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WEEKLY BULLETIN
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This Week's News

HAPPY THANKGIVINGS!!!

THE FAITH MAGAZINE 3/2023 has been issued and can be consulted online here:

<https://www.mitropolia.us/pdf/2023.11.02.pdf>

You will receive a few hard copies in the mail. Thanks to everyone who contributed to this issue of the Magazine.

LUNCHEON-THE NATIVITY FAST – I would like to thank to all the people that attended this past luncheon and showed support for our church! Special thanks to the ones that cooked and served!

CHURCING VASIL SPIRO SAFFRON – Last Sunday we had the pleasure to receive a new member in St. Nicholas Church: Spiro Vasil Saffron. The new born of Dimitri and Maclynn Saffron. God bless you all!

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS – Starting last Sunday, November 12, we started collecting donations towards Christmas presents for our children. Whatever amount of money we collect, it will be used for presents. Please be generous! Last date to donate is Sunday, December 10th.

ORTHODOX FOOD CENTER - We really need people to commit themselves to this ministry of our Church. For more information, contact Katina Cocavessis (508 277-1063) kcocavessis@gmail.com and view the [descriptive guide](#).

THE FEAST OF ST. NICHOLAS
LITURGICAL SCHEDULE:

December 1- The National Day of Romania - 5:30 pm Te Deum
6:00 - pm Holy Unction service

December 2 – 6:00 pm - Great Vespers;

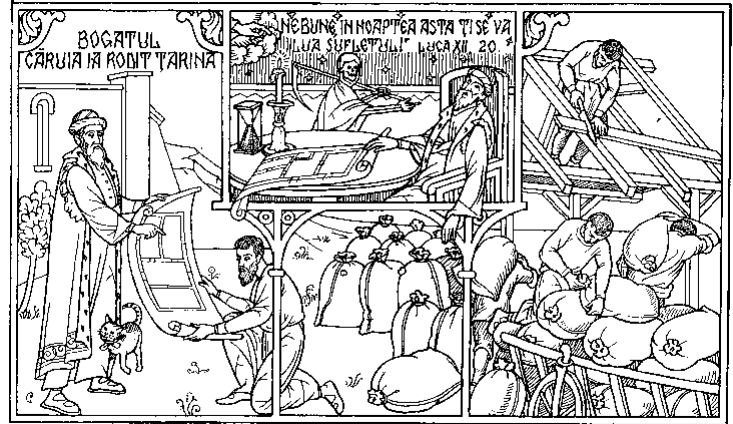
December 3 – 9:00 am – Matins;

10:00 The Divine Liturgy;

12:00 Brotherly Agape/Luncheon;

December 5 - Vespers - Light refreshments will be served;

December 6 - Divine Liturgy



The Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Apostolic Reading: Ephesians 5:8-19

Gospel: Luke 12:16-21

(The Parable of the Rich Fool)

Tone 7 † Resurrection Gospel 2

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION

Thou didst shatter death by Thy Cross, Thou didst open paradise to the thief; Thou didst turn the sadness of the ointment-bearing women into joy. And didst bid Thine Apostles proclaim a warning, that Thou hast risen O Christ, granting to the world the Great Mercy.

KONTAKION OF THE ENTRANCE OF THE THEOTOKOS IN TONE FOUR

The sacred treasury of God's holy glory, the greatly precious bridal chamber and Virgin, the Savior's most pure temple, free of stain and undefiled, into the House of the Lord on this day is brought forward and bringeth with herself the grace of the Most Divine Spirit; her do God's Angels hymn with songs of praise, for she is truly the heavenly tabernacle.

Happy Birthday!
God Grant You Many
More Years to the people
born in October!!!

November 4 - Nadine
Kamilla Shaheen
October 16 - Jacob Datz

Let us Pray for the good health
of:

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

Dates to remember:

November 15 - Nativity Fast Begins;
November 21 - The entry of the Mother of God into
the Church.
November 30 - St. Andrew
December 1-Nationa Day of Romania Te Deum
December 1 - Holy Unction service
December 2 - Great Vespers service
December 3 - Divine Liturgy service
December 5 - Vespers service
December 6 - Divine Liturgy

A Prayer of Fr. Laurence

LET US PRAY TO THE LORD! Blest be your name, O Lord, now and forevermore! From the rising of the sun to its setting, praised be your holy name! And to whom, O Lord our God, shall we offer our grateful praise, if not to you? You are the first and foremost, benefactor of our lives. You are the one who bestowed on us all the good that we are and have. You gave us the riches of this world, and in unspeakable wisdom and insight, you revealed to us the mystery of your unfathomable will. Therefore, Lord, as we rejoice now, in preparation of our annual day of thanksgiving, grant that we may always perceive and appreciate the wonders of your creation and accept them from your hand as we should, conscious of your goodness, responsive to your love, and humbled by your generosity. By the grace and mercy and love for us of your only Son, with whom you are blest, together with your all-holy, good, and life-giving Spirit: now and forever, and unto ages of ages. Amin.



WEEKLY REFLECTION

And when you fast, do not look dismal like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces that their fasting may be seen by men. Truly I say to you, they have their reward. But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, that your fasting may not be seen by men, but your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.
(Matthew 6:16-18)

November 21

The Feast of the Entrance into the Temple of Our Most Holy Lady the Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary is celebrated on November 21 each year. The Feast commemorates when as a young child, the Virgin Mary entered the Temple in Jerusalem.



Protevangelion Story

The birth and early life of the Virgin Mary is not recorded in the Gospels or other books of the New Testament, however this information can be found in a work dating from the second century known as the Book of James or Protevangelion.

When Mary was three years old, Joachim and Anna decided that the time had come to fulfill their promise and to offer her to the Lord. Joachim gathered the young girls of the neighborhood to form an escort, and he made them go in front of Mary, carrying torches. Captivated by the torches, the young child followed joyfully to the Temple, not once looking back at her parents nor weeping as she was parted from them.

The holy Virgin ran toward the Temple, overtaking her attendant maidens and threw herself into the arms of the High Priest Zacharias, who was waiting for her at the gate of the Temple with the elders. Zacharias blessed her saying, "It is in you that He has glorified your name in every generation. It is in you that He will reveal the Redemption that He has prepared for His people in the last days."

Then, Zacharias brought the child into the Holy of Holies—a place where only the High Priest was permitted to enter once a year on the Day of Atonement. He placed her on the steps of the altar, and the grace of the Lord descended upon her. She arose and expressed her joy in a dance as wonder seized all who saw this happen.

The Virgin Mary dwelt in the Temple for nine years until, reaching an age for marriage, she was taken from the Temple by the priests and elders and entrusted to Joseph as the guardian of her virginity.

The Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple signifies her total dedication to God and her readiness for her future vocation as the Mother of the Incarnate Lord. This is a feast of anticipation. As honor is shown to Mary, the faithful are called to look forward to the Incarnation of Christ, celebrated in a little more than a month by the Feast of the Nativity on December 25.

Liturgical Schedule

Day	Date	Time	Service Type
November			
Sunday	5-Nov	9:00	Matins
		10:00	Sunday 22 after Pentecost - "The Rich Man and Lazaros".
Wednesday	8-Nov	8:00	Matins

		9:00	(†) Synaxis of the Archangel Michael & Gabriel and all the other Bodiless Powers
Thursday	9-Nov	8:00	Akatist
		9:00	Divine Liturgy - St. Nektarios the Wonderworker, Bishop of Pentapolis. The relics of St. Nektarios can be venerated in our church.
Sunday	12-Nov	9:00	Matins
		10:00	Sunday 25 after Pentecost - "The Parable of the Good Samaritan". Luncheon. THE NATIVITY FAST begins November 15th. We take this opportunity to have a luncheon together as a church family.
Wednesday	15-Nov		NATIVITY FAST BEGINS
Sunday	19-Nov	9:00	Matins
		10:00	Sunday 26 after Pentecost - "The Parable of the Rich Fool"
Tuesday	21-Nov	8:00	Akatist
		9:00	(†) Divine Liturgy - The entry of the Mother of God into the Church.
Sunday	26-Nov	9:00	Matins
		10:00	Sunday 30 after Pentecost - "The Rich Ruler & Keeping the Commandments"
Tuesday	30-Nov	8:00	Akatist
		9:00	†) Divine Liturgy - Holy and All-Praised Apostle Andrew the First-Called

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The Women's Guild of St. Mary's presents

The Sounds of Christmas

Join us as St. Mary's Choir sings Traditional Christmas Carols and
Liturgical Hymns from the Nativity Season

Saturday, December 9, 2023
7:00p.m.

St. Mary's Albanian Church
535 Salisbury St.
Worcester, MA. 01609

Light refreshments to follow in the Church Hall

Cost is \$25.00 per person, Children 12 & under free.

Please make your reservations by contacting:

Colleen Doku at colleen.doku@gmail.com

or

Sandy Dionis at skdionis66@gmail.com

Payments can be sent by Venmo to Colleen Doku or sending a check made out to
the Women's Guild of St. Mary's and mailed to the Church.

Reservation deadline is December 1, 2023

In case of inclement weather, snow date is December 10th



Venmo: tag as Christmas Concert

Proceeds going to the Women's Guild
to support the Sunday School

CHURCING VASIL SPIRO SAFFRON
Sunday, November 12th, 2023



HOLY TRINITY NEWS

November 19, 2023

OUR FRIENDSGIVING HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED TO TUESDAY NOVEMBER 21ST! We would like to invite you to join the residents and staff on **Tuesday, November 21st, from 4:00–7:00 p.m.**, for a special “**Friendsgiving**” celebration dinner. This event is an opportunity for friends, in addition to family, to spend time with residents before the busy days leading up to the holiday. It is a day to relax, gather and give thanks. We hope you can join us. Please RSVP to 508-852-1000 or e-mail: Info@holyltrinityehab.org

AS THE HOLIDAYS APPROACH US

As we get closer to the holidays all of us at Holy Trinity are working hard to make the mood festive for our residents. We make heartfelt connections with our residents, and we want them to enjoy seasonal authentic traditions, scrumptious meals, and meaningful activities designed to make the season even more special. We wish to make everyone feel the magic the holidays bring.

Holy Trinity Nursing and Rehabilitation Center is where all care needs are met by expert staff on hand 24 hours a day 7 days a week even during the holidays. Please stop in for a tour anytime, we would love to show you around the facility which has been top rated!

REMEMBER, DIVINE LITURGY is celebrated every Wednesday morning at 9:30 am.

The Shining Star Employee for the month of October is Aurelio Silva LPN! Aurelio is a great asset to our team, and we appreciate all the hard work and dedication he gives to our residents and families.

We are proud to be a sponsor for the Worcester Senior Center's Annual Thanksgiving Celebration Tuesday November 21st 11:30am courtesy of Mayor Joseph Petty and Attorney Anthony Vigliotti.

Please consider volunteering at Holy Trinity, we would love to see you, we would appreciate the help and so would our residents. Please contact Isabel Bouchard at 508-852-1000 or by email at ibouchard@holyltrinityrehab.org

Stay tuned for more information weekly!

STAY CONNECTED. Be sure to like our [Facebook page](#) for frequent updates and photos.

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