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WEEKLY BULLETIN



Sunday September 15, 2024

This Week's News

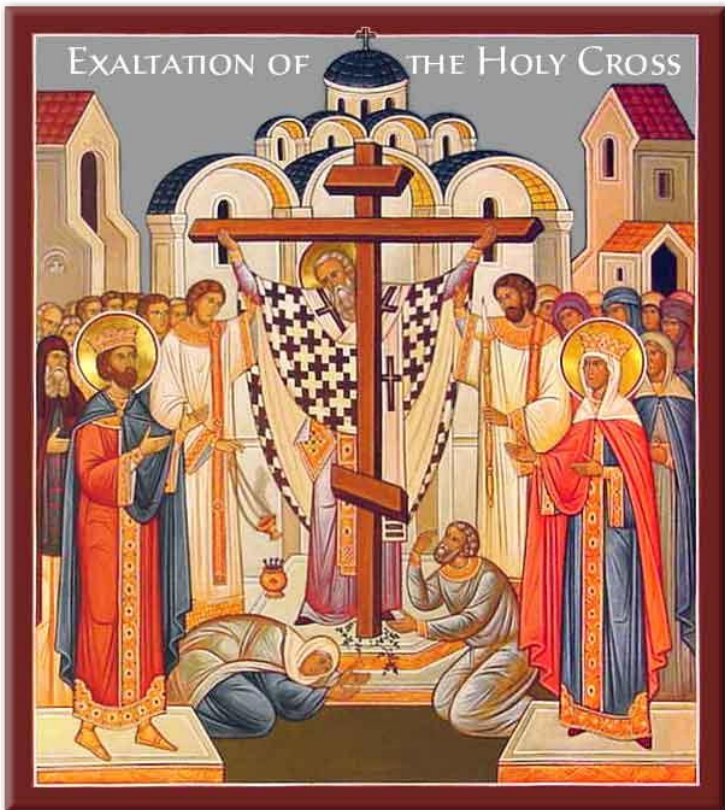
GRAPEVINE PICNIC – Saturday, September 7, 2024 St. Nicolas community came together to enjoy a wonderful and joyous atmosphere. Good God blessed us with good weather, music, food and happiness! I would like to extend my grateful thoughts to our Parish Council, Ladies Auxiliary, sponsors and to all those that worked hard to put together a such a beautiful picnic! Thank you and may God bless you!

E-RECYCLING DAY - AN ELECTRONICS/WHITE GOODS, ETC. RECYCLING day is set for Saturday, **OCTOBER 12**, from 9 - 2. If you're able and willing to help during the event, please call George Demake at 774 239 7804 or email him at gdemake@charter.net. See flyer below.

COFFEE HOUR SPONSORS – are needed for the coming weeks. Please let Betty Anderson or Cristina Iusco Branco if you are interested in sponsoring one.

SEPTEMBER 14

The Elevation of the Venerable and Life-Giving Cross
9:30 Akatist – 10:00 Divine Liturgy



Sunday after the Elevation of the Precious Cross

Reading: Galatians 2:16-20

Gospel: Mark 8:34-38; 9,1

(Taking up our Cross and Following Christ)

Tone 3 † Resurrection Gospel 1

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION

Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad, for the Lord hath done a mighty act with His own arm. He hath trampled down death by death, and become the first-born from the dead. He hath delivered us from the depths of Hades, granting the world the Great Mercy.

APOLYTIKION OF THE NATIVITY OF THE THEOTOKOS

Thy nativity, O Theotokos, hath proclaimed joy to the whole universe; for from thee did shine forth the Sun of justice, Christ our God, annulling the curse, and bestowing the blessing, abolishing death and granting us life everlasting.

KONTAKION OF THE NATIVITY OF THE THEOTOKOS

By thy holy nativity, O pure one, Joachim and Anna were delivered from the reproach of barrenness; and Adam and Eve were delivered from the corruption of death; thy people do celebrate it, having been saved from the stain of iniquity, crying unto thee: The barren doth give birth to the Theotokos, who nourisheth our life.





"He who renounces the cross cannot be worthy of the Lord and become His disciple. The depths of the Divine Being are revealed to the Christian when he is crucified for our Saviour. The Cross is the foundation of authentic theology."

Father Sophronie Sakharov
1896 - 1993

**Happy Birthday! God Grant
You Many More Years!**

September 19 - James Jameel
Sassine

**Let us Pray for the good
health of:**

Elizabeth, Rooney, Ekaterina, Psa
Ileana, Luiza, Andrew, Margareta,
Marius-Nicolae, VioricaLoredana-
Anca, Teodora, Joanne, John,
Deborah-Ann, Rebeka, Fr. Stefan
and his son Andrei, Elena, Anca,
Marius Nicolae for their helath and
for their salvation!
Amin!

Dates to remember:

September 07 - GRAPEVINE PICNIC
September 08 - (†) The Nativity of Our Most Holy
Lady the Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary;
September 14 - (†) The Elevation of the Venerable
and Life-Giving Cross

A Prayer of Fr. Laurence

LET US PRAY TO THE LORD! Whom shall we glorify? Whom shall we praise? And to whom shall we give thanks, if not to you, O God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for that terrible instrument of the cross on which your Son was put to death for love of us? Though it was a symbol of shame, he transformed it into a resplendent trophy of victory. As we celebrate its triumph during these days, and contemplate the salvation it purchased for us, help us truly understand its meaning so that we may share in the resurrection it promises. Through the same Lord Jesus Christ, with whom you are blest, together with your all-holy, good, and life-giving Spirit: now and forever, and unto ages of ages. Amen!



LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Day	Date	Time	Service Type
September			
Sunday	1-Sep	9:00	Matins
		10:00	(†) The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost (Jesus Heals the Boy with an Epileptic Demon) Ecclesiastical New Year. Prayer Service for the Beginning of Church School.
Saturday	7-Sep	12 to 7	GRAPEVINE PICNIC - EVERYONE IS INVITED
Sunday	8-Sep	9:00	Matins/Akatist
		10:00	(†) The Nativity of Our Most Holy Lady the Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary. Sunday before Holy Cross.
Saturday	14-Sep	9:00	Matins
		10:00	(†) The Elevation of the Venerable and Life-Giving Cross
Sunday	15-Sep	9:00	Matins
		10:00	Sunday after The Elevation of the Venerable and Life-Giving Cross
Sunday	22-Sep	9:00	Matins
		10:00	The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost (The Miraculous Catch - Jesus Calls the First Disciples)
Wednesday	25-Sep	9:30	Divine Liturgy at "Holy Trinity" Nursing and Rehabilitation Centre.
Sunday	29-Sep	9:00	Matins
		10:00	(†)The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost (The Sermon on the Mount - Love of our Enemies)

Grapevine picnic thought and thank you!

Beloved brothers and sisters, I would like to thank to all the people that made this picnic another success! The Grapevine Picnic is one of the main fundraising events for St. Nicholas Church and I would like to extend my grateful thoughts to our Parish Council, Ladies Auxiliary and all the members of our community that are dedicated and supportive.

I would also like to thank to all the sponsors, volunteers, donors, and guests for making this event special! MAY GOD BLESS YOU ALL!

Fr. Vasile Aileni

SEPTEMBER 7 - GRAPEVINE PICNIC





THE COUNCIL OF EASTERN ORTHODOX CHURCHES OF CENTRAL MASSACHUSETTS

INVITES YOU TO

Casting a Net

Making Disciples of All Nations

Saturday, November 2nd, 2024

Reception at 5:00pm, dinner and program
to follow ending at 8:00pm

St. Spyridon Greek Orthodox Cathedral

102 Russell Street, Worcester MA 01609



**With His Grace Bishop
Neofitos of Kenya and
OCMC Grants & Projects
Manager, Santhe Loizos**



Learn about OCMC's Kenya initiatives including Theological Education that is training new priests, self-sustainability projects that are empowering the Church through income generation, evangelism amongst people in new places, and our global Grants Program.



\$15 for Adults and \$10 for Students

Adult price increases to \$20 after 10/27. Register online or by scanning the QR code or visiting the link below. Donations are also welcomed if you cannot attend!

www.ocmc.org/WorcesterDinner

Call 508-873-9836 or email savvas@ourmanor.com for more info





ACCEPTING ANY AND ALL
ELECTRONICS, BIKES, APPLIANCES
AND MORE!

ELECTRONICS RECYCLING EVENT

Saturday, October 12th, 2024

9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

St. Nicholas Church

34 Gold Street

Shrewsbury, MA

Cost to You:

- **\$5** each for Computers, Laptops, Video Game Consoles, DVD Players, VCR's, Small Printers, Stereos, Radios, Alarm Clocks, Speakers, Table Lamps, Fans, Hair Dryers, Curling Irons, Projectors, Power Tools, Drills, Cameras, Clocks, Trophies, Frying Pans, Holiday Lights, Other Small Electronics.

- **\$10** each for Small Household Appliances, Vacuum Cleaners/Robots, Toaster Ovens, Ceiling Fans, Floor Lamps, Air Fryers, Electric Grills, Hot Plates, Small Radiators, Keyboard Pianos, Coffee Makers, Ice Makers, Sewing Machines.

- **\$20** each for Flat Screen Computer Monitors, Microwaves, Dorm Sized Refrigerators, Dehumidifiers, Air Conditioners, Water Coolers, Large Printers/Copiers, Leaf Blowers, Chainsaws, Heat Lamps, Artificial Christmas Trees, Fire Extinguishers, Propane Tanks (Empty).

- **\$25** each for TVs up to 26," CRT Monitors, Outdoor Grills, Snow Blowers, Lawn Mowers, Rototillers, Power Washers, Large Yard Equipment, Large Generators, Motors, Water Tanks.

- **\$30** each for TVs between 26" and 35," Washing Machines, Dryers, Stoves, Dishwashers, Other Large Appliances, Treadmills, Exercise Equipment.

- **\$35** each for TVs over 36," Large Refrigerators, Ride-On Lawn Mowers.

- **\$40** each for Projection TVs.

- **NO CHARGE** (Cash Donations Appreciated): Cell Phones, **Bicycles in any condition**, Video Game Media and Accessories, Wires, Cables, Chargers, VHS/DVD's, Car/Household Batteries, Keyboards, Tablets.

ALL TOWNS WELCOME! RAIN OR SHINE
HARD DRIVES DESTROYED, CASH PREFERRED, CHECKS (Over \$30)

Questions? Contact: GreenDayRecyclingMA@Gmail.com



HOLY TRINITY

Nursing & Rehabilitation Center

MEMO

TO: CEOC Clergy
CEOC Parish Council Presidents

DATE: August 04, 2024

From: Sam Bitar, President
Eastern Orthodox Management Corp.

RE: General Assembly and
Corporation Annual Meeting

The date for the “General Assembly” or Annual Meetings for the Eastern Orthodox Management Corp. (EOMC), which operates **Holy Trinity Nursing and Rehabilitation Center**, is defined by the Bylaws that govern our corporation. By the Bylaws and allowing for proper notification, the established date is:

Wednesday, September 25, 2024, at 6:00 pm

This meeting is open to all CEOC parish members. Your presence and participation are highly valued, and we encourage all to attend. We will review the organization's financial health, operational performance, and the results of our annual audit.

The General Assembly meeting will be held both at Holy Trinity Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, and via Zoom.

The Zoom Meeting info is:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82253556263>

We ask that everyone check in or log in before 6 p.m. to ensure that there are no technology issues and that we can be ready for a 6 p.m. sharp start. We do have a lot of agenda items to review with everyone and want to be respectful of everyone’s time. If anyone has any questions that they would like us to answer specifically, it would be best to send them to Sam Bitar prior to the meeting. You can reach him via email at bitarsm@gmail.com.

We ask that each parish identify up to five (5) individuals to represent the parish at this meeting and that you please email Sam Bitar at bitarsm@gmail.com with the names of your representatives.

I ask for your help communicating this information to your parishioners by including it in all mailings, newsletters, and bulletins as soon as possible to avoid a date conflict with your parish events.

We deeply appreciate your continued support of our programs and facility. Your contributions, both big and small, are invaluable to us and integral to our success. We look forward to seeing you at the General Assembly and Annual Meeting of the Eastern Orthodox Management Corp.



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FROM: Sam Bitar, President
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RE: General Assembly and
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As the President of the Board of Directors of Eastern Orthodox Management Corp. (EOMC), which operates **Holy Trinity Nursing and Rehabilitation Center**, I am reaching out to request the names of the delegates from your parish who have been or will be elected or appointed to serve on the General Assembly of EOMC. The General Assembly is a critical meeting in which important business of EOMC is decided, including electing the Corporation's Board of Directors. As a member parish of the Council of Eastern Orthodox Churches of Central Massachusetts (Council), the EOMC Bylaws stipulate that the Members of the General Assembly of the Corporation shall consist of:

- all of the **clergy** of the member parishes;
- **up to five (5) lay delegates** from each of the member parishes elected or appointed by each parish consistent with the internal organization principles of said parish; and
- the **elective officers** of the Council.

In preparation of the General Assembly, we ask that you please email Sam Bitar at bitarsm@gmail.com with the names of your representatives and confirm attendance to ensure a quorum.

In accordance with the Bylaws and allowing for proper notification, the established date of the next General Assembly is:

Wednesday, September 25, 2024 at 6:00 pm

Once we receive the names of your delegates, we will follow up with an additional notice to be distributed amongst your delegates and parishes that will include the details of the General Assembly. As we have done in prior years, the meeting of the General Assembly will be held both at Holy Trinity Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, and via Zoom.

If you have any questions about this notice, please contact Sam Bitar at (508) 341-1792 or bitarsm@gmail.com.

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