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**WEEKLY BULLETIN**  
**Sunday July 28, 2024**



***This Week's News***

**GRAPEVINE PICNIC – Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024 starting 12:00 P.M. you are invited to join us for our excellent ethnic food, pastries, fellowship and music. Bring a friend! Sponsors and Donations are welcome!**

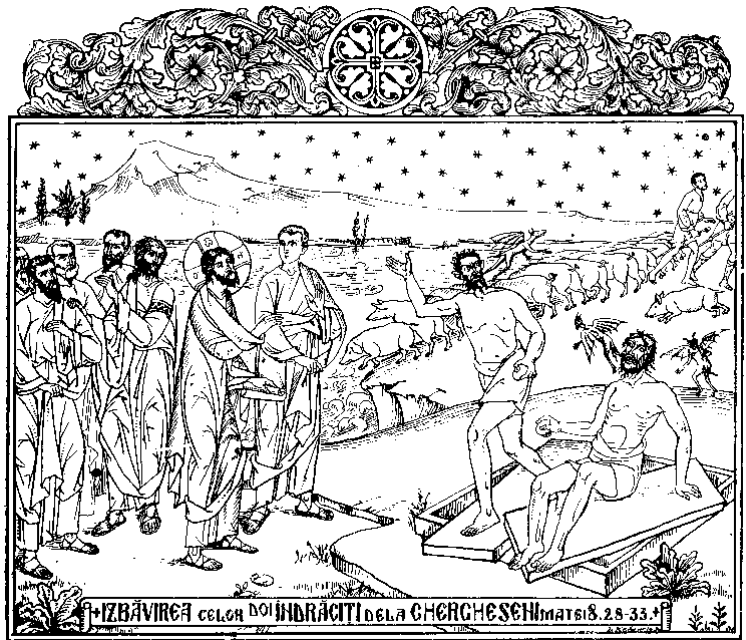
**VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL – “All kids, grades pre-k to 12, are invited to St. Nicholas summer camp from August 15<sup>th</sup> to August 17<sup>th</sup>. It is a great opportunity for our children to learn more about their orthodox faith in a fun a nurturing environment! For registration or questions please contact Gina Skaff at [ginaskaff@hotmail.com](mailto:ginaskaff@hotmail.com) or (508) 873-9600**

**FROM THE KITCHEN: No experience necessary!!!**  
**The bakers are making pita dough on Saturday, July 27. Please join us at 9:30 for an enjoyable morning. Contact Betty Anderson at (508) 353-9449 or [bettya16@verizon.net](mailto:bettya16@verizon.net)**

**COFFEE HOUR SPONSORS – are needed for the coming weeks. Please let Betty Anderson or Cristina Iusco Branco if you are interested in sponsoring one.**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY to our Ladies Auxiliary President – Cristina Iusco Branco – July 16! May God bless you, your family and all the people that you keep in your heart!**

**St. Panteleimon the Great Martyr & Healer**  
**July 27<sup>th</sup>**



**The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Apostolic Reading: Romans 10:1-10**  
**Gospel: Matthew 8:28-34; 9,1**  
**(Jesus Heals the Gadarene Demoniacs)**  
**Tone 4 † Resurrection Gospel 5**

**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.

**ORDINARY KONTAKION**

O protection of Christians that cannot be put to shame, mediation unto the Creator most constant, O despise not the suppliant voices of those who have sinned; but be thou quick, O good one, to come unto our aid, who in faith cry unto thee: Hasten to intercession, and speed thou to make supplication, thou who dost ever protect, O Theotokos, them that honor thee.

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**  
**SEPTEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup> 2024**  
**PICNIC**



“For none of those who after Christ lived according to Christ and traversed the Gospel path in a different way would not have reached the goal and the happy end sought without her [Mother of God's] cooperation, as well as without the help of the Spirit. For where else would he have partaken of this except through Her who is the fountain of ever-living water and grace, just as one could not partake of the illuminations of the sun except from the disk of the sun?”

Saint Theophanes of Nicaea  
1300 - 1380



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

July 1 – Marina Vlad  
July 5 - Alexis George  
July 16 – Cristina Iusco Branco  
July 23 - Alex John Johnson

**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**

**July 2** - Deposition of the Precious Robe of the  
Theotokos in Blachernae;  
**July 2** - Archbishop of Shanghai and San  
Francisco, the Wonderworker  
**July 2** - St. Stephen the Great, The Ruler of  
Moldavia  
**July 20** - Saint Elias the Prophet  
**July 31** - Dormition Fast Begins

***A Prayer of Fr. Laurence***

LETUSPRAYTOTHE LORD, Lord, our sovereign God: Let us acquire the treasure of love, for it is a grace that only your unspeakable generosity can provide. Let us understand that it is not only an act, but a state of the will, an attitude of the mind and heart, whereby we wish nothing but the very best for all others. In so doing, enable us also to perceive that emotions, the feelings we have for those we love, while all well and good, are not love, though they very frequently accompany it. Help us, Lord, to understand a little more of life. For you are a loving 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
			July
Sunday	14-Jul	9:00	Matins
		10:00	Sunday 3 after Pentecost. Concerning the Cares of Life
Wednesday	20-Jul	9:30	Akhatist
		10:00	(†) Feast of Prophet Elias
Sunday	21-Jul	9:00	Matins
		10:00	The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost - (Jesus Heals the Centurion's Servant)
Sunday	28-Jul	9:00	Matins
		10:00	The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost - (Jesus Heals the Gadarene Demoniacs)
Wednesday	31-Jul		Dormition Fast Begins

Save the Date

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# The Grapevine Picnic

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup>

12-6 PM



The graphic features a dark brown background with white decorative flourishes of grapevines and leaves on the left and right sides. The text is centered at the top. Below the text are four elements: a photograph of a brick church building with a steeple, a QR code, an icon of Saint Nicholas (labeled 'SAINT NICHOLAS'), and a cluster of grapes.

***HAPPY BIRTHDAY***  
*to our Ladies Auxiliary President*



St. Mary's Assumption Albanian Orthodox Church

# Dormition of the Theotokos



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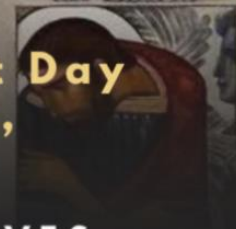
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Join Us as We Celebrate the Feast Day  
of Our Church with His Grace,  
our Bishop Nikodhim

**GREAT VESPERS & BLESSING OF LOAVES**

Wednesday, August 14, 2024 at 6:00 pm

Lenten refreshments will follow the vesper service

**CONSECRATION OF STS. PETER & PAUL CHAPEL  
followed by the FESTAL DIVINE LITURGY**

Thursday, August 15, 2024 at 9:00 am

The service of Consecration will begin  
at 9:00 am followed by the Divine Liturgy

535 Salisbury St., Worcester MA 01609

## HOLY TRINITY NEWS

July 28, 2024

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### THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY

Monday: Patio Social Time 2:30pm  
Tuesday: Fitness Time 2pm & Wheel of Fortune 3pm  
Wednesday: **Divine Liturgy:** Every Wednesday at 9:30 am. All are welcome to Botanical Gardens Presentation 1:30pm  
Thursday: Crafts, Drama Club, and Board Game Day All Day  
Friday: Garden Club 1pm Culinary Club & Wine Social 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.

#### Be prepared! August Gardening Tips:

**Save Seeds:** If certain plants performed well this year, save their seeds. Leave the plants in the soil after they finish yielding, allowing them to go to seed

**Remove Tomato Flowers:** Around mid-August, start removing flowers from tomato plants. This encourages ripening of existing tomatoes rather than forming more fruit.

**Wage War on Weeds:** If you've been putting off weeding chores in the garden, August is the time to finally get busy. As the growing season winds down, both annual and perennial weeds start to produce thousands of seeds that will germinate in your garden next spring. If left unchecked, these pesky invaders become extremely difficult to eliminate. Just be sure to remove the roots. Weeds such as crabgrass or purslane quickly regenerate from any root left in the soil. As soon as you have the weeds removed, cover the area with a thick mulch of compost, straw, leaves, or shredded bark.

**Replace Annual Flowers:** By late summer, some annual flowers may look a bit worn out. Give your pots and planters a makeover by tucking in fresh, ready-to-bloom cool-season annual flowers that will keep the color show going through the fall. Just gently pull out dead or dying annuals, mix in a bit of fresh soil, and drop in the replacement. It's that easy- Water thoroughly thru August

#### Share these tips with your friends and peers!

Let the Holy Trinity be your partner in senior care. As seniors aged 65 and above, caregivers, and family members, your role is integral. Call us today at 508-852-1000 to schedule a personalized tour and discover how we can enrich your loved one's golden years.

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

