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WEEKLY BULLETIN **Sunday November 02, 2025**



The Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

Apostolic Reading: Galatians 6:11-18

Gospel: Gospel: Luke 16:19-31

(The Rich Man and Lazarus)

Tone 4 † Resurrection Gospel 10



Weekly Liturgical Services

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. - Matins;
10:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy;

WEEKLY NEWS

BAKE SALE AND HOLIDAY CRAFT MARKET – NOVEMBER 22 from 10 am to 05 pm - We will have pies, scones, sweet bread, biscuits, pitas, everything to get you ready for Thanksgiving and Christmas. There will also be vendors with different things to sell, raffle baskets and if you are hungry, you can get a slice of spanakopita, a bowl of bean soup or chicken noodle soup. You can also take them to go.

COFFEE HOUR SPONSORS ARE NEEDED for the coming weeks. Please speak with Betty Anderson or Cristina Iusco Maria if you would like to sponsor one.

SATURDAY OF SOULS - On Saturday, November 1, 10:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy, 11:30 - Memorial Service for all those who have fallen asleep in the Lord. If you can't attend in person, you can send the names of the deceased to Fr. Vasile's email: fr.vasileaileni@gmail.com Also, you can make a donation for the church at the link below.

MOVIE - WHERE ARE YOU ADAM?

BYZANTINE MUSIC CONCERT - GROUP PSALTIC JACOB PROTOPSALTIS

SUNDAY, NOV 9, 2025 at 6:00 PM. We invite you to celebrate our Orthodox Faith at its divine potential. First, we are going to watch a fascinating movie "WHERE ARE YOU ADAM?" and then to listen to an exquisite byzantine concert "GROUP PSALTIC JACOB PROTOPSALTIS". This is a unique opportunity in this part of the world. Please join us in celebrating Orthodoxy!

VENERATE THE RELICS OF ST. St. NEKTARIOS of AEGINA – As most of you know St. Nicholas Church holds the relics of Nektarios of Eghina and on this occasion you can venerate his relics on his feast day. Everybody is welcomed!

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.

Dates to remember

Sat, Nov 1 - Orthodox Food Pantry, 9am-12pm

Sat Nov 8 - Synaxis of the Archangel Michael & the other Bodiless Powers: Gabriel, Raphael, Uriel, Salaphiel, Jegudiel, & Barachiel

Sun, Nov 22 - BAKE SALE AND HOLIDAY CRAFT MARKET

Dec 6 - St. Nicholas Feast day Celebration

NAMEDAYS

November 8 – The Holy Archangel Michael & Gabriel

Inva Gabriela Durmillari

Michael Bourisk

Michael Walter Clem

Michaela Ionete

Michael Keimig

Michael Anthony Prizio

Michael Soter

Weekly Reflection

"The Lord accepted to take upon Himself the image of every poor man and to unite Himself with each one, so that each one, seeing his brother as God, would receive him and count him as the One and give his possessions in vain to his ministry, even as Christ shed His blood for our salvation."

Saint Simeon the New Theologian 949 – 1022

A Prayer of Fr. Laurence

LET US PRAY TO THE LORD! Lord, you who know everything: The eyes of our minds and hearts are not so perceptive as we would like to think. Therefore, enable us to recognize the subtleties of meaning in the various situations of life, applying, where possible, the appropriate response to the questions and problems that confront us daily. And give us wisdom and prudence, so that we may always do what is right in a manner that pleases you. For yours is dominion, and 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 (16: 19-31)

The Lord said, "There was a rich man, who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, full of sores, who desired to be fed with what fell from

the rich man's table; moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried; and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes, and saw Abraham far off and Lazaros in his bosom. And he called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy upon me, and send Lazaros to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in anguish in this flame.' But Abraham said, 'Son, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazaros in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.' And he said, 'Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house, for I have five brothers, so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.' But Abraham said, 'They have Moses, and the prophets; let them hear them.' And he said, 'No, father Abraham; but if some one goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to them, 'If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced if some one should rise from the dead.'

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FOOD CENTER**

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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FILM SCREENING
AND
MEETING WITH THE PRODUCER

WHERE ARE YOU ADAM?

FILM BY ALEXANDER ZAPOROSHCHENKO & ALEXANDER PLYSKA

BYZANTINE MUSIC CONCERT GROUP PSALTIC JACOB PROTOPSALTIS



Celebrating 100 Years

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Dear Parishioners, Friends and Supporters,

The most important aspect of our short pilgrimage on this earth is our relationship to the One Who brought us out of nothing into being, our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ, One of the Holy Trinity.

It is with great honor that this year we celebrate the 100th year anniversary of the founding of Saint Michael's Orthodox Church precisely for the task of enhancing this relationship through experiencing and sharing this all loving, all humble and wholly righteous God and His grace. This November 10th we will be celebrating the centennial anniversary of this mission that has been entrusted to us by the One Who has brought all things into being and without Whom nothing has been made.

This little parish has worked, wept, rejoiced and strived together with the larger community of Southbridge for 100 years trying in our way to make progress in this world, struggling to bring peace, comfort and perhaps more importantly meaning to the various trials, joys and epochs of our local New England community.

Please consider accepting our formal invitation to you to join us in commemorating this joyful occasion at our Anniversary Gala Celebration on Sunday, November 9, 2025, Southbridge Conference Center after the Hierarchical Divine Liturgy at Saint Michael's.

Your presence will undoubtedly enhance the celebration of this once in a lifetime event. This is a chance for us to reflect together on the importance of eternal truths and their effect in the lives of our greater community; to remember our loved ones who are still with us and those who have moved on from this world. It is also an opportunity to consider what the future may hold and what potential could be unlocked.

Because of the historical nature of the event we would like to offer you an opportunity to showcase your support by placing an advertisement in our Program Book. This elegant publication will not only serve as a keepsake for all attendees but will also be prominently featured on our website and social media platforms and will enter into the historical record of Southbridge.

Our entire community at Saint Michael's would be very grateful for your support, and your sponsorship advertising will not only assist Saint Michael's in its mission but also help to solidify the bonds between you or your institutions and the parishioners and friends of Saint Michael's. We thank you for taking the time and thought in considering this invitation and look forward to your participation in this unique and memorable centennial celebration,

In Christ,

The 100th Year Anniversary Committee
SAINT MICHAEL'S ORTHODOX CHURCH

HOLY TRINITY WEEKLY NEWS

November 3, 2025

ELVIS WAS BACK IN THE BUILDING!! WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK ST. SPYRIDON FOR PROVIDING REFRESHMENTS FOR OUR ENTERTAINMENT LAST WEEK. WE TRULY APPRECIATE YOUR GENEROSITY

EVERYONE ENJOYED OUR 3RD ANNUAL COUNTRY WESTERN CHILI COOK OFF. CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR WINNERS EILEEN, TYLER, AND PAM! THE RESIDENTS ENJOYED THE ENTERTAINMENT AND GETTING THE TASTY VOTES IN!



Holy Trinity achieves outstanding recognition with the Silver Quality Award from ACHA.



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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!