

# Saint Nicholas Romanian Orthodox Church Shrewsbury Massachusetts

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### **WEEKLY BULLETIN** **Sunday March 01, 2026**



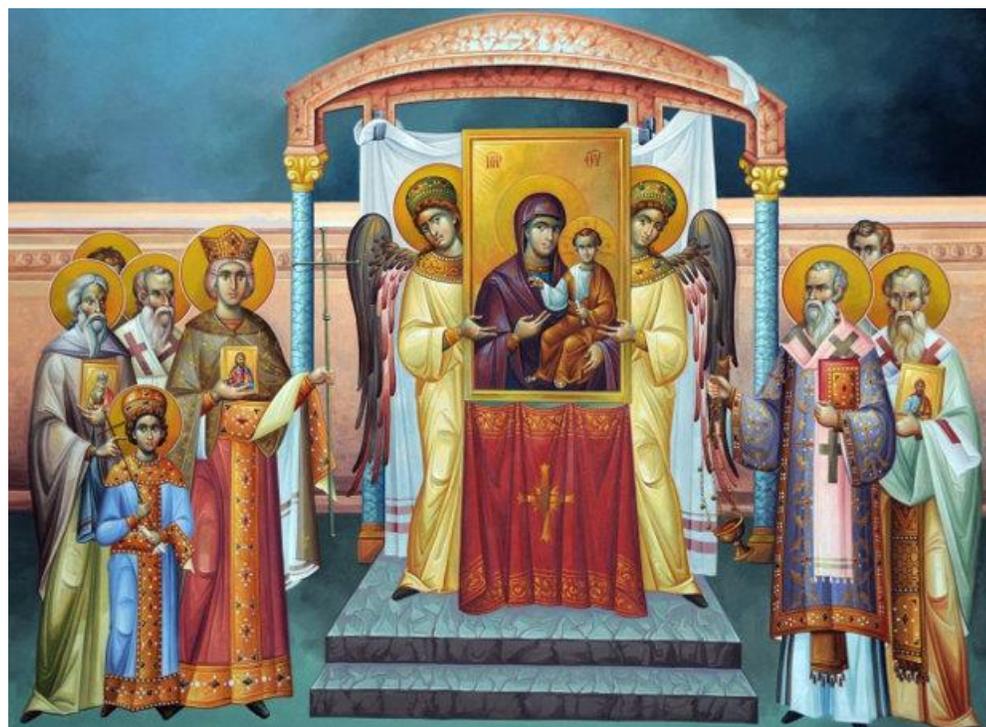
*First Sunday of Great Lent - The Sunday of Orthodoxy*

*Apostolic Reading: Hebrews 11:24-26; 32-40*

*Gospel: John 1:43-51*

*(Jesus Calls Philip and Nathanael)*

*Tone 5 † Resurrection Gospel 5*



### ***Weekly Liturgical Services***

**SUNDAY MARCH 1- NO SERVICES at St. Nicholas. Parishioners will attend the Pan-Orthodox Divine Liturgy at St. Spyridon Cathedral**

**8:45 – Matins**

**10:00 - Liturgy**

### **WEEKLY NEWS**

**PITA DOUGH MAKING IS CANCELED** on February 28 due to technical issues.

**SATURDAY, FEB 28 – MEMORIAL SERVICE AT ST. NICHOLAS**

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

## IMPORTANT LINKS/VIDEOS

[Great Lent \(Eastern Orthodox\)](#)

[Why Young Americans Are Becoming Orthodox Christian — The 100,000 Convert Boom Explained](#)

### Weekly Reflection



"Look, my brothers, and see: the only people who truly enjoy life are those who have received this commandment of Christ and live according to it. But those people who are determined to do all things, to provide all the means, to reach all their ways, to fulfill all their plans and fulfill all their desires without God's help are red with worry. They build, but an unseen hand destroys. They gather, but an unseen wind scatters. They run, but the wonder-worker lengthens their way more and more and removes their aim and purpose." Saint Nicholas Velimirovici 1881 – 1956

#### *A Prayer of Fr. Laurence*

LET US PRAY TO THE LORD! At times, O forgiving Lord, it is difficult not to harbor grudges when we have been offended by treacherous speech and hurt by words that bruise our pride. We desire to rid ourselves of such feelings, but our own powers are not up to the task. Nor would we want, in any case, to rely solely on our own strength. You yourself must give us what we need to purify our minds and hearts, to dispel all these negative sentiments, lest we perish for breeding and nurturing them. For blest and glorified is your most honorable and magnificent name, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit: now and forever, and unto ages of ages. Amen! †

### The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to JOHN 1:43-51

“At that time, Jesus decided to go to Galilee. And he found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael, and he said to him, "We have found him of whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." Jesus saw Nathanael coming to him, and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile!" Nathanael said to him, "How do you know me?" Jesus answered him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." Nathanael answered him, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered him, "Because I said to you, I saw you under the fig tree, do you believe? You shall see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man."

# 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.

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## 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  
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# 2026

## PRE-SANCTIFIED LITURGIES

6:00 pm on the Wednesdays of Lent

**February 25**

*St. Spyridon Cathedral*

**March 4**

*St. George Cathedral*

**March 11**

*St. Mary's Church*

**March 18**

*St. Nicholas Church*

**March 25**

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

**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

# HOLY TRINITY WEEKLY NEWS

FEBRUARY 28th, 2026

**"Grow old along with me! The best is yet to be." — Robert Browning**  
**Take a glimpse at the wonderful moments happening at Holy Trinity!**

We celebrated Mardi Gras in true festive style! 🇺🇸❤️🇺🇸 With lively music, colorful decorations, beads, masks, and delicious King Cake, the room was filled with laughter, joy, and plenty of celebration! 🥳🎉



Sometimes, you just want to feel special again. A fresh hairstyle, neatly trimmed nails, or a gentle set can do more than change how you look, it lifts your spirit.



We had a blast bowling! 🎳 The room was buzzing with energy, friendly competition, and plenty of strikes. It was full of excitement from start to finish!



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## 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
- All donation and support is welcomed and really appreciated!

Thank you!