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WEEKLY BULLETIN
Sunday June 30, 2024



This Week's News

75th ANNIVERSARY – Last Sunday, June 23, 2024 St. Nicholas community came together to celebrate 75th Anniversary. Our special guests: His Eminence, Archbishop and Metropolitan Nicolae; Fr. Ieremia, Abbot of St. Dimitrie the New in Midland, NY and Iuliana Roata-performing artist made the event special.

During the Divine Liturgy and at the memorial service we prayed for the founders and benefactors of our church, clergy and the lay people. During festive dinner Fr. Vasile acknowledged of the devotion of the Parish Council members and rewarded them with a anniversary trophy. We would like to thank you all of you that participated to our event and we already invite you to our **PICNIC** on **SEPTEMBER 7**.

NO LITURGY ON SUNDAY JULY 7 and NO BULLETIN - There is **NO Divine Liturgy** on Sunday, July 7th. Fr. Vasile is attending the **Metropolitan Congress in Olmsted Falls (Cleveland) OH**.

The Apostol's Fast began Monday, June 24 and ends on June 29.

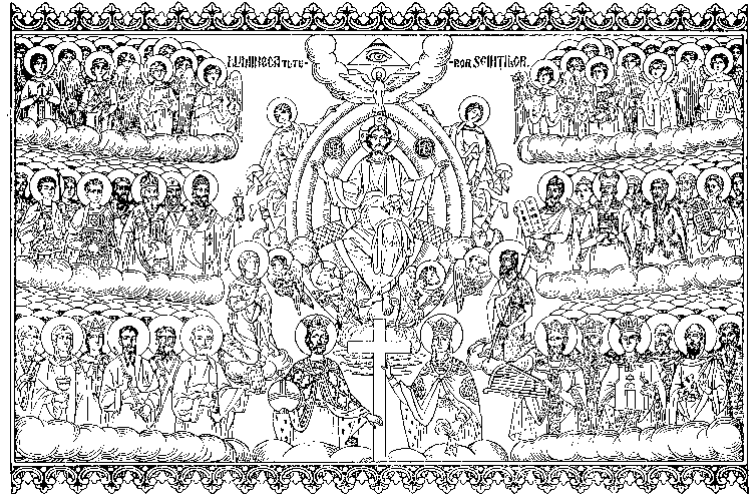


APOLYTIKION OF THE SYNAXIS

O Holy Apostles, intercede with our merciful God, to grant our souls forgiveness of sins.

KONTAKION OF ALL SAINTS

As first-fruits of our nature to the Planter of created things, the world presenteth the God-bearing martyred Saints in off'ring unto Thee, O Lord. Through their earnest entreaties, keep Thy Church in deep peace and divine tranquility, through the pure Theotokos, O Thou Who art greatly merciful.



The First Sunday after Pentecost

Apostolic Reading: Hebrews 11:33-40; 12:1-2

Gospel: Gospel: Matthew 10:32-33; 37-38; 19:27-30
(The Sunday of All Saint)

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION

From the heights Thou didst descend, O compassionate One, and Thou didst submit to the three-day burial, that Thou might deliver us from passion; Thou art our life and our Resurrection, O Lord, glory to Thee.

APOLYTIKION OF ALL SAINTS

Thy Church, O Christ God, hath regaled herself in the blood of Thy Martyrs throughout the entire world, as in porphyry and purple. Through them she lifteth her voice crying: Turn with Thy compassion toward Thy people, and grant peace to Thy city, and to our souls the Great Mercy.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR
SEPTEMBER 7TH 2024
ST. NICHOLAS PICNIC

SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR SPONSORS!
REGATTA DELI & SANDWICH SHOP
PALMA'S BAKERY & CAFÉ SORRENTO
A VILLA LOUISA
SUPREME HOME CLEANING
BOSTON RHYTHMIC



FROM THE HEART OF OUR LADY'S AUXILIARY PRESIDENT

For the last few days, I kept thinking of what a big event this 75th Anniversary is! A handful of people put their hard work and desire to have "a house" of prayer, "a house" where you can worship, find GOD, find people with the same faith as you, and find peace.

Memory eternal and may God rest their souls and bodies until His second coming!

Over the years, this church and community, like many others, went through a lot, but somehow, with God's grace, we made it, so now we can celebrate 75 years of existence, of faith, of community!

I came to this church, I believe 7 years ago, after moving houses and I was looking for a place where I could bring my child, where my child could learn and grow into the faith I grew up.

I grew up in ROMANIA, and church and traditions were a big part of my childhood. My parents' house is across the street from the church, and I grew up by waking up to bells, Christmas and Easter, and any other holiday in between. Every single one of us, in this church and community could have a similar story of our childhood. Once you grow up in church and in this faith, you carry it with you all your life.

I had conversations with people who, for a while, they stopped attending church, but somehow they found their way back, and what a relief that was for them. You carry your faith over years, oceans, people, and somehow you always come back to it. Somehow, we always remember that there is a place, the Church, that will always take us back.

Bad and ugly and sad or good and faithful and happy? There is a place, the place where we all belong in sadness or happiness!

I came here 7 years ago or so, in hope that Anna, my child, will grow in faith, will have a place where she can always call "her church", where she can have friends with the same faith, and where, when I'm not going to be on this earth anymore, she can come and find maybe new friends, new people who, I'm sure, will lend a hand or a shoulder.

This is faith, this is love, this is serving God through people and for people but ultimately for God's glory.

Through ups and downs, through good and bad, I'm so grateful for the people in this church, for Fr. Nick and Fr. Vasile and with God's help, with faith and dedication, we will make it to the 100th Anniversary! If not for us, we have to fight the good fight for our children!

In God, with love for all of you,
Cristina Iusco Branco



"If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, and have not love, I have become sounding brass and a resounding cymbal. And if I had the gift of prophecy and all mysteries I would know them and all science, and if I had so much faith so that I can move mountains, and I have no love, I am nothing. And if I give away all my wealth and give my body to be burned, and I have no love, it profits me nothing."

Saint Paul the Apostle: 1 Corinthians 13:1-3



Happy Birthday! God Grant
You Many More Years!

June 1 - Tcaci, Olga
June 6 - Joseph Addoum
June 7 - Daniel Shaheen
June 13- Carolina Ionete
June 16 - Sofia Cebotari

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 2024

Mon, June 24 - Apostles Fast Begins
Tue, June 29 - Peter and Paul, the Holy Apostles
Sun, Jun 30 - Synaxis of the Twelve Holy Apostles

A Prayer of Fr. Laurence

LET US PRAY TO THE LORD! O Holy Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit: As we think of your saints, we see how truly devoted to you these men and women were at all times. Filled with the light of your wisdom, and with no thought for themselves, they were always turned toward others, toward all your creatures. They were friendly to all, compassionate and tender, even tempered and ready to forgive everyone without exception. Nothing could undo their peace and inner calm, nor could anger or fear or any emotion gain control over them. Free of all vain expectations, they remained intent only on reaching you. Always animated by a deep love for you, they worked solely for your glory in purity of heart. Today, as we honor them, we beseech you to keep the image of their holiness alive in our minds and hearts, so that we, too, may ever live to please you. For you alone are God, and we give you glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit: now and forever, and unto ages of ages. Amen!



LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Day	Date	Time	Service Type
June			
Sunday	2-Jun-24	9:00	Matins
		10:00	The Fifth Sunday after Pascha (The Sunday of the Samaritan Woman)
Sunday	9-Jun-24	9:00	Matins
		10:00	The Sixth Sunday after Pascha (The Sunday of Man Born Blind)
Thursday	13-Jun-24	9:30	Akhatist
		10:00	(†) The Holy Ascension
Sunday	16-Jun-24	9:00	Matins
		10:00	The Seventh Sunday after Pascha Fathers of the 1st Council (Lord's Prayer)
Saturday	22-Jun-24	10:00	Memorial Service.
Sunday	23-Jun-24	9:00	Matins
		10:00	(†) Holy Pentecost
Mon	24-Jun-24	9:30	Akhatist
		10:00	(†) Holy Trinity. Nativity of the Forerunner John the Baptist. Apostles Fast Begins
Sat	29-Jun-24	9:30	Akhatist
		10:00	(†) St. Peter and Paul, the Holy Apostles
Sunday	30-Jun-24	9:00	Matins
		10:00	The First Sunday after Pentecost. The Sunday of All Saint. Synaxis of the Twelve Holy Apostles

75TH ANNIVRSARY IN PICTURES







HOLY TRINITY NEWS

June 30, 2024

THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY

Monday: Lemonade Social 2p-3pm
 Tuesday: Fit USA 2p-3pm
 Wednesday: Independence Day Celebration 12-2:30p Outdoor Cookout & Entertainment with Joey C
 Thursday: Happy 4th of July Indoor Chicken BBQ Luncheon! 12-2:30pm & Ice Cream Sundae Bar
 Friday: Frozen Margarita Chips and Salsa Social 2pm-3pm

Anyone is welcome to stop by and take part in our activities. If you have any questions or plan to stop by for an activity, please contact Isabelle Bouchard, at 508-852-1000.

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

Going on Vacation? Need a Break? RESPITE CARE AT HOLY TRINITY

Someone who is elderly or ill may feel isolated if they are at home all the time. Caregivers can feel isolated, too. Respite care may be a welcome break for both of you. Respite care allows you to take a timeout from your caregiving responsibilities. You may need a regularly scheduled break, last-minute help when an emergency comes up, or a longer rest to recharge your batteries. You may be away for a few days or a few weeks.

Respite care offers a safe, comfortable place for your loved one while you are away. Trained providers can sit and talk with someone who is disabled or ill. They may also help your loved one:

- Bathe
- Get in and out of bed
- Dress
- Eat and drink
- Take medications
- Exercise
- Enjoy activities/socialize

Peace of mind for you, a fulfilling life for your loved one.

Let Holy Trinity be your partner in senior care. Call us today at 508-852-1000 to schedule a personalized tour and discover how we can enrich your loved one's golden years.

A Shining Star for May: Spotlight on Alyssa Ferraz!

We are thrilled to recognize Alyssa Ferraz, Clinical Clerk at Holy Trinity for over five months, as our May Shining Star! Alyssa delivers exceptional customer service, going beyond for our residents, families, and colleagues. Her dedication and commitment to Holy Trinity is exceptional and we are incredibly grateful to have her on our team. Congratulations, Alyssa!

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