

Saint Nicholas Romanian Orthodox Church Shrewsbury Massachusetts

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WEEKLY BULLETIN
Sunday May 18, 2025



The Fifth Sunday of Pascha

Apostolic Reading: Acts 11:19-30

Gospel: John 4:5-42

(The Sunday of the Samaritan Woman)

Tone 4 † Resurrection Gospel 7



Weekly Liturgical Services

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

10:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy;

11:30 a.m. - Coffee Hour.

Wednesday May 21

Saints Constantine and Helen, Equal-to-the Apostles

9:30 Akathist

10:30 Divine Liturgy

WEEKLY NEWS

2025 GRADUATES – this month we want to congratulate two of our parish graduates:

Julia-Maria Aileni – that graduates Assumption University in Worcester, MA;

Dimitri S. Morris – that graduates Grafton High School, in Grafton, MA.

We wish them a blessed and prosperous future with God in their hearts and success in upcoming endeavors! Congratulations and God bless you!

MEMORIAL DAY - Monday, May 26th 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

MEMORIAL DONATION – Elizabeth Anderson is donating \$ 500 to St. Nicholas Church in the memory of her loving husband Ronald Carl Anderson. The 40 day memorial service will be held on Sunday, May 25th after the Divine Liturgy. May God rest his soul in peace!

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.

MEMORIAL DONATION NAMEDAYS

May 21 - The Holy Equals to the Apostles Constantine and Helen

Presvytera Eleni Christakos

Elena Galeriu

Constanta Papit

Elena Prelipcean

Eleanor Sedares

Sarah Elena Aileni

Sophia Elena Moris

Amalia Helene Collins

Eleni Polymeros

Dina K. Salerno

Elaine Tanacea

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

"Jesus becomes obedient to the Father, healing our own disobedience (...) and becomes for us the model of obedience without which there is no salvation."

Saint John Damascene 676 - 749/1727 - 1783

A Prayer of Fr. Laurence

LET US PRAY TO THE LORD! O Lord, Jesus Christ, our God and master! It was your good pleasure to become one of us by taking flesh of the holy virgin, to be born into this world, to lie speechless in a manger, and to be baptized by John, though you had no need of any sort of purification. At the time of midpentecost, you went up to the temple and taught the crowds, who were in utter amazement at your wisdom when they knew you had no teachers. They did not know that you are in fact the wisdom of the Father and the creator of all things. On this day, O lover of humanity, make us, your sinful and un-worthy servants, worthy of worshiping you and glorifying you, and of joyfully sharing in your holy mysteries. Inspire all our authorities with your wisdom and understanding, and lead them always to serve your people in justice and love. Support our brothers and sisters in all their troubles, wherever they may be, and give rest to all the departed. Keep all those here present in unity of mind and heart, and preserve us all from enslavement to our enemies, visible or invisible. When you come to judge the living and the dead, grant us the gift of meeting you freed of the burden of our sins and without fear of condemnation. For you are the king of peace and the savior of our souls, and to you we give glory, together with your eternal Father and your all-holy, good, and life-giving Spirit: now and forever, and unto ages of ages. Amen!



Gospel: JOHN 4:5-42

At that time, Jesus came to a city of Samaria, called Sychar, near the field that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and so Jesus, wearied as he was with his journey, sat down beside the well. It was about the sixth hour. There came a woman of Samaria to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans. Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have nothing to draw with, and the well is deep; where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well, and drank from it himself, and his sons, and his cattle?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will thirst again, but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst; the water that I shall give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, that I may not thirst, nor come here to draw. Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and he whom you now have is not your husband; this you said truly." The woman said to him, "Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. Our fathers worshiped on this mountain; and you say that Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for such the Father seeks to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that the Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ); when he comes, he will show us all things." Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am he. Just then his disciples came. They marveled that he was talking with a woman, but none said, "What do you wish?" or, "Why are you talking with her?" So the woman left her water jar, and went away into the city and said to the people, "Come, see a man who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?" They went out of the city and were coming to him. Meanwhile the disciples besought him, saying "Rabbi, eat." But he said to them, "I have food to eat of which you do not know." So the disciples said to one another, "Has anyone brought him food?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me, and to accomplish his work. Do you not say, 'There are yet four months, then comes the harvest'? I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see how the fields are already white for harvest. He who reaps receives

wages, and gathers fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor; others have labored, and you have entered into their labor. Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony. "He told me all that I ever did." So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of your words that we believe, for we have heard ourselves, and we know that this is indeed Christ the Savior of the world.

JUNE 28 – LET'S MAKE IT A FUN DAY

While we recycling electronics, let's have some fun! Our children/youth will sell coffee, tea and lemonade to all the people that will come to recycle their electronics. The rest is just FUN: volleyball, badminton, soccer etc.





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

ELECTRONICS RECYCLING EVENT

Saturday, June 28th, 2025

9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

St. Nicholas Church

34 Gold Street, Shrewsbury, MA

Cost to You:

- **\$5** each for Computer Towers, Laptops, DVD Players, VCR's, Small Printers, Stereos, Radios, Alarm Clocks, Speakers, Video Game Consoles, 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/Robots, Toaster Ovens, Ceiling Fans, Floor Lamps, Air Fryers, Electric Grills, Hot Plates, Small Radiators, Keyboard Pianos, Coffee Makers, Ice Makers, Sewing Machines.
- **\$20** each for Flat Screen Computer Monitors, Microwaves, 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, Dorm Sized Refrigerators
- **\$30** each for TVs between 26" and 35," White Goods, Washing Machines, Dryers, Stoves, Dishwashers, Large Appliances, Large Yard Equipment, Treadmills, Exercise Equipment, Snow Blowers, Lawn Mowers, Rototillers, Large Generators, Motors, Water Tanks
- **\$35** each for TVs over 36," Large Refrigerators, Ride-On Lawn Mowers.
- **\$40** each for Projection TVs.
- **FREE!** (Cash Donations Appreciated): **Bicycles in any condition**, Cell Phones, Tablets, Video Game Media and Accessories, Wires, Cables, Chargers, VHS/DVD's.

ALL TOWNS WELCOME! RAIN OR SHINE!
HARD DRIVES DESTROYED, CASH PREFERRED, VENMO, CHECKS (OVER \$30)

Questions? Contact: GreenDayRecyclingMA@Gmail.com



OCMC Missionary

Dana Bates

in Worcester

Sunday, May 25

6:30 pm

St. Spyridon Cathedral

102 Russell Street, Worcester

Dana and his Romanian team recently trained 44 Orthodox youth leaders in Kenya and Uganda and IMPACT in East Africa is well underway, putting faith into action, living the Liturgy after the Liturgy! And this is just the beginning!

Dana would love to share more about his vision for IMPACT in East Africa in person with the parishes of Greater Worcester next Sunday night.

Young Adults Retreat Spring Edition 2025

It is time for a new **Young Adults Retreat (YAR)**. You will meet again with your new Orthodox friends, bring back memories, and create new memories. See the attached flyer and Schedule.

Speaker: **Fr. John Downie, YAR's host**. See attached biography

Guest speakers on zoom: Fr. Menas Thomas (Elder Efrem's disciple for 30 years) and Fr. Turbo Qualls. See attached bio.

Lecture topics:

- **Lecture 1** (Friday, May 23rd) - *On the quest for Divine love*

- **Lecture 2** (Saturday, May 24th) - *Working out your own salvation (Phil. 2:12) - Diving into your heart and conscious before the Mystery of Confession.*

Workshops:

- **Wood sculpture**. Instructor: **Artist and Professor Dimitri Klitsas**. See attachment (the flyer is from our first YAR retreat 2022)

- **Making prayer ropes**. Instructor: **Joshua Seigler**. We will provide materials for people who sign in for this workshop.

This YAR Spring edition is designed to host **young adults** (17-40 years old) for the **full program** (May 23rd-May 25th) and also **All Ages for the second Lecture, on Saturday, May 24th**. This edition is a smaller event than the Fall Edition 2025. This is why **we will host it in our Church's facilities**. We can host up to 100-110 participants.

Registration/payment is open on our website. <http://www.stmichaelorthodox.com>. Payment is considered registration, and you have your place secured.

For the **full program**, the cost **75\$** is covering **5 meals, 2 lectures, 2 workshops, and fun activities** (bonfire, games, classical music, movie, and traditional dances), and **40\$ for the Second lecture on Saturday, 24th - this cost covers 2 meals and one lecture**.

On request, we will provide **financial assistance**. Please Email: joshua@seigler.net

Accommodations - first come, first served:

- Parish House and Museum: 4 beds, 2 air mattresses, and 7 sleeping bags - max 20 people (people can bring their own sleeping bags)

- Parish courtyard - tents (please bring your own tent) - 10- 20 tents

Please let us know if you need any accommodations, and mention the type.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us via email or phone.

With love in our Lord, Jesus Christ,

Fr. John and Presbyteria/Preoteasa/Matushka Camelia

Cell: Fr. John 774 230 2542

Presbyteria/Preoteasa/Matushka Camelia: 351 213 0533

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Young Adult Retreat

With Host Speaker

Fr. John Downie

FRI
May 23
5pm-10pm

SAT
May 24*
9am-9pm

SUN
May 25
9am-3pm

Price includes Admission all 3 days, 5 meals, 2 LECTURES
with Fr. John Downie, workshops & activities!

YAR
SPRING
EDITION
2025

Fr. John's talk on Friday is for
young adults only (17-40)

\$75 **
per person

Attend
one, two,
or three
days!

*May 24th
Open to
ALL AGES!

**Financial
assistance
available
on request

Saint Michael Romanian Orthodox Church
16 Romanian Ave Southbridge, MA
For more info call 508-909-6607
www.stmichaelorthodox.com

Accommodations provided on first come first serve basis



HOLY TRINITY NEWS

May 19, 2025

Monday: 9:00 Library Cart/Rm Visit, Current Events 10a, Chair Travel to Canada Victoria Day 1:15, MEMORIAL DAY PROGRAM. HONOR OUR FALLEN VETERANS 1:30PM WITH REFRESHMENTS TO FOLLOW

Tuesday: Library Cart visits 9a, Flower potting 10:30a World Bee Day! About those bees' Documentary 1:15p, FIT USA 2p. Trivia & Ice Coffee Social 3p

Wednesday: Divine Liturgy 9:30a Coffee talk 10a, Travel to London 1:15, Catholic Mass 2p, International Tea Day! Teatime Social 3p.

Thursday: Library Cart Visits, Yoga & Meditation w Eileen 9:30, Rosary Prayer Group 10:30a Coffee Card Games 10:30a, Bingo Fun and Scattergories 3p

Friday: Library cart room visits 9am, Coffee and News 10:30, Culinary Club 2:30p & Wine Social 3p.

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

This past week at Holy Trinity was busy!

Mother's Day Open House was beautiful! The decorations, the flowers, the special little touches, the event was perfect. Thank you to Isabelle, our Life Enrichment Director and her team! Our residents and families enjoyed an incredibly special Mother's Day.

We would like to thank Worcester Technical Cosmetology students for donating the time to come in and give our residents manicures. We saw lots of spring colors on those nails and the smiles on the residents' faces were priceless!

Tuesday was Apple Pie Day! We celebrated with an All-American Cookout. It was a beautiful day, and later lots of our residents chose to enjoy the fresh air outside of the courtyard in the gazebo.

The rest of the week... a Belgium Waffle Bar, Mexico Day Ole' chips and salsa, Italian day with an Italian ice social! Such a fun week!

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