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WEEKLY BULLETIN
Sunday October 19, 2025

The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Apostolic Reading: Galatians 1:11-19

Gospel: Gospel: Luke 7:11-19

(Jesus Raises the Son of the Widow of Nain)

Tone 1 † Resurrection Gospel 7



Weekly Liturgical Services

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

10:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy;

11:30 a.m. - Coffee Hour.

WEEKLY NEWS

NO VESPERS on Saturday 18th. Fr. Vasile attends the Deanery Assembly on Oct 18th in Connecticut.

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 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

"Holiness does not mean walking on water, it does not mean flying through the air, it does not mean raising the dead. The greatest virtue of holiness that a man can attain nowadays is to resurrect himself, from his own sins."

Rev. Prof. Constantin Galeriu (b. 1918 – d. August 10, 2003)

A Prayer of Fr. Laurence

LET US PRAY TO THE LORD! Lord, God of invincible power and might: Grace us with discernment, with keen vision and refined perception. But when it comes to judging others, make us blind and disinterested, totally oblivious to all their faults and failings. Let us look, rather, at our own mistakes and refrain from condemning others for what we see as the mistakes they make and the evils they commit. For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, Father, Son and Holy Spirit: now and forever, and unto ages of ages. Amen!



The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke (7: 11-16)

At that time, Jesus went to a city called Nain, and his disciples and a great crowd went with him. As he drew near to the gate of the city, behold, a man who had died was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow; and a large crowd from the city was with her. And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her and said to her, "Do not weep." And he came and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And he said, "Young man, I say to you, arise." And the dead man sat up, and began to speak. And he gave him to his mother. Fear seized them all; and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has arisen among us!" and "God has visited his people!"

Orthodox FOOD CENTER

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Women's Guild Fashion Show

Featuring Fashions from Burbs and Boroughs Boutique, West Boylston

Fashions will be available for purchase during the event.

Sunday, October 19, 2025
Fashion Show & Luncheon
12:00 p.m.
St. Mary's Church Hall

Cost: \$50.00 per person
Purchase a table for 10 and pay in advance for 1 free ticket.
Table of 10 costs \$450.00

To make a reservation please contact:
Vitiana Mihallari
508-615-4302 vmihallari@gmail.com
or
Colleen Doku
774-276-1264 colleen.doku@gmail.com

Please make checks payable to Women's Guild and mail to
Women's Guild of St. Mary's
535 Salisbury St.
Worcester, MA. 01609
or
Venmo @Sandra-Dionis (4863)

Deadline for reservations: October 15, 2025

All reservations must be paid for in advance by deadline



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

October 20, 2025



Upcoming Events

- **Annual General Assembly Meeting**
- **Date: Tuesday, October 28, 2025**
 - **Time: 7:00 PM**
 - **All are welcome to attend!**
- **Socials**
 - Paws for People Maui visit Monday 10a
 - Entertainment: ELVIS IN THE BUILDING Refreshments provided by Saint Spyridon Greek Orthodox Cathedral Thursday 2pm
 - Culinary Club 2pm
 - Movie Matinee & Popcorn WITCHES OF EASTWICK Saturday 2:30

- Holy Trinity's Residents enjoyed the 2nd annual flying dog show! Having animal therapy is the best therapy!

- **Raffle Basket Available till Oct 31 Winner announced Friday afternoon!!** Enter to win a beautiful basket; Proceeds benefit the Alzheimer's Association. Stop in for a chance to win!!
- Our long-term care unit is currently at full capacity, with a waitlist of 18–24 months.



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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!