

Saint Nicholas Romanian Orthodox Church Shrewsbury Massachusetts
Biserica Ortodoxă Română Sfântul Nicolae Shrewsbury Massachusetts

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WEEKLY BULLETIN
Sunday January 19, 2025

Sunday Services

9:00 a.m. - Matins;
10:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy;
11:30 a.m. - Coffee Hour

This Week's News

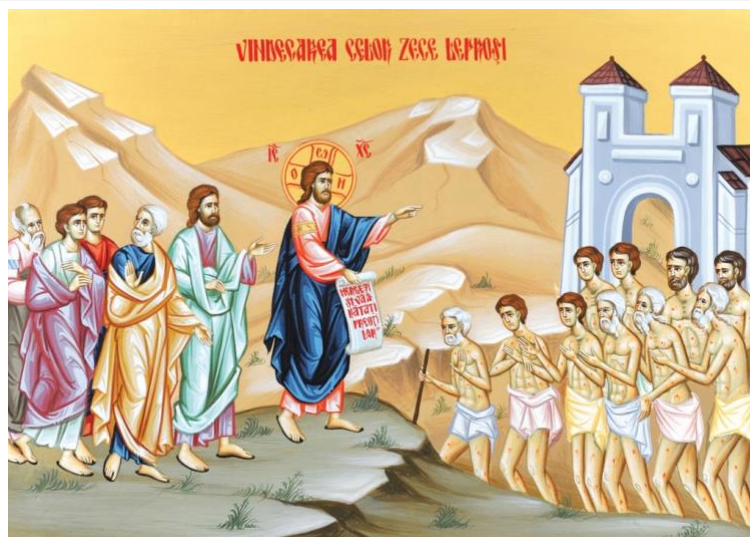
THE ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP APPEAL is underway. Our church relies upon the offering of time, talents and treasure from each of us. We ask that you prayerfully consider an offering of time, talents and treasure to sustain our beloved church for the glory of God. Wishing you and your loved ones a blessed Holiday Season!

OUR PARISH GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING will be held on Sunday, January 26, 2025 following the Divine Liturgy. Your attendance is important, not only to be updated over the last year with various reports, the meeting also gives everyone an opportunity to present questions, concerns and any ideas you may have for our parish.

HOUSE BLESSINGS - The blessing of homes began on January 5, 2025, and continue until all homes are blessed. As in the past, we will be setting times when we will be coming to bless your home. If there is a specific time that is more convenient for you, please call Fr. Vasile to arrange it 508.320.0645 or fr.vasileaileni@gmail.com

ICON AUCTION – February 9th we will have our Icon Auction; you will have the opportunity to take an icons dear to you to bless your home for 40 days while enjoying a good meal at St. Nicholas.

PLEASE BRING IN YOUR EMPTY - HOLY WATER BOTTLES. If you have empty bottles, please bring them with you to Church.



The Twenty-Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Apostol: Colossians 1:12-18;

Gospel: Luke 17:12-19;

(Jesus Heals the Ten Lepers)

Tone 5 † Resurrection Gospel 8

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION

Let us believers praise and worship the Word; coeternal with the Father and the Spirit, born of the Virgin for our salvation. For, He took pleasure in ascending the Cross in the flesh to suffer death; and to raise the dead by His glorious Resurrection.

APOLYTIKION OF ST. MAKARIOS OF EGYPT

Thou didst prove to be a citizen of the desert, an angel in the flesh, and a wonderworker, O Makarios, our God-bearing Father. By fasting, vigil, and prayer thou didst obtain heavenly gifts, and thou healest the sick and the souls of them that have recourse to thee with faith. Glory to Him that hath given thee strength. Glory to Him that hath crowned thee. Glory to Him that worketh healings for all through thee.

KONTAKION OF THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST

Thou, O Christ God, Who by Thy Birth, didst sanctify the Virgin's womb, and, as is meet, didst bless Simeon's arms, and didst also come to save us; preserve Thy fold in wars, and confirm them whom Thou didst love, for Thou alone art the Lover of mankind.





"If we have mercy on the lawless one, he no longer learns what justice is, and in the land of the saints he will commit perversion! - Songs of Moses - The fifth song of the Prophet Isaiah

"Daca de cel fara de lege ne este mila, el nu mai invata ce este dreptatea, si in pamantul celor sfinti va savarsi strambatate! - *Cantarile lui Moise - Cantarea a cincea a Proorocului Isaia*

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

- Jan 13 – George M. Symock
- Jan 14 - Zhaka, Natasha
- Jan 16 – Elizabeth Anderson
- Jan 18 - Dorogi, Irena
- Jan 21 – Ronald Anderson
- Jan 23 – Althea Shaheen
- Jan 25 – Fr. Vasile Aileni
- Jan 25 - Apostola, Sophia Amyra
- Jan 28 - Clem, Michael Walter
- Jan 30 - Zaruha, Cristian

Let us Pray for the good health of:

Andrei, Mark, Irene - Ekaterina, Psa Aza, Betty Ekaterina, Psa Ileana, Luiza, Andrew, Margareta, Marius-Nicolae, Loredana-Anca, Teodora, Joanne, Deborah-Ann, Rebeka, Fr. George, Fr. Stefan and his son Andrei for their helath and for their salvation!
Amin!

Dates to remember:

- January 6** - The Theophany of our Lord, God, and Savior Jesus Christ
- January 7** - Synaxis of John the Holy Glorious Prophet, Baptist, & Forerunner
- January 30** - Synaxis of The Three Hierarchs: Basil the Great, Gregory the Theologian, & John Chrysostom

A Prayer of Fr. Laurence

LET US PRAY TO THE LORD! Lord be good to us and fill our minds with insight. Tune the ears of our spirit to the subtleties of living according to your good news. Make us understand that life is a precious gift from you and not ours to abuse. Teach us how to appreciate the value of life and the riches it presents to us, and how to have a healthy confidence in ourselves at all times without ever foolishly trusting solely in our own devices. And let not our prosperity deprive us of understanding. So that ever enlightened by your wisdom, we may give you glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit: now and forever, and unto ages of ages. Amen!



LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Day	Date	Time	Service Type
Jan-25			
Sunday	5-Jan	9:00 AM	Matins
		10:00 AM	The Sunday before Theophany of Christ Great Blessing of Water; No coffee hour! Strict fast day!
Monday	6-Jan	9:00 AM	Matins
		10:00 AM	(†) The Theophany of our Lord, God, and Savior Jesus Christ Great Blessing of Water at end of Liturgy
Tuesday	7-Jan	9:00 AM	Matins
		10:00 AM	(†) Synaxis of John the Holy Glorious Prophet, Baptist, & Forerunner Sunday after Holy Theophany
Sunday	12-Jan	9:00 AM	Matins
		10:00 AM	The Sunday after Theophany of Christ
Sunday	19-Jan	9:00 AM	Matins
		10:00 AM	Sunday 29 after Pentecost (Jesus Heals the 10 Lepers)
Sunday	26-Jan	9:00 AM	Matins
		10:00 AM	The Thirty-Second Sunday after Pentecost - The Conversion of Zaccheus
Thursday	30-Jan	9:30 AM	Akatist
		10:00 AM	Synaxis of The Three Hierarchs: Basil the Great, Gregory the Theologian, & John Chrysostom



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CONVOCATION

The General Assembly of the members of St. Nicholas Parish in Shrewsbury is convened for Sunday January 26, 2025 at 12:30 pm (after Holy Liturgy).

General Assembly Agenda:

1. Opening Prayer.
2. Introduction Rev. Vasile Aileni.
3. Election of the secretary.
4. The presence of parish members/stewards.
5. Approve the Agenda.
6. Minutes of the General Assembly of January 28, 2024.
7. Activity report for 2024 - The Parish Priest.
8. Activity report for 2024 - The president of the Parish Council.
9. Activity report for 2024 - Sunday school. NA
10. Activity report for 2024 – AROLA. (Short presentation – Psa. Claudia)
11. Financial report for 2024.
12. Draft 2025 budget.
13. Election of Parish Council Officers.
14. Motion for Establishing the Lady Auxiliary – AROLA.
15. Motion for Establishing Youth Representative for ROYA.
16. Election of parish delegates at the 2025 Deanery Meeting.
17. Establishing the date of the next General Assembly.
18. Miscellaneous.
19. Closing prayer.

All members of the parish are welcome and invited to participate!

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Shrewsbury, January 26, 2025

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***Bidding of Icons
&
Luncheon***

WHEN

Sunday February 9th 12:00 pm

WHERE

34 Gold Street
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*In this ancient tradition, all Blessed Icons go home with those who have won the bid and they grace the home for 40 days.
Giving Great Blessings to our homes as we start the New Year.*

Luncheon Suggested Donation - \$20 Adult and \$5 children