

Saint Nicholas Romanian Orthodox Church Shrewsbury Massachusetts

Biserica Ortodoxă Română Sfântul Nicolae Shrewsbury Massachusetts

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WEEKLY BULLETIN **Sunday February 01, 2026**



The Thirty Third Sunday after Pentecost

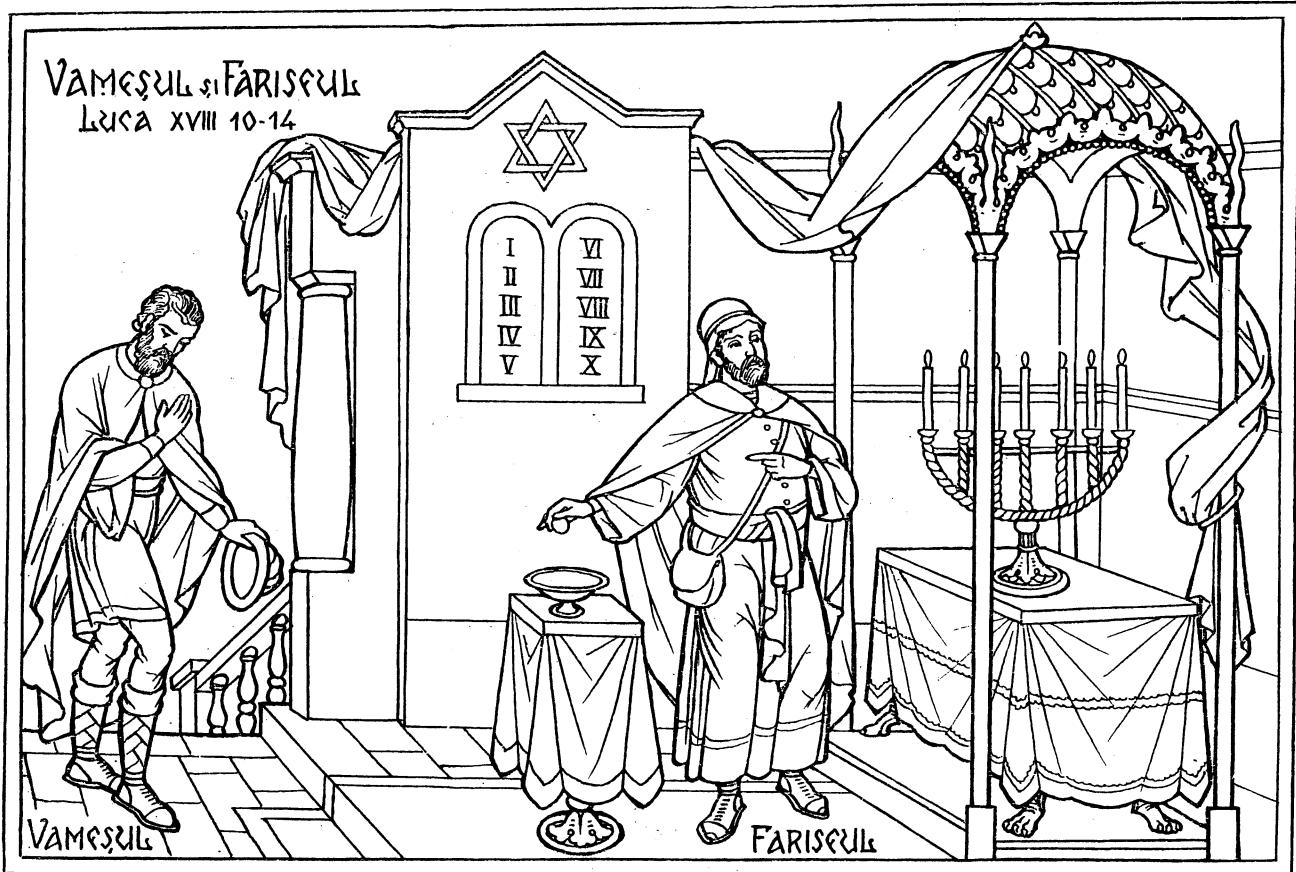
The Triodion Begins

Apostolic Reading: 2 Timothy 3:10-15;

Gospel: Luke 18:10-14;

(Parable of the Publican & the Pharisee)

Tone 1 † Resurrection Gospel 1



Weekly Liturgical Services

**Sunday: 9:30 a.m. - Akathist;
10:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy;**

WEEKLY NEWS

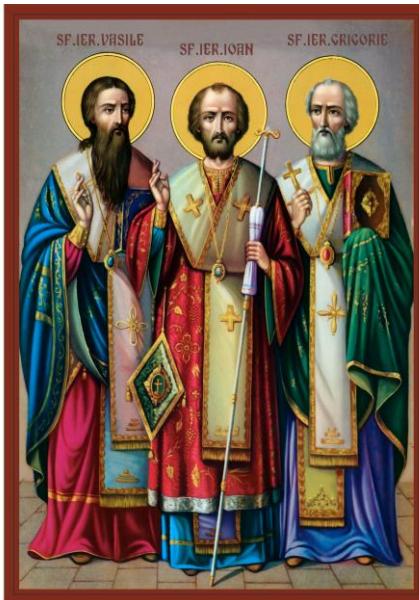
ICON AUCTION – February 9 we will have our Icon Auction; you will have the opportunity to take an icons dear to you to bless your home for 40 days while enjoying a good meal at St. Nicholas.

OUR PARISH GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING is postponed for Sunday, February 8th, 2026 due to weather conditions. Your attendance is important, not only to be updated over the last year with various reports, the meeting also gives everyone an opportunity to present questions, concerns and any ideas you may have for our parish.

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

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!
GOD GRANT YOU MANY
YEARS!**

Feb 7 - Evan Sparages
Feb 13 - Serghei Cebotari
Feb 18 - James Trakadas



DATES TO REMEMBER

February 1 - Triodion Begins
February 2 - The Presentation of Our Lord and Savior in the Temple
February 8 - General Assembly
February 15 - Icon Auction
February 15 - Meatfare Sunday
February 20 - Mustard Seed Meal
February 22 - Forgiveness Sunday (Cheesefare)

Weekly Reflection

"Brothers, it is important not to lie to yourselves. He who lies to himself and allows himself to be penetrated by his own lie ends up never distinguishing the lie from the truth, and gradually even alienates himself from any form of truth, and by the one inside him, and by the one outside, around, losing, at the same time, his respect for himself and for others."

Feodor M. Dostoevsky 1821 – 1881

A Prayer of Fr. Laurence

LET US PRAY TO THE LORD! Though we constantly provoke you, Lord God, in your boundless mercy you never abandon us. In your own mysterious ways, you ease the burdens of our life, giving us the strength to bear them, and you answer us, again in your own way, when we cry out to you in distress. Still, though we seldom hear or understand your response, by faith we try to remember that you are there and that you hear us. Teach us to live as you wish us to, and, in your loving kindness, increase and confirm our faith. For you deserve all glory, honor, and worship, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit: now and forever, and unto ages of ages. Amen!

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The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. LUKE 18:10-14

"The Lord said this parable, "Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week, I give tithes of all that I get.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted."



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CONVOCATION

The General Assembly of the members of St. Nicholas Parish in Shrewsbury is convened for Sunday February 8th, 2026 at 12:30 pm (after Holy Liturgy).

General Assembly Agenda:

1. Opening Prayer.
2. Introduction Rev. Vasile Aileni.
3. Election of the secretary.
4. The presence of parish members/stewards.
5. Approve the Agenda.
6. Minutes of the General Assembly of January 26, 2025.
7. Activity report for 2025 - The Parish Priest.
8. Activity report for 2025 - The president of the Parish Council.
9. Financial report for 2025.
10. Draft 2026 budget.
11. Stewardship and church financial support. Proposals for supporting the church.
12. Election of parish delegates at the 2026 Congress in PHILADELPHIA JULY 9-12.
13. Establishing the date of the next General Assembly.
14. Miscellaneous.
15. Miscellaneous.
16. Closing prayer.

All members of the parish are welcome and invited to participate!

Parish Priest Vasile Aileni
Shrewsbury, February 8, 2026

Orthodox 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.

OPEN SATURDAYS 10AM-12PM
ST. SPYRIDON GREEK ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL



102 Russell St. Worcester, MA 01609

SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY

PAN-ORTHODOX DIVINE LITURGY

MARCH 1, 2026

10:00 AM DIVINE LITURGY (8:45 MATINS)

HOSTED BY

ST. SPYRIDON

GREEK ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL

102 Russell Street

Worcester, Massachusetts

Join us as we celebrate our common faith and the goal of supporting our Orthodox Churches and ministries here in Central Massachusetts.

A free reception will follow the service.

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2026

PRE-SANCTIFIED LITURGIES

6:00 pm on the Wednesdays of Lent

February 25

St. Spyridon Cathedral

March 18

St. Nicholas Church



March 4

St. George Cathedral

March 25

*No Pre-Sanctified Liturgy
(Feast of Annunciation)*

March 11

St. Mary's Church

April 1

St. George Cathedral

LENTEN WEDNESDAY LITURGY and SUPPER
Please bring a Lenten dish to serve to our guests
in attendance from other Orthodox churches

CHURCH BUILDING & GROUNDS

Our church needs to:

- Purcess and install efficient light bulbs for inside and outside (parkinglot), the church
- Repair and install new carpet/tiles in the Holy Altar
- We are curently working with Mass Save Energy Experts to make our entire building more energy efficient
- Olive oil for altar oil candles.

All donation and support is welcomed and really appreciated!

Thank you!