

Let us praise the most auspicious bride of Christ, the divine Catherine, protectress of Sinai, our aid and our help. For, she brilliantly silenced the eloquence of the impious by the sword of the spirit, and now, crowned as a martyr, she asks great mercy for all.

Kontakion of Great Martyr Catherine

Second Tone

O friends of martyrs, now divinely raise up a renewed chorus, praising the all-wise Katherine. For, she proclaimed Christ in the arena, trampled on the serpent, and spat upon the knowledge of the orators.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SAINT NICHOLAS - OUR PARISH FEAST DAY - We cordially invite you, clergy and faithful to celebrate our Feast day! His Eminence Metropolitan Nicolae will be prime Celebrant.

- Saturday Dec 3 - 16:30 - Parish council meeting; 18:00 Great Vespers; 19:00 Fish dinner;
- Sunday Dec 4 - 9:00 Matins; 10:00 Divine Liturgy; 12:30 Feast day Luncheon.
- Monday Dec 5 - 18:00 Vespers;
- Tuesday Dec 6 - 9:30 Akatist; 10:00 Divine Liturgy

OUR METROPOLIA CATECHETICAL PROGRAM OF THIS LENT

<https://www.mitropolia.us/index.php/ro/1415-programul-catehetic-al-postului-nasterii-domnului-2>

NEWS FROM THE KITCHEN: Bakers are baking to order. Please submit your holiday orders as soon as possible. We have spinach, leek and egg/cheese pitas, baklava, kouroubia, kouloutaka and homemade sausage.

Please contact Betty Anderson at bettya16@verizon.net or (508) 353-9449.

CHRISTMAS DONATIONS FOR HOLY TRINITY

We are looking for people that can donate Christmas gifts this year to our residents at Holy Trinity. If you want to become the hands of our Lord, Jesus Christ, please contact Fr. Vasile at: fr.vasileaileni@gmail.com, phone: 508 320 0645

Select St. Nicholas for your AmazonSmile Charity St. Nicholas is listed under the incorporation name: St Nicholas Romanian Orthodox Church of Worcester Mass Inc. You can select the church to receive donations from eligible orders on Amazon.

Here is the link to change the charity and has the church name on search:

- Open your Amazon account;
- Open another browser and copy the link below;
- <https://smile.amazon.com/charity/select/search?q=St+Nicholas+Romanian+Orthodox+Church+of+Worcester+Mass+Inc&orig=&ie=UTF-8>

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

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DECEMBER 1 - NATIONAL DAY OF ROMANIA

I would like to wish to all Romanians from our country and diaspora a Happy Romania Day as well as good health, peace, prosperity and the blessing of God upon all of us! Amen! Information about this public holiday could be found in the following link: [National Day of Romania](#)



Nu plânge, maică Românie!



1 decembrie
Ziua Națională A României

*Versuri găsite în ranița unui soldat mort în toamna anului 1918,
pe muntele Sorica, din Carpații de Curbură.*

Nu plânge, maică Românie,
Că am să mor neîmpărțășit!
Un glonț pornit spre pieptul tău,
Cu pieptul meu eu l-am oprit...

Nu plânge, maică Românie!
E rândul nostru să luptăm
Și din pământul ce ne arde
Nici o fărâmbă să nu dăm!

Nu plânge, maică Românie!
Pentru dreptate noi pierim;
Copiii noștri, peste veacuri,
Onoare ne vor da, o știm!

Nu plânge, maică Românie!
Adună tot ce-i bun sub soare;
Ne cheamă și pe noi la praznic,
Când România va fi mare!

<http://facebook.com/Lumea.Poeziilor>

Dates to remember:

- Nov. 21st - Entrance of the Mother of God into the Temple
- Nov. 25th - St. Catherine the Great Martyr
- Nov. 30th - Apostle Andrew, St. Andrew Shaguna, and St. Sebastian of San Francisco and Jackson
- Dec. 1 - National Day of Romania - Tedeum
- Dec 3 - 16:30 - Parish council meeting; 18:00 Great Vespers; 19:00 Fish dinner;
- Dec 4 - 9:00 Matins; 10:00 Divine Liturgy; 12:30 Feast day Luncheon.
- Dec 5 - 18:00 Vespers;
- Dec 6 - 9:30 Akatist; 10:00 Divine Liturgy

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Here is the [Liturgical Schedule](#) for November:

Saturday	26-Nov	10:00	Confessions
Sunday	27-Nov	9:00	Matins
		10:00	Sunday 30 after Pentecost - "The Rich Ruler & Keeping the Commandments"
Wednesday	30-Nov	8:00	Akatist
		9:00	†) Divine Liturgy - Holy and All-Praised Apostle Andrew the First-Called
Thursday	1-Dec	0:00	Tedeum - National Day of Romania
Saturday	3-Dec	18:00	Vespers
		19:00	Feastday fish dinner
Sunday	4-Dec	9:00	Matins
		10:00	Sunday 27 after Pentecost
Monday	5-Dec	18:00	Vespers
Tuesday	6-Dec	9:00	Acatist
		10:00	Divine Liturgy - †) Saint Nicholas - Archbishop of Mira & Wonderworker

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

A Prayer of Fr. Laurence

LET US PRAY TO THE LORD, Lord, our God: our Thanksgiving celebration makes us reflect on the riches of life. All too often, we take them for granted! We presume — if we really think about it at all! — that what we are and have is somehow all our own doing. As we prepare for the coming feast, help us reach a better understanding of how things really are. Enable our minds and hearts to find inspiration and renewal by pondering the marvels life affords us at every turn. Show us how to receive everything and, indeed, every moment of life, as a gift. Cleanse our minds and hearts of the cynical and perverse desire to believe we simply have a right to everything that comes our way. Show us, rather, how indebted we are to everyone, beginning with you, and in all things lead us to yourself. For you deserve all glory, honor and worship, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit: now and forever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

HOLY TRINITY NEWS **November 27, 2022**

HOLY TRINITY IS LOOKING FOR AN ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT to join the team. The Administrative Assistant will serve as a key member of the CEO's support staff. Reporting directly to the CEO, the Administrative Assistant will be responsible for performing a number of administrative duties. The ideal candidate is highly self-motivated, professional, and capable of managing their workload and prioritizing tasks in a fast-paced environment. This is an excellent opportunity to support the continued growth and expansion of Holy Trinity. Persons interested should contact the CEO, [Rodolfo Parra](#).

INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING? Do you have a passion for helping others? Can you share a talent, such as knitting, baking, or playing the piano? Please consider volunteering. Call **Julie Craven**, with the Activities department, at 508-852-1000, or [e-mail](#) her to discuss one of the many ways you might lend a helping hand. We are especially appreciative of our church groups who host luncheons, coffee socials, and assist with Liturgy.

THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY:

- Monday, November 28th: Eric Spahl will be presenting a PowerPoint presentation which includes a virtual tour of the amazing artifacts within the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C. 2:00 pm
- Wednesday, November 30th: Musical Performance by Rusty Guertin at 2:00 pm
- Friday, December 2nd: Christmas Bake Sale and Raffle Gift Baskets starting at 10:30 am and ending at 2:30 pm.

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.

SHARING OUR SYMPATHY. *This past week Holy Trinity lost one of its longest tenured residents who resided there with his wife. As you can imagine there were many residents that had become family to this couple, and, even though they were unable to attend the funeral, they were able to view the services via livestream in their rooms. Following the burial, a small mercy meal took place at Holy Trinity where everyone could reminisce in the comfort of their own home. This was a very special moment that we thought worth sharing during this time of Thanksgiving. We are grateful to have been able to provide some solace during this time of sorrow. Memory eternal.*

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, or the **Worcester TV Roku** app.

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