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**WEEKLY BULLETIN**



*The Third Sunday of Pascha*

*Apostolic Reading: Acts 6:1-7*

*Gospel: Mark 15:43-47:16:1-8*

***(Of the Myrrh-bearing Women)***

*Tone 2 † Resurrection Gospel 4*



***Weekly Liturgical Services***

**Sunday: 9:00 a.m. - Matins;**

**10:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy;**

**11:30 a.m. - Coffee Hour.**

## WEEKLY NEWS

**MUSTARD SEED MEAL** - our Mustard Seed meal was on Friday, April 18. We would like to thank **Daniel Saheen** and his family for sponsoring this Mustard Seed (\$500) in the memory of **Ronald Carl Anderson**. In the same time, we like to thank to all the sponsors that help us to help people in need throughout the year! May God reward you thousand times your love and offering! **May God make Ronald's Memory Eternal!**

**2025 GRADUATES** – Dear parents, we kindly ask you to send us information about the high school and college graduates. We want to acknowledge and recognize the achievements of the members of our parish community who are celebrating a graduation. Thank you!

**MEMORIAL DAY** - Monday, May 26<sup>th</sup> Fr. Vasile will be at Hope Cemetery from 10:00 am. The common Memorial Service will be at noon at the Altar of the Hope Cemetery. If you would like Fr. Vasile to visit a grave in another cemetery, please contact him to make arrangements: 508 320-0645 or [fr.vasileaileni@gmail.com](mailto:fr.vasileaileni@gmail.com)

**E-RECYCLING DAY - AN ELECTRONICS/WHITE GOODS, ETC. RECYCLING** day is set for Saturday, June 28, from 9 - 2. If you're able and willing to help during the event, please call Stephen Ellis at (774) 275-7919 or email him at [stephenellis6363@gmail.com](mailto:stephenellis6363@gmail.com).

*NAMEDAY – NA*

*Dates to remember:*

Tue, May 21 - Constantine and Helen, Equal-to-the Apostles  
Mon, May 26 – Memorial Day  
Thu, May 29 - Ascension of the Lord  
Sat, June 7 - Saturday of the Dead  
Sun, June 8 - Pentecost  
Sat, June 28 - Electronics Recycling & Sunday School Bake Sale  
Aug 20, 21, 22 - VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL  
Sept 6 & 7 - ST. NICHOLAS ANNUAL PICNIC

### Weekly Reflection

"All the church holidays would be meaningless if there was no Easter. If Christ had not risen, the other evangelical events could only be viewed in a historical context and there would be no price other than moral and cultural. We say that every Christian holiday belongs to eternity, because Easter fills it spiritually. Eternity is present in our time and we become real participants in this celebration."

Father Alexie Uminski

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

LET US PRAY TO THE LORD! O God our Father: As a new day is born and the light of early morning fills the world, we come before you once again, ready to anoint your Son with our praises as once the myrrh bearing women hoped to anoint him with their precious herbs and spices. Through your Christ, the great savior of all creation, enable us ever to be mindful of the wondrous things you have done for us, that we may bring forth fruit worthy of your benevolence. Teach us how to hold fast to these mysteries we celebrate, and make us fit to join all your saints at the table of the eternal banquet. For you deserve all glory, honor, and worship, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit: now and forever, and unto ages of ages. Amen!



*The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark. (15:43-16:8)*

*At that time, Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself looking for the Kingdom of God, took courage and went to Pilate, and asked for the body of Jesus. And Pilate wondered if He were already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether Jesus was already dead. And when he learned from the centurion that He was dead, he granted the body to Joseph. And he bought a linen shroud, and taking Him down, wrapped Him in the linen shroud, and laid Him in a tomb, which had been hewn out of the rock; and he rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James saw where He was laid. And when the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome, bought spices, so that they might go and anoint Jesus. And very early in the morning, on the first day of the week, they came to the tomb at the rising of the sun. And they were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the door of the tomb?" And looking up, they saw that the stone was rolled back – it was very large. And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a long white robe; and they were amazed. And he said to them, "Do not be amazed; you seek Jesus of Nazareth, Who was crucified. He is risen; He is not here; see the place where they laid Him. But go, tell His disciples and Peter that He is going before you to Galilee; there you will see Him, as He told you." And they went out quickly and fled from the tomb; for trembling and astonishment had come upon them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.*

## HOLY TRINITY NEWS

May 4, 2025

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**Monday: 9:00 Library Cart/Rm Visit, Resident Council 10:30a Board Games, Social, and soothing music 3p-5p.**

**Tuesday: Library Cart visits 9a, FIT USA Exercise 2p, 2p to 3p Games and Trivia Fun**

**Wednesday: Divine Liturgy 9:30a Coffee talk 10a, Spiritual reflection 9:30 along with Spiritual Scrambles, Arts and Crafts 2p. Wii Bowling 3:30p**

**Thursday: Library Cart Visits, Yoga & Meditation w Eileen 9:30, Rosary Prayer Group 10:30a Coffee, Tea & Treats 2:30p, Movie Matinee 6p**

**Friday: Library cart room visits 9am, Coffee and News 10:30, Artist corner 1:30p, Wine, and Cheese Social 2:30p.**

If you have any questions or plans to stop by for an activity, please contact Isabelle Bouchard, at 508-852-1000. Not all activities are listed and are subject to change.

Holy Trinity has had a great kickoff to Spring these past few weeks! Celebrating Easter, our first outdoor cookout, and a fabulous entertainer which the residents thoroughly enjoyed. We are looking forward to planning many more outdoor activities and entertainment. Stay tuned!

As we approach Mother's Day next Sunday, we all know Mother's Day has a special meaning in senior living communities. For our residents here, long-term care and short-term care Mother's Day is an opportunity to reflect on their own experiences as mothers, to celebrate the bond they share with their children and grandchildren and remember the love and support they received from their own mothers.

At Holy Trinity, mothers are honored and recognized on Mother's Day with a special coffee and pastry event this year. This is a special day for an open house to honor our mother's. All are welcome Sunday May 11<sup>th</sup> 9a-12 We hope to see you!

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