

# **News from St. Nick's**

## **Sunday July 17, 2022**

### **The Fifth Sunday After Pentecost**

*"Sunday of the Holy Fathers of the IV Ecumenical Council  
held in Chalcedon - A.D. 451"*

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**Apostolic Reading:** [Romans, 10: 1-10](#)

**Gospel:** [Matthew, 8: 28-34; 9:1](#)

*"Jesus Heals Two Men with Demons"*

**Tone 4 • Resurrection Gospel 5**

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#### **Prayer at the Sanctification of a House/Foundation of House.**

*Priest: O God Almighty, Who made the Heavens with wisdom and has established the earth upon its sure foundations, the Creator and Author of all men, look upon these Your servants (Names), to whom it has seemed good to set up a house for their dwelling in the dominion of Your Power, and to rear it by building; establish it upon a stable rock, and found it according to Your divine word in the Gospel, so that neither wind, nor flood, nor any other thing shall be able to harm it; graciously grant that they may bring it to completion, and deliver all them who shall wish to dwell therein from every attack of the enemy; for Yours is the dominion, and Yours is the Kingdom, and the Power, and the Glory, of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, both now and ever, and to the ages of ages. Amen.*

Beloved brothers and sisters in Christ,

In our church there has been established a beautiful service for sanctifying a house. This service is different from The House Blessing during Epiphany which is celebrated on January 6<sup>th</sup>. In this service the water is sanctified in the house and the service lasts about an hour. This service brings many spiritual benefits for the house and for those who live in it: it brings the Holy Spirit upon the house, it forgives the small sins, casts away the bad spirits and the bad thoughts. Our mind gets cleansed and focuses on prayer, we receive healing of our souls and bodies.

This service should be done at least once a year and every time we are troubled spiritually or physically.

It is also an opportunity for the priest and the family to get to know each other better. As your parish priest, I encourage you to schedule this service for the benefit of your household and the benefit of our church. Amen!

Fr. Vasile

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**FEAST OF PROPHET ELIAS** - On **Wednesday, July 20**, there will be **Matins at 9 am, & Divine Liturgy at 10 am** to celebrate the feast of the great [Prophet Elias](#).

**ELECTRONICS RECYCLING** is **Saturday, July 23 from 9 am to 2 pm**. On that day, **3-4 people are needed** to help with traffic and coordination. **Please contact [Gerry Belba](#) if you are able to volunteer on that day**. If you want to know the pricing for dropping off items, here is the [flier](#) and [Facebook page](#) listing.

**CREDINTA THE FAITH MAGAZINE** - The new issue of the [Credința Magazine](#) contains articles of great interest with reference to the latest events in our Metropolis. There are articles on the year of prayer in the life of the Church and the commemorative year of the hesychastic saints - Simeon the New Theologian, Gregory Palamas and Paisie of Neamt.

**MUSTARD SEED MEAL** - Looking ahead - our next meal for the [Mustard Seed](#) is scheduled for **Friday, August 19th. A sponsor is 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 [Deb Sedares](#).

**TWO MORE COFFEE HOUR VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** - As we restructure coffee hour for the Fall, **2 more volunteers are needed to plan and organize coffee hour once per month**. We thank **Dina Salerno** and **Jenny Montvitt** for coming forward to serve the Church! If you would like to join them, please reach out to [Valarie Stamoulis](#) or [Betty Anderson](#) to volunteer!

**UKRAINIAN RELIEF:** The **Saint Paraskeva Orthodox Charity** Our Metropolia in partnership with the Archdiocese of Suceava and Radauti is working to support Ukrainian war refugees. To learn more and contribute, please [click here for the website of Saint Parascheva Charity](#) or go to their [Facebook page](#).

## VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL

Attention all school age children, grades K-12!!!! It is that time again ... **Vacation Church School with our friends from St. Anargyroi's church in Marlboro.**

**WHEN:** Monday & Tuesday, **August 1-2.**

**TIME:** 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

**LOCATION:**

- **Monday, 8/1 at Sts. Anargyroi**, 9 Central St., Marlboro, MA
- **Tuesday, 8/2 at St. Nicholas**, 34 Gold St., Shrewsbury

**THEME:** Our theme this year will be “The Divine..”. Very excited to have Fr. Vasile demonstrating how to make Holy Bread.

**RSVP:** *By July 25*

- Email [Valarie Stamoulis](#), or call / text 617-803-3798 or
- E-mail [Presbytera Eleni Christakos](#) or call / text 603-566-1514.

[CLICK HERE](#) to see the Flier. We hope your children can attend and have fellowship with the children from St. Anargyroi's. Feel free to contact Valarie or Presbytera Eleni with any questions.

## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

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

Day	Date	Time	Service Type
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Sunday	3-Jul	9:00	Matins
		10:00	Sunday 3 after Pentecost
Sunday	10-Jul	9:00	Matins
		10:00	Sunday 4 after Pentecost
Sunday	17-Jul	9:00	Matins
		10:00	Sunday 5 after Pentecost
Wednesday	20-Jul	9:00	Matins or Acatist
		10:00	Feast of Prophet Elias
Sunday	24-Jul	9:00	Matins
		10:00	Sunday 6 after Pentecost
Wed.	27-Jul	9:30	Divine Liturgy at “Holy Trinity” Nursing and Rehabilitation Center
Sunday	31-Jul	9:00	Matins
		10:00	Sunday 7 after Pentecost
Monday	1-Aug		Dormition Fast Begins

## NOTES FROM HOLY TRINITY

**DIVINE LITURGY** - The Divine Liturgy is celebrated each **Wednesday morning at 9:30 a.m.** for our residents. We welcome volunteers and visitors who would like to attend.

**JOB OPENINGS** - We invite you to be part of a team where you are encouraged to see the value in every person and build connections. **To join our award-winning team** and advance your career, for a full listing and detailed job descriptions of our openings, visit: <https://www.holytrinityrehab.org/employment/>

**BEWARE of the DOG DAYS of SUMMER** - July is dedicated to summer celebrations of independence and freedom, typically outside! It is during July 3rd to August 11th, so call the "Dog Days," when summer temperature and humidity are increasingly oppressive. Stay hydrated and if possible, take a break from outside activities in an air-conditioned room. It is no surprise that July is "National Grilling Month."

**NEWSLETTER** - Click [here](#) to see the July Newsletter

## 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.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

Wed, July 20	Prophet Elias - Matins at 9, Liturgy at 10
Sat, July 23	Electronics Recycling, 9-2
Aug 1-15	Fast of the Dormition of the Mother of God
Mon/Tues, Aug 1-2	Vacation Church School
Sat, Aug 6	Orthodox Food Center, 9-12
Fri, Aug 19	Mustard Seed Meal

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