

ST. NICHOLAS WEEKLY BULLETIN

Sunday December 04, 2022

The Twentyseventh Sunday after Pentecos

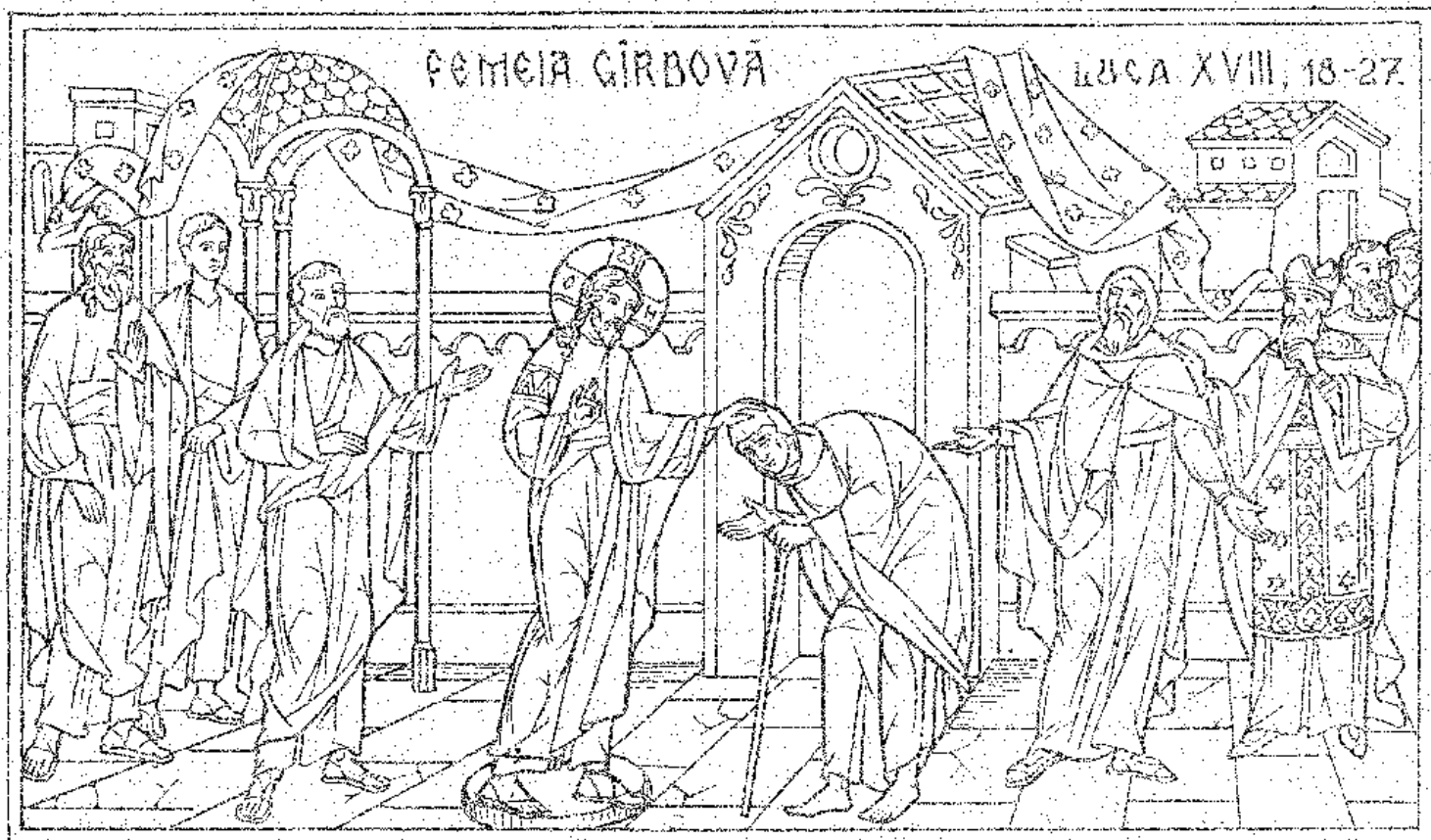
Apostolic Reading: [Ephesians 6: 11-17](#)

Gospel: [Luke 13: 10-17](#)

Tone 8 • Resurrection Gospel 3

“Jesus Heals the Woman with Osteoporosis”

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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

SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR SPONSORS - We would like thank to our sponsors for this year Feast Day as follow:

To Andrew and Rebeca Tanacea for sponsoring the food and wine for both Saturday and Sunday meals;

To John and Deborah Saffron for donating the sacramental wine, for the good health of their family;

To Bardhyl Monica Durmillari for donating 5 loaves of of bred for Great Vespers, for the good health of their family;

To Paule Angiliki Soter and family for their generous donation of two hundred and fifty dollars in memory of their parents George and Carol Soter and brother Garry. Memory eternal!

To Cristina Iusco for donating the children's presents for St. Nicholas day, for the good health of their family.

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: Please submit your holiday orders. Pitas and pastry are selling fast. We have spinach, leek, egg/cheese pitas, baklava, kouroubia, koulourakia and our famous assorted pastry platters. Contact Betty Anderson at bettya16@verizon.net or (508) 353-9449.

MUSTARD SEED MEAL - Looking ahead - our next meal for the Mustard Seed is scheduled for Friday, December 16th. 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) or by phone 508-353-9449.

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>
<https://smile.amazon.com/>

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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THE ORTHODOX FOOD CENTER would like to thank everyone for their generosity in supporting the inaugural *Adopt-a-Family* program to support its **Thanksgiving** Turkey Drive this year. We did it! We distributed two tons of food to our needy neighbors in the community. And it all wouldn't have been possible without your help. In fact, for the first time ever, we were able to offset our expenses with the *Adopt-a-Family* donations.

And it's not only the monetary contributions, we are very grateful for the many who stepped forward to volunteer to shop, assemble the bags, organize the room and distribute the turkeys and all the fixins' for 135 **Thanksgiving** meals. They say it takes a village and we are so grateful for everyone's help.

A special thanks to the Worcester County Food Bank for their ongoing support as well as Shaws, Price Rite and Stop & Shop for gift card donations. And a very special thank you to Table Talk for their generosity in donating pies for all of the families we fed.

The Orthodox Food Center depends on your support for its ministry. We continue to solicit volunteers, in particular, to assist with shopping during the week. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Maria Kassos at orthodoxfoodcenter@gmail.com.

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
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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, We glorify you, Lord Jesus Christ, for allowing us to know you. Everything we have belongs to you and we possess nothing of our own, for it is you who gave us all we have. By coming into our midst, you show us how to let go of everything, and by the poverty of your birth, you teach us to be attached to nothing. As we prepare for the celebration of your earthly birthday, O Christ, keep our hearts fixed only on you, so that we may always sing: Glory to God in the heights; on earth peace, and among all love and understanding. For you are God and we give you glory together with your Father Who is without beginning, and your all holy, good, and life-giving Spirit: now and forever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

HOLY TRINITY NEWS December 4, 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, December 5th: Eric Spahl will be offering a PowerPoint presentation which includes a virtual tour of the amazing artifacts within the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C. at 2:00 pm.
- Thursday, December 8th: St. Spyridon will be providing a luncheon at 11:30 am.
- Friday, December 9th: Musical Performance by Rusty Guertin at 2:00 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.

DIVINE LITURGY is celebrated every Wednesday morning at 9:30am. This week, as we do the last Wednesday of every month, we will hold a Memorial Service for all of the residents who have fallen-asleep during the month. And please, keep Holy Trinity, its staff, directors, residents, and families in your prayers. 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