



Saint Nicholas Romanian Orthodox Church Shrewsbury Massachusetts
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WEEKLY BULLETIN
Sunday April 21, 2024



This Week's News

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.

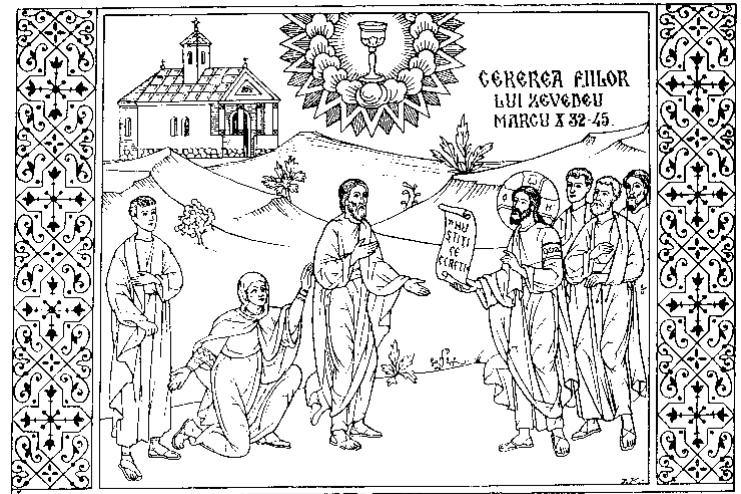
REHARSAL FOR THE LAMENTATION SERVICE – Sunday after the Divine Liturgy I invite all our children and youth to remain in the church for a short rehearsal for The Lamentation Service. Parents are welcome to attend!

THE GREAT FRIDAY CHILDREN'S RETREAT for the younger children and youth will be held on Friday, April 31st starting at 3:30 pm, and concluding with a celebration of Great Vespers at 6:00 pm. Older children and teens are also welcome to participate.

E-RECYCLING DAY

AN ELECTRONICS/WHITE GOODS, ETC.

RECYCLING day is set for Saturday, June 1, from 9 - 2. If you have computers, printers, small and large household appliances, TVs, bicycles, cell phones, exercise equipment, etc., they can be recycled to benefit the parish and the environment. 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.



The Fifth Sunday of Great Lent
St. Mary of Egypt

Apostolic Reading: Hebrews 9:11-14

Gospel: Mark 10:32-45

(Request of the Sons of Zebedee)

Tone 5 † Resurrection Gospel 2

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. MARY OF EGYPT

Through thee, the divine likeness was securely preserved, O mother Mary; for thou didst carry the cross and follow Christ. By example and precept thou didst teach us to ignore the body, because it is perishable, and to attend to the concerns of the undying soul. Therefore, doth thy soul rejoice with the angels.

THE APOLYTIKION OF THE PROTECTION

Today the Virgin stands in the midst of the Church, and with choirs of Saints she invisibly prays to God for us. Angels and Bishops venerate Her, Apostles and prophets rejoice together, since for our sake she prays to the Eternal God!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

JUNE 23RD 2024

ST. NICHOLAS 75TH ANNIVERSARY



"Not all of man's needs have the same value, but some are higher and others lower; and the moderate fulfillment of them brings peace to man. Spiritual needs are the highest, and when these are fulfilled, then there is peace even if the others remain unfulfilled. But when spiritual needs remain unfulfilled, even if the others are fully fulfilled, peace is not possible. This is why their fulfillment is called the only thing that is needed."

Saint Theophan the Letter
1815 - 1891



**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! O you who are serenity and peacefulness itself, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit: When the cares and labors of another day are over, we come to you with our evening prayers. We stand before you and reflect on the day that has passed, and we pray that, by your grace, this lenten season will make a difference in our lives. Do not permit us to be consumed with thoughts of the pastor of the future, but teach us to live always in the present. Take our attention off things that perish, and focus our mind's eye on you and the things that last forever. Enable us to attain a share of the peace that only you can give, so that we may one day join the saints in the paschal celebrations of the world to come. For you are indeed our God, and we give you glory, Father Son and Holy Spirit: now and forever, and unto ages of ages.. Amen!



Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt

The memory of this Saint is celebrated on April 1, where her life is recorded. Since the end of the holy Forty Days is drawing nigh, it has been appointed for this day also, so that if we think it hard to practice a little abstinence forty days, we might be roused by the heroism of her who fasted in the wilderness forty-seven years; and also that the great loving-kindness of God, and His readiness to receive the repentant, might be demonstrated in very deed.

Apolytikion of Sun. of St. Mary of Egypt

The image of God, was faithfully preserved in you, O Mother. For you took up the Cross and followed Christ. By Your actions you taught us to look beyond the flesh for it passes, rather to be concerned about the soul which is immortal. Wherefore, O Holy Mary, your soul rejoices with the angels.

Kontakion of Sun. of St. Mary of Egypt

Who once was filled with every carnal sin has become today, through repentance, the bride of Christ. She desired the company of angels. She trampled upon demons with the Cross as her weapon. This is why, O Glorious Mary, you became a Bride of the Kingdom.



George the Great Martyr and Triumphant

George, this truly great and glorious Martyr of Christ, was born of a father from Cappadocia and a mother from Palestine. Being a military tribune, or chiliarch (that is, a commander of a thousand troops), he was illustrious in battle and highly honoured for his courage. When he learned that the Emperor Diocletian was preparing a persecution of the Christians, Saint George presented himself publicly before the Emperor and denounced him. When threats and promises could not move him from his steadfast confession, he was put to unheard-of tortures, which he endured with great bravery, overcoming them by his faith and love towards Christ. By the wondrous signs that took place in his contest, he guided many to the knowledge of the truth, including Queen Alexandra, wife of Diocletian, and was finally beheaded in 296 in Nicomedia. His sacred remains were taken by his servant from Nicomedia to Palestine, to a town called Lydda, the homeland of his mother, and then were finally transferred to the church which was raised up in his name. (The translation of the Saint's holy relics to the church in Lydda is commemorated on November 3; Saint Alexandra the Queen, on April 21.) If April 23 falls on or before Great and Holy Pascha, the Feast of St. George is translated to Bright Monday.

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/UCNW3XJKbIVtvxhRS46gx9Jg>

Mărți 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 <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83452866700?pwd=jkgLYTYr8anhGRJWPb7dx4APK13881.1>
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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
Tuesday	23-Apr	9:30 AM	Matins
		10:00 AM	†) George the Great Martyr and Triumphant
Wednesday	24-Apr	6:00 PM	Pre-Sanctified Liturgy at St. Maty's Church.
Friday	26-Apr	6:00 PM	Compline. Confesions.
Saturday	27-Apr	9:30	Akatist
		10:00	Divine Liturgy - Lazarus Saturday. Memorial Service. Confesions.
Sunday	28-Apr	9:00 AM	Matins
		10:00 AM	The Entrance of our Lord into Jerusalem (Palm Sunday). Fish Luncheon.

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

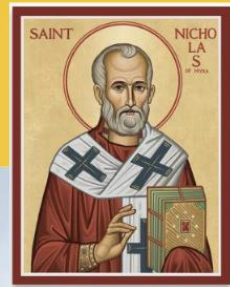
April 17
St. Spyridon Cathedral

April 24
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

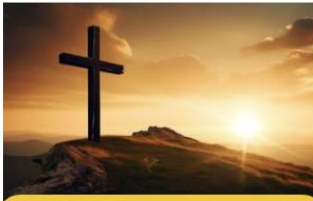
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75th Anniversary

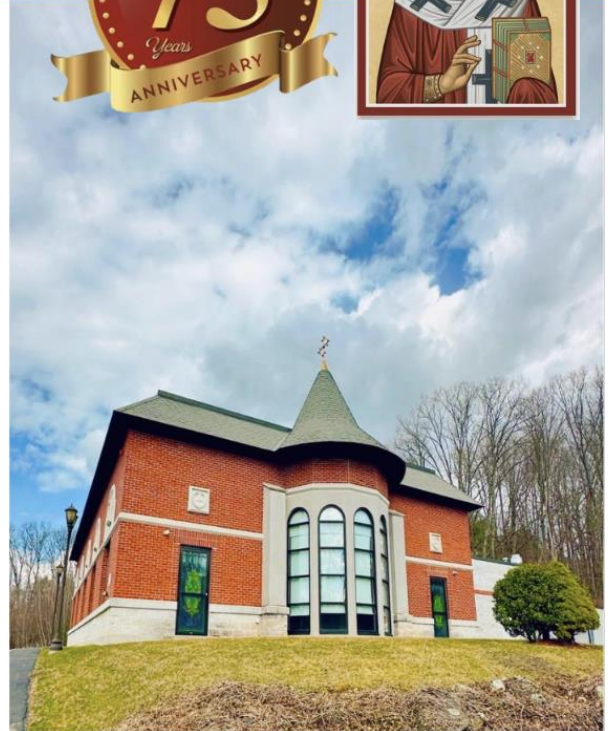
of St. Nicholas Orthodox Church

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

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OUR COMUNITY 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 Daniel Shaheen or 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 21, 2024

THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY

Monday: Cookie Baking and Trivia 3:00 pm

Tuesday: National English Muffin Day! English Muffin Social 2:30pm

Wednesday: Wine and Cheese Social 2:30pm

Thursday: Entertainment & Social Saxophonist Clyde Wheatley 3:00 pm

Friday: Garden Club 2:00pm
Stained Glass Art 3:00pm

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.

Sometimes the minor good deeds can create wonders.

A good deed is never lost; he who sows courtesy reaps friendship, and he who plants kindness gathers love. Saint Basil

Our Fundraising You Still Have Time!

The Boys and Girls Club of Worcester Food and Necessities Drive through April 30th!

We would like to thank all that have contributed to our fundraising for the Boys and Girls Club. We have really come together to share the blessings and make a meaningful impact on the lives of those in need.

Celebrate Mom:

<https://my.cheddarup.com/c/petersham-lions-club-flower-sale>

Through May 6th

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: 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!



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

ELECTRONICS RECYCLING EVENT

Saturday, June 1st, 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/RoboVac, Toaster Ovens, Ceiling Fans, Floor Lamps, Air Fryers, Electric Grills, Hot Plates, Small Radiators, Keyboard Pianos, Coffee Makers, Ice Makers.
- **\$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, 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

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