



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

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WEEKLY BULLETIN
Sunday April 14, 2024



This Week's News

SPIRITUAL RETREAT AT ST. NICHOLAS with Papa Ephraim of Alaska was a great blessing for St. Nicholas Church and for other sister's churches. We have had a wonderful spiritual experience and I would like to thank Papa Ephraim, to our brother's clergy, to all the faithful who attended the event. I would like to thank to the parish council and the ladies that took care of every detail of the event. God bless you all!

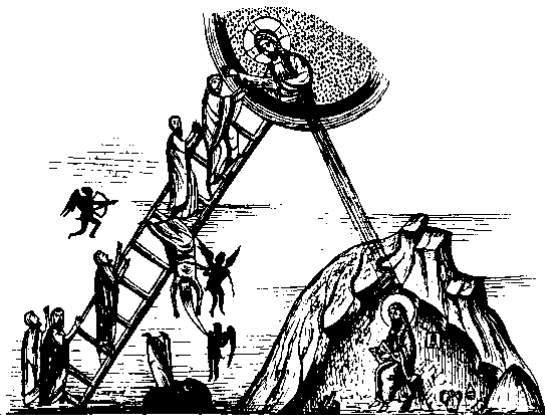
CATHEDRAL OF ROMANIANS EVERYWHERE.

Painting the Cathedral, namely to contribute to painting at least one mosaic icon at the National Cathedral in Bucharest. The proposal is to contribute to the painting of the icon of St. Nicholas in the north apse, register 4, price 75,000.00 Euro.

MUSTARD SEED MEAL - Looking ahead - our next meal for the Mustard Seed is scheduled for Friday, April 19th. Sponsor are needed to underwrite the \$500 cost of the meal. If you have it in your heart to contribute, you can offer whatever amount you can afford. Please contact Betty Anderson (508) 353-9449.

BAKING ORDERS FOR EASTER need

to be in by Sunday April 14. If you have family or friends who would like pitas, pastry, or pastry platters for the holiday, please make sure you get the orders in on time! Any questions, please contact Betty Anderson by email (bettya16@verizon.net) or by phone 508-353-9449.



The Fourth Sunday of Great Lent
St. John of Sinai, Author of the Ladder of Divine Ascent
Apostolic Reading: Hebrews 6:13-20; 5:1-6
Gospel: Mark 9:17-32; 9:1
(Healing of the Epileptic Boy)
Tone 4 † Resurrection Gospel 1

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION

Having learned the joyful message of the Resurrection from the angel the women disciples of the Lord cast from them their parental condemnation. And proudly broke the news to the Disciples, saying: Death hath been spoiled; Christ God is risen, granting the world Great Mercy.

APOLYTIKION OF ST. JOHN CLIMACUS

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. The barren wilderness thou didst make fertile with the streams of thy tears; and by thy deep sighing thou hast given fruit through thy struggles a hundredfold. Accordingly, thou hast become a star for the universe, sparkling with miracles. Therefore, O righteous Father John Climacus, intercede with Christ God to save our souls.

RESURRECTIONAL THEOTOKION

Both now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen. Thou Who for our sake wast born of a Virgin, and didst suffer crucifixion, O good One, and didst despoil death through death, and as God didst reveal Resurrection. Despise not those Whom Thou hast created with Thine own hand, show forth Thy love for mankind, O merciful One. Accept the intercessions of Thy mother, the Theotokos for us, and save Thy despairing people, O our Savior.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR
JUNE 23RD 2024
ST. NICHOLAS 75TH ANNIVERSARY



"When you see that people are sinning in one way or another against you, against the Lord, against their peers and against themselves, do not be fierce with hatred against them, because even without you there is enough hatred on earth, but pity them, forgive them with all your heart when they offend you and say to yourself: "Lord, forgive them - because their sin has confused them - for they do not know what they are doing" (Luke 23, 34)"

Saint John of Kronstadt
1829 - 1908



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

April 1 – Ana Branco
April 10 – Mihaela Ionete
April 30 – Very Rev. Fr. Nicholas
Apostola

**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:
June 23th 2024**

Tue, April 23 - George the Great Martyr
and Triumphant

Sun, April 28 - Palm Sunday

Sun, May 5 - **GREAT AND HOLY
PASCHA**

A Prayer of Fr. Laurence

LET US PRAY TO THE LORD! Eternal Lord and master: By the inscrutable mystery of your divine wisdom, your only Son suffered for us, giving us an example to follow. He had done no wrong and there had been no perjury in his mouth. Though he was insulted, he did not retaliate with insults; though he was tortured, he made no threats, but placed his trust in you, his Father. When he was dying on the cross, he bore our faults in his own body. Therefore, master we entreat you: Let his wounds heal us, so that we may die to every form of wrongdoing and live for you alone. For you deserve all glory, honor, and worship, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit: now and forever, and unto ages of ages. Amen!



**PROGRAM EDUCAȚIONAL CERCETÂNDU-ȚI CREDINȚA pentru
Postul Sf. Paști 2024**

Joi 11 aprilie – 7.00 pm EDT/6.00 pm CST/4.00 pm PST – cateheză cu *Pr. Marius Buzățelu*, Misiunea Sf. Paisie de la Neamt, Orlando, FL cu tema *taina Sf. Maslu –taina vindecării* via Zoom <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83452866700?pwd=jkgLYTYr8anhGRJWPb7dx4APK13881.1>

Sâmbătă 13 aprilie - 3.00 pm EDT/2.00 pm CST/12.00 pm PST – *Arhim. Hrisostom Ciuciu* de la mănăstirea Putna, cu tema: *Postul Mare, cale spre vindecare: exemplul sfinților doctori fără de arginți* via Zoom și live pe facebook <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83452866700?pwd=jkgLYTYr8anhGRJWPb7dx4APK13881.1>
<https://www.facebook.com/mitropolia.us>

Joi 18 aprilie - 7.00 pm EDT/6.00 pm CST/4.00 pm PST– SEARĂ DUHOVNICEASCĂ cu *P. Cuv. Protosinghel Ieremia Berbec* - cu tema *Comportamente evanghelice* pe portalul youtube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCNW3XJKbIVtvxhR546gx9Jg>

Marți 23 aprilie - 8.00 pm EDT/7.00 pm CST/5.00 pm PST – Pr. Prof. Stelian Tofană, profesor de Noul Testament la Facultatea de Teologie Ortodoxă din Cluj, cu tema: *Creștinismul de azi mai are viitor? Trei moduri de a fi creștin*, Transmisie pe **ZOOM și live pe facebook** de la Catedrala Sf. Împărați, Chicago.
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83452866700?pwd=jkgLYTYr8anhGRJWPb7dx4APK13881.1>
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Joi 25 aprilie - 7.00 pm EDT/6.00 pm CST/4.00 pm PST - Protos. Athanasie Ulea de la parohia Buna Vestire Munchen, Germania, cu tema: *Pustiul sufletesc – rolul postului în depășirea adicțiilor*, via **ZOOM și live pe facebook**
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SPIRITUAL RETREAT AT ST. NICHOLAS

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Day	Date	Time	Service Type
April			
Friday	5-Apr	6:00 PM	Compline. Confesions.
Saturday	6-Apr	9:30	Akatist
		10:00	Divine Liturgy. Memorial Service. Confesions.
Sunday	7-Apr	9:00	Matins
		10:00	The Third Sunday of Great Lent (The Veneration of the Precious Cross)
Wednesday	10-Apr	6:00 PM	Pre-Sanctified Liturgy at St. Nicholas. Papa Ephraim Conferince
Thursday	11-Apr	6:00 PM	Papa Ephraim Conferince
Saturday	13-Apr	9:30	Akatist
		10:00	Divine Liturgy. Memorial Service. Confesions.
Sunday	14-Apr	9:00 AM	Matins
		10:00 AM	The Fourth Sunday of Great Lent - St. John of Sinai, Author of the Ladder of Divine Ascent (Healing of the Epileptic Boy)
Wednesday	17-Apr	6:00 PM	Pre-Sanctified Liturgy at St. Spyridon.
Friday	19-Apr	6:00 PM	Compline. Confesions.
Saturday	20-Apr	9:30	Akatist
		10:00	Divine Liturgy. Memorial Service. Confesions.
Sunday	21-Apr	9:00 AM	Matins
		10:00 AM	The Fifth Sunday of Great Lent — St. Mary of Egypt

2024 Pre-Sanctified Liturgy and HOLY TRINITY Schedule

Date	Day	Holy Trinity	Pre-Sanctified Rotation	Comment
3/20/2024	Wednesday	Fr. Milad	St. Nicholas	
3/24/2024	Sunday	Concelebration	St. Spyridon	Sunday of Orthodoxy

3/27/2024	Wednesday	Fr. Vasile	St. George	
4/3/2024	Wednesday	Fr. Chris	St. Mary	
4/10/2024	Wednesday	Fr. Milad	St. Nicholas	
4/17/2024	Wednesday	Fr. Mark	St. Spyridon	
4/24/2024	Wednesday	Fr. Vasile	St. Mary	
5/1/2024	Wednesday	Concelebration		(Unction)
5/2/2024	Thursday	???		Holy Thursday

PRE-SANCTIFIED LITURGIES

6:00 pm on the Wednesdays of Lent

March 20

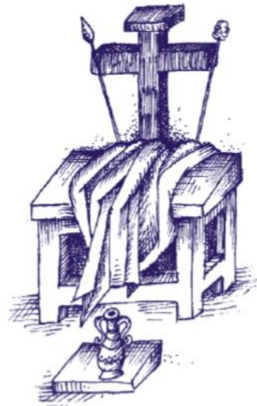
St. Nicholas Church

March 27

St. George Cathedral

April 3

St. Mary's Church



April 10

St. Nicholas Church

April 17

St. Spyridon Cathedral

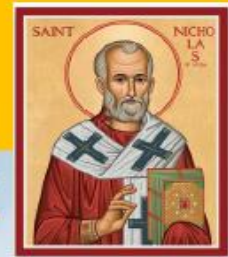
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St. Mary's Church

LENTEN WEDNESDAY LITURGY and SUPPER
Please bring a Lenten dish to serve to our guests
in attendance from other Orthodox churches

ST. NICHOLAS ORTHODOX CHURCH

34 GOLD STREET | SHREWSBURY, MA



Please Join us on

Sunday June 23rd

As we are celebrating the

75th Anniversary

of St. Nicholas Orthodox Church

After the Holy Liturgy

from 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm



Ask us about the 75th
Anniversary cross
project.



We ask for your support by placing an acknowledgment in the

Program Booklet

Giving Categories

- **Diamond \$2,000** Includes 2 full special pages & acknowledgments.
- **Platinum \$1,000** Includes 2 full pages.
- **Gold \$500** Includes 1 full page.
- **Silver \$250** Includes half page.
- **Patron \$100** Single-entry line

Ticket Prices

Adults	\$ 60
Children (12 under)	\$ 20

FOR TICKETS & PROGRAM BOOKLET

FR. VASILE AILENI 508-320-0645

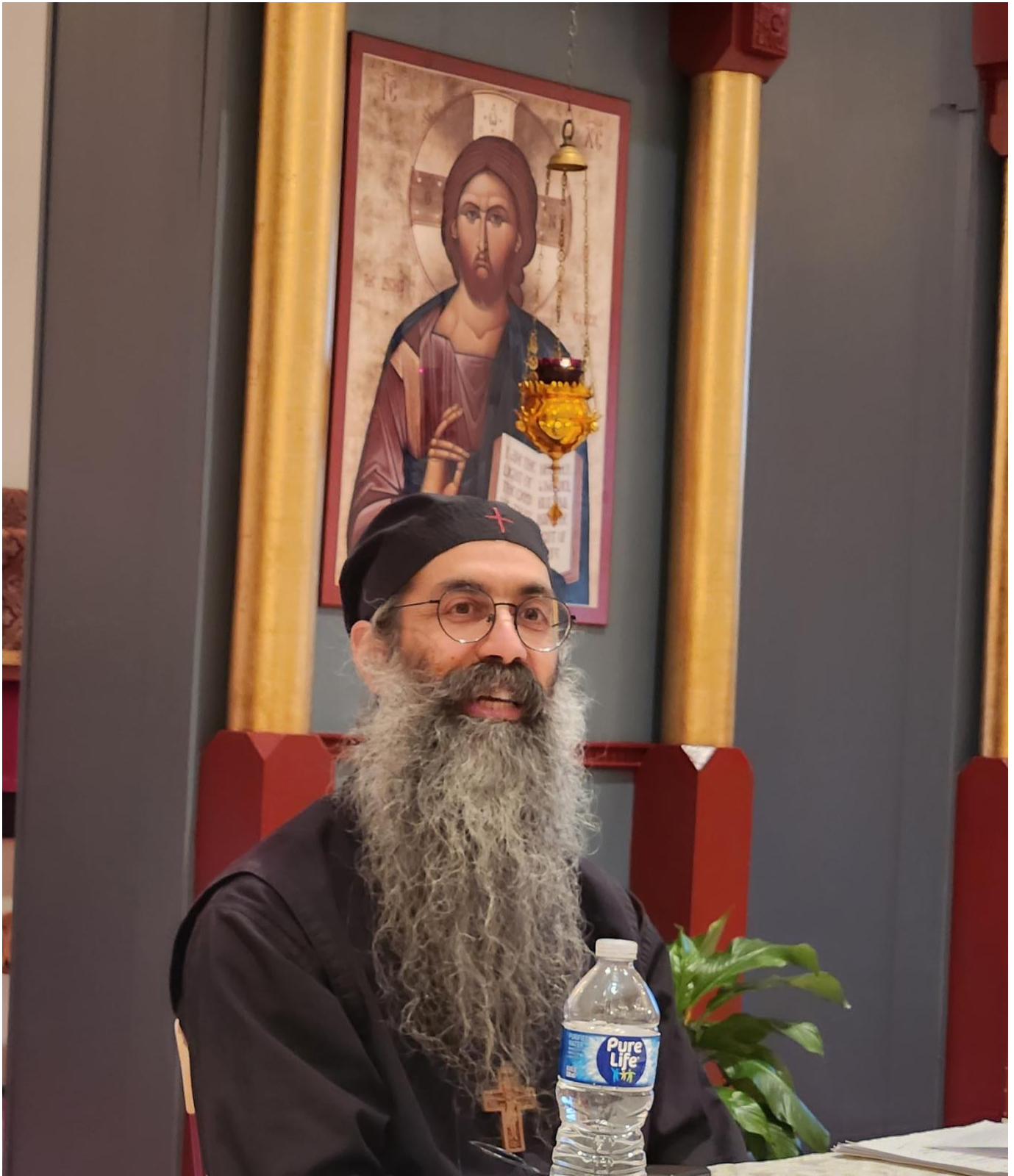
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THIS WEEK IN IMAGES





CHURCH & FACILITY NEEDS

The list below contains **ongoing needs for the Church as well as special needs that may arise**. Any and every offering is most appreciated. If you have any questions, or would like to donate for or towards one of these items, please speak with [Fr. Vasile](#), any member of the Parish Council, or use the [online giving](#) site.

\$25 - Box of Three Kings Charcoal (100 pieces)

\$50 - 2 Beeswax Candles for the Holy Altar

HOLY WEEK DONATIONS

General donations in any amount to defray the cost of decorations for the Paschal Feast are most appreciated. Some specific needs are:

Flowers for Palm Sunday Icon	50.00
Palms	\$100.00
Flowers for Bridegroom Icon	\$50.00
Holy Thursday Gospel Candles	\$60.00
Wreaths for Cross (Great Friday)	\$75.00
(Resurrection)	\$75.00
Resurrection Icon	\$50.00
Bay Leaves for Holy Saturday	\$100.00
1 Gallon of Olive Oil	\$25.00
1/2 lb Incense	\$40.00
Priest's Paschal Candle	\$50.00
Rose Oil for Epitaphion	\$25.00
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Flowers for Epitaphion	\$600.00
Decorations/Plants for Pascha	\$250.00
Easter Candy/Gifts for Children	\$100.0


HOLY TRINITY NEWS

April 14, 2024

THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY

- Monday: Chair Yoga with Sara (Public Welcome) 10:45AM



- Tuesday: Coffee and Pastry Social 2:00 PM  A special thank you to St. Mary's for sponsoring. We are so thankful for their kindness!

- Wednesday: Wine and Cheese Social 2:30PM 🍷🍇
- Thursday: Birthday Month Celebration with Joey C 3:15PM 🎂👤
- Friday: Garden Club 2:00 PM 🌿👤

Our weekly events listed above; anyone is welcome to stop by. If you have any questions or plan to stop by for an Activity, please contact our activities department Isabelle Bouchard 508-852-1000.



A KIND WORD IS LIKE A SPRING DAY Russian proverb

Spring is an exciting time to look forward to year after year. The weather starts to get warmer; the sun shines a little brighter and life just seems full of new beginnings! Stop by for a visit and our residents would love to see you.

You still have time! Celebrate Mom & Support Lions Club!

Through May 6th Partner with Holy Trinity and the Petersham Lions Club! For just \$15, you can give your loved one a beautiful potted plant with a handmade note, support a worthy cause, and make a difference in someone's life. Order online today: [Petersham Lions Club Potted Plant Sale](#) Deliveries will be made to Holy Trinity Thursday May 9th. Please make sure to add the name of the recipient and the drop off location Holy Trinity.

Divine Liturgy: Every Wednesday at 9:30 am. All are welcome to attend and visit with the residents!

STAY CONNECTED: Like our Facebook page for frequent updates and photos we are always posting!

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