

Saint Nicholas Romanian Orthodox Church Shrewsbury Massachusetts

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WEEKLY BULLETIN **Sunday October 5, 2025**



Th The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Apostolic Reading: 2 Corinthians 11:31-33; 12, 1-9

Gospel: Luke 6:31-36

(The Sermon on the Mount — Love of our Enemies)

Tone 8 † Resurrection Gospel 6



Weekly Liturgical Services

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

10:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy;

11:30 a.m. - Coffee Hour.

WEEKLY NEWS

E-RECYCLING DAY - AN ELECTRONICS/WHITE GOODS, ETC. RECYCLING day is set for Saturday, October 11, from 9 - 2. If you are able and willing to help during the event, please call Stephen Ellis at (774) 275-7919 or email him at stephenellis6363@gmail.com.

EASTERN ORTHODOX MANAGEMENT CORPORATION - invites you to the 2025 annual General Assembly meeting of the Eastern Orthodox Management Corporation (EOMC), which operates Holy Trinity Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. See details in the poster below.

MUSTARD SEED MEAL - Looking ahead - our next meal for the Mustard Seed is scheduled for Friday, October 17th. This is a beautiful way to honor the life of a loved one who has fallen asleep. If you have it in your heart to contribute, please contact Betty Anderson (508) 353-9449. Unfortunately, the previous mustard seed meal was not covered either, so please, as good Christians, let us think about people that are not blessed as we are!

Our local Orthodox Churches have agreed to begin to do some youth activities together. We are calling the group, Orthodox Teens of Central Mass (OTCM). This being said, the first activity that I hope you will participate in will be Bonfire Movie Night! This will take place on Friday, September 12th from 6:30pm-10:00pm at St. George Orthodox Cathedral, 30 Anna Street in Worcester. I have included the flyer attachment on this email. PARENTS, please be mindful that this event is for those in grades 7-12. NO EXCEPTIONS.

Memorial Service

Dates to remember

October 14 - St. Parascheva from Iasi.

October 26 - (†) The Holy Great Martyr Demetrius the Myrrh-streamer

October 27 - (†) St. Dimitrie the New, the protector of Bucharest.

NAMEDAYS

September 17

The Holy Martyr Faith, Daughter of St. Sophia

Faith Mayer

The Holy Martyr Sophia of Rome

Sofia Apostol

Sophia Amyra Apostola

Carol Fotos

Weekly Reflection

"There is nothing more tragic and nothing sadder than the human race harnessed to the oppressive yoke of time and space. It drags time without knowing its nature, meaning, or purpose. It drags space, but neither nature nor he does not know the meaning or the purpose of it. The absence of the purpose leads him into the captivity of the absurd! The absence of the purpose rivals the absurd but the tragic always wins."

Saint Iustin Popovici 1894 - 1979

A Prayer of Fr. Laurence

LET US PRAY TO THE LORD! The demons that abuse us at their whim are beyond counting, O God! They continue to nag at us, forever trying to trip us up by wearing down our resistance more and more, and we must confess that frequently they succeed. But we acknowledge our share of guilt, Lord, and our wrongdoing fills us with dismay. Therefore, come quickly to our aid and reinforce our perseverance. For you are good and full of love for us, O God, and we give you glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit: now and forever, and unto ages of ages. Amen!



Luke 6:31-36

The Lord said, "As you wish that men would do to you, do so to them. If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the selfish. Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful."

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INTO HOPE
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10-11

OCTOBER 2025

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**SAINT GEORGE ANTIOCHIAN
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YOUTH NIGHT

Join us on
October 4th at
4:30PM

This Youth Night's theme
will be St. Helen and
the True Cross
\$10 per Child



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A collaboration of the Worcester area Orthodox churches; its mission is to distribute food to low income and homeless individuals residing in the Worcester area.

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ELECTRONICS RECYCLING EVENT

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11th, 2025
9:00 AM — 2:00 PM

 **St Nicholas Church • Parking Lot**
34 Gold Street, Shrewsbury MA

What You Can Bring/ Cost to You:

\$5
EACH

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, Paper Shredders, Power Tools, Drills, Cameras, Clocks, Trophies, Frying Pans, Holiday Lights, Other Small Electronics.

\$10
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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, Small Garbage Disposal, Sewing Machines, Car Seats.

\$20
EACH

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
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TVs up to 26," CRT Monitors, Outdoor Grills, Dorm Sized Refrigerators

\$30
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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

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TVs over 36," Large Refrigerators, Ride-On Lawn Mowers.

\$40
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Projection TVs

FREE!

(Cash Donations Appreciated)
Bicycles (Reusable), Cell Phones, Keyboards, Tablets, Video Game Media and Accessories, Wires, Cables, Batteries, Chargers, VHS/DVD's.

**ALL TOWNS WELCOME
RAIN OR SHINE**

**Questions, Business Clean
Outs or Event Hosting?**

Contact:



GREENDAYRECYCLINGMA@GMAIL.COM

CASH PREFERRED, VENMO, CHECKS (OVER \$30)





HOLY TRINITY

Nursing & Rehabilitation Center

DATE: September 25, 2025

TO: Central Massachusetts Orthodox Clergy & Parish Council Presidents

FROM: Sam Bitar, President
Eastern Orthodox Management Corporation

RE: Notice of Annual Meeting of the General Assembly

In accordance with the bylaws of the Eastern Orthodox Management Corporation (EOMC)—which oversees Holy Trinity Nursing and Rehabilitation Center and requires a 30-day advance notice—the 2025 Annual Meeting of the General Assembly is scheduled as follows: **Tuesday, October 28, 2025 at 7:00 PM.**

The meeting of the General Assembly will be held both at Holy Trinity Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, and via Zoom. To join via Zoom: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84944669764>.

The purpose of the Annual Meeting is to hear reports and proposals presented by the Board of Directors, including a discussion of the Corporation's strategic plan and annual goals, and to review our organization's financial and operational performance for the previous year. In addition, the General Assembly shall nominate individuals to serve on the Corporation's Board of Directors.

All members of parishes located in Central Massachusetts and under the jurisdiction of a canonical Orthodox Church are warmly invited to attend the meeting. While broad attendance is encouraged, voting privileges are reserved for clergy of member parishes, and up to three (3) lay delegates per member parish, elected or appointed in accordance with each parish's established procedures. To help us prepare for the General Assembly, **we kindly ask each parish to submit the names and contact information of their elected delegates (up to three) to Sam Bitar no later than Thursday, October 23, 2025 at 5:00 PM**

To ensure a smooth and timely start, we kindly ask all attendees to check in or log in by 6:55 PM. This allows us to address any technical issues in advance and begin promptly, as we have a full agenda to cover and want to be mindful of everyone's time. If you have specific questions you would like addressed during the meeting, please feel free to send them ahead of time to Sam Bitar at bitarsm@gmail.com.

We would greatly appreciate your support in sharing this information with your parish community. Please include it in all upcoming mailings, newsletters, and bulletins at your earliest convenience. We also kindly ask that you avoid scheduling conflicting parish events on the evening of the General Assembly.

Thank you for your continued support of our programs and facility. We look forward to seeing you on the 28th!

HOLY TRINITY WEEKLY NEWS

SEPTEMBER 29, 2025



Earning the Silver award is no small feat, and Holy Trinity has shown exceptional commitment to quality improvement. We would like to thank everyone for the hard work and dedication to Holy Trinity, and we are so happy all of you were able to attend our celebrations as you can see it was a wonderful time!

"Earning the Silver award is an incredible honor for our team," said Rodolfo Parra CEO of Holy Trinity Nursing and Rehabilitation Center "This achievement underscores our dedication to enhancing the quality of care and services we provide to our residents every day. We are proud of our progress and look forward to continuing our journey towards excellence."



We would like to thank Mayor Joe Petty and Dr. Satya Mitra for stopping by to celebrate with many staff, residents, family members, and friends.

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THE CONCRETE POSTAMENT FOR OUR HOLY CROSS





CHURCH BUILDING & GROUNDS

Our church needs to:

- Purchase and install efficient light bulbs for inside and outside (parking lot), the church
- Repair and install new carpet/tiles in the Holy Altar
- We are currently working with Mass Save Energy Experts to make our entire building more energy efficient
- Olive oil and sacramental wine.

All donation and support is welcomed and really appreciated!

Thank you!