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WEEKLY BULLETIN Sunday February 2, 2025

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Sunday Services 9:00 a.m. - Matins; 10:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy; 11:30 a.m. - Coffee Hour

This Week's News

THE ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP APPEAL is underway. Our church relies upon the offering of time, talents and treasure from each of us. We ask that you prayerfully consider an offering of time, talents and treasure to sustain our beloved church for the glory of God. Wishing you and your loved ones a blessed Holiday Season!

OUR PARISH GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING was held on Sunday, January 26, 2025 following the Divine Liturgy in a friendly and constructive atmosphere. Thank you all for attendance.

HOUSE BLESSINGS - The blessing of homes began on January 5, 2025, and continue until all homes are blessed. As in the past, we will be setting times when we will be coming to bless your home. If there is a specific time that is more convenient for you, please call Fr. Vasile to arrange it 508.320.0645 or fr.vasileaileni@gmail.com

MUSTARD SEED MEAL – We need a sponsor for our next Mustard Seed Meal on Friday, February 21st. We could use this way of giving in memory of our loved ones, for the someone's health, but beyond that is because we want to feed our hungry brothers and sisters. If you have it in your heart to contribute, please contact Betty Anderson (508) 353-9449.

ICON AUCTION – February 9th we will have our Icon Auction; you will have the opportunity to take an icons dear to you to bless your home for 40 days while enjoying a good meal at St. Nicholas.



The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost Apostol: Hebrews 7:7-17; 2 Corinthians 6:16-18; 7:1 Gospel: Luke 2: 22-40; Matthew 15:21-28 (The Canaanite Woman) Tone 7 † Resurrection Gospel 10

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.

APOLYTIKION OF THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST

Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos, full of grace, for from thee arose the Sun of justice, Christ our God, lighting those who are in darkness. Rejoice and be glad, O righteous elder, carrying in thine arms the Deliverer of our souls, Who granteth us Resurrection.

KONTAKION OF THE PRESENTATION

Thou, O Christ God, Who by Thy Birth, didst sanctify the Virgin's womb, and, as is meet, didst bless Simeon's arms, and didst also come to save us; preserve Thy fold in wars, and confirm them whom Thou didst love, for Thou alone art the Lover of mankind.



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"Brothers, it is important not to lie to yourselves. He who lies to himself and allows himself to be penetrated by his own lie ends up never distinguishing the lie from the truth, and gradually even alienates himself from any form of truth, and by the one inside him, and by the one outside, around, losing, at the same time, his respect for himself and for others."

Feodor M. Dostoevsky

1821 - 1881

Happy Birthday! God Grant You Many More Years! Feb 7 - Evan Sparages Feb 13 – Serghei Cebotari Feb 18 – James Trakadas	Let us Pray for the good health of: Andrei, Mark, Irene - Ekaterina, Psa Aza, Betty Ekaterina, Psa Ileana, Luiza, Andrew, Margareta, Marius-Nicolae, Loredana-Anca, Teodora, Joanne, Deborah-Ann, Rebeka, Fr. George, Fr. Stefan and his son Andrei for their helath and for their salvation! Amin!	Dates to remember: February 2 - The Presentation of Our Lord and Savior in the Temple February 9 - Icon Auction -Triodion Begins February 21 - Mustard Seed Meal February 23 - Meatfare Sunday March 2 - Forgiveness Sunday (Cheesefare)
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A Prayer of Fr. Laurence

LET US PRAY TO THE LORD! Lord our God: you desire peace for us, peace, tranquility, and calm in our lives at all times. We beseech you, therefore, to make us instruments of your peace, sources of calm and tranquility for one another daily. Keep us wakeful and alert lest our careless thinking and speaking provoke disharmony, unrest, and agitation in ourselves as well as in the lives of those with whom we live and work. For you are a God of peace and tranquility, and we give you glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit: now and forever, and unto ages of ages. Amen!

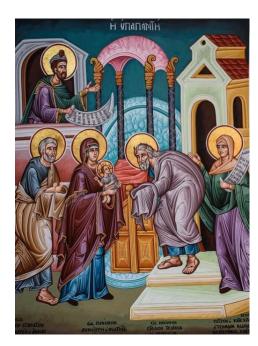
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LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Day	Date	Time	Service Type				
	Jan-2025						
Sunday	2-Feb	9:00 AM	Matins				
		10:00 AM	The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost (The Canaanite Woman)				
			(†) The Presentation of Our Lord and Savior in the Temple				
Sunday 9-Feb		9:00 AM	Matins				
		10:00 AM	The Thirty Third Sunday after Pentecost (Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee)				
			Triodion Begins Today				
Sunday	iday 16-Feb 9:00 AM Matins		Matins				
		10:00 AM	The Thirty Fourth Sunday after Pentecost (Sunday of the Prodigal Son)				
Saturday	22-Feb	10:00 AM	Saturday of the Souls - Memorial Service				
Sunday	unday 23-Mar 9:00 AM Matins		Matins				
10:00 AM The Thirty		10:00 AM	The Thirty Fifth Sunday after Pentecost (Sunday of the Last Judgment) - Meatfare Sunday				

February 2 The Presentation of Our Lord and Savior in the Temple

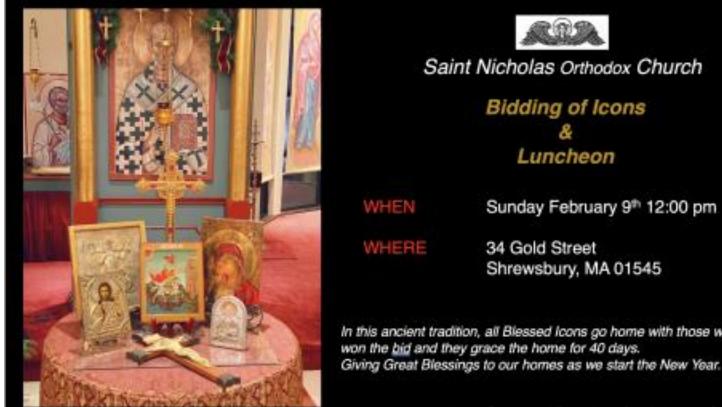
The Presentation of Our Lord and Savior in the Temple Icon



When the most pure Mother and Ever-Virgin Mary's forty days of purification had been fulfilled, she took her first-born Son to Jerusalem on this, the fortieth day after His birth, that she might present Him in the temple according to the Law of Moses, which teaches that every first-born male child be dedicated to God, and also that she might offer the sacrifice of a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons, as required by the Law (Luke 2:22-24; Exod. 13:2; Lev. 12:6-8). On this same day, a just and devout man, the greatly aged Symeon, was also present in the temple, being guided by the Holy Spirit. For a long time, this man had been awaiting the salvation of God, and he had been informed by divine revelation that he would not die until he beheld the Lord's Christ. Thus, when he beheld Him at that time and took Him up into his aged arms, he gave glory to God, singing: "Now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace, O Master. . ." And he confessed that he would close his eyes joyfully, since he had seen the Light of revelation for the nations and the Glory of Israel (Luke 2:25-32). From ancient times, the Holy Church has retained this tradition of the churching of the mother and new-born child on the fortieth day and of the reading of prayers of purification.

Apolytikion of Presentation of Our Lord

Hail Virgin Theotokos full of Grace, for Christ our God, the Sun of Righteousness, has dawned from you, granting light to those in darkness. And you, O Righteous Elder, rejoice, taking in your arms, the Deliverance of our souls, who grants us Resurrection.





Luncheon Suggested Donation - \$20 Adult and \$5 children



2025 Pre-Sanctified Liturgy and HOLY TRINITY Schedule

Date	Day	Holy Trinity	Pre-Sanctified Rotation	Comment
3/5/2025	Wednesday	Fr. Mark	St. Nicholas	
3/9/2025	Sunday		St. George	Concelebration-Sunday of
				Orthodoxy
3/12/2025	Wednesday	Fr. Chris	St. Mary	
3/19/2025	Wednesday	Fr. Milad	St. Spyridon	
3/26/2025	Wednesday	Fr. Vasile	St. George	
4/2/2025	Wednesday	Fr. Chris	St. Mary	
4/9/2025	Wednesday	Fr. Milad	St. Nicholas	
4/16/2025	Wednesday	Concelebration		(Unction)
4/17/2025	Thursday	?		Holy Thursday

COUNCIL OF EASTERN ORTHODOX CHURCHES OF CENTRAL MASSACHUSETTS

SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY PAN-ORTHODOX DIVINE LITURGY

March 9, 2025 • 9:30 am Divine Liturgy (8:30 Matins)

HOSTED BY

ST. GEORGE ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL

30 Anna Street, Worcester, Massachusetts

Join us as we celebrate our unity of faith and the common goal of supporting our Orthodox Churches and ministries here in Central Massachusetts. A free reception will follow the service.



HOLY TRINITY NEWS February 3, 2025 THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY

Monday: Library Cart visits 9am, Jeopardy2:30pm, Refreshments 2:30pm Tuesday: Exercise FIT USA 2pm, Coffee and Word Games 3p Wednesday Divine Liturgy 9:30am, Spiritual Coloring, Bell Choir 11am, Craft 1:30pm Thursday: Exercise 10:30am, Family Feud 1:30p, Documentary 2p, Bowling 3:30pm Friday: Library cart room visits 9a, Exercise 10a, Scrabble 10:30am, Fun and Social 2:30pm

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. Activities are subject to change.

Family and Friends are you familiar with someone who needs upcoming short-term care?

This could be a planned upcoming surgery, or you may know a friend/relative currently in the hospital. Please spread the word Holy Trinity Nursing and Rehabilitation Center!

At Holy Trinity Nursing and Rehabilitation Center short term rehabilitation, we provide 24/7 medical care and therapeutic services to help a patient recover from an illness, surgery, or even an accident. Unlike hospital settings, we offer a more comfortable and welcoming environment for our patients. Our goal at Holy Trinity is to help patients regain their strength, mobility, and independence so they can return to their daily lives as quickly as possible. We are proud of our facility and the care we provide working together.

Our home is your home when needed. We could not do this without all the support form our friends and family thank you.

STAY CONNECTED: Like our Facebook.

OUR COMMUNITY IN PICTURES Happy Birthday to Mrs. Natasha and Mrs. Maria









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