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WEEKLY BULLETIN **Sunday March 22, 2026**



The Fourth Sunday of Great Lent - St. John of Sinai,

Author of the Ladder of Divine Ascent

Apostolic Reading: Hebrews 6:13-20;

Gospel: Mark 9:17-32

(Healing of the Epileptic Boy)

Tone 8 † Resurrection Gospel 8



Weekly Liturgical Services

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

10:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy;

11:30 a.m. - Coffee Hour.

Saturday: 10:00 a.m. – Memorial Service.

WEEKLY NEWS

SATURDAY, MAR 21 – 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

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

Weekly Reflection



"When you see that people are sinning in one way or another against you, against the Lord, against their peers and against themselves, do not be fierce with hatred against them, because even without you there is enough hatred on earth, but pity them, forgive them with all your heart when they offend you and say to yourself: "Lord, forgive them - because their sin has confused them - for they do not know what they are doing" (Luke 23, 34)"

Saint John of Kronstadt

A Prayer of Fr. Laurence

LET US PRAY TO THE LORD! Eternal Lord and master: By the inscrutable mystery of your divine wisdom, your only Son suffered for us, giving us an example to follow. He had done no wrong and there had been no perjury in his mouth. Though he was insulted, he did not retaliate with insults; though he was tortured, he made no threats, but placed his trust in you, his Father. When he was dying on the cross, he bore our faults in his own body. Therefore, master we entreat you: Let his wounds heal us, so that we may die to every form of wrongdoing and live for you alone. For you deserve all glory, honor, and worship, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit: now and forever, and unto ages of ages. Amen!



The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark (9:17-31)

“At that time, a man came to Jesus, kneeling down and saying unto him, “Teacher, I brought my son to you, for he has a dumb spirit. And wherever it seizes him, it dashes him down; and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid; and I asked Thy Disciples to cast it out, and they were not able.” And Jesus answered them, “O faithless generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him to Me.” And they brought the boy to Him; and when the spirit saw Jesus, immediately it convulsed the boy, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth. And Jesus asked his father, “How long has he had this?” And he said, “From childhood. And it has often cast him into the fire and into the water, to destroy him; but if Thou canst do anything, have pity on us and help us.” And Jesus said to him, “If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes.” Immediately the father of the child cried out and said with tears, “Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!” And when Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, “You dumb and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him, and never enter him again.” And after crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out, and the boy was like a corpse; so that most of them said, “He is dead.” But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. And when Jesus had entered the house, His Disciples asked Him privately, “Why could we not cast it out?” And Jesus said to them, “This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer and fasting.” They went on from there and passed through Galilee. And Jesus would not have anyone know it; for He was teaching His Disciples, saying to them, “The Son of man will be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill Him; and after He is killed, He will rise on the third day.”

Consulate General of Romania



Community meeting and official visit

The Honorable Simona
Florea

Consul General of
Romania in New York



- April 5th 2026
- 34 Gold Street Shrewsbury
- St. Nicholas Romanian Orthodox Church
- 9:00 Matins
- 10:00 Divine Liturgy
- 12:00 - 2:00 meeting our community

St. Nicholas Orthodox Church

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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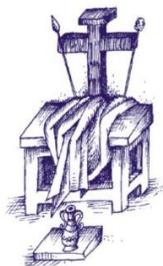
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2026 PRE-SANCTIFIED LITURGIES

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

Council of Eastern Orthodox Churches of
Central Massachusetts

LENTEN ESCAPE ROOM



Join us at 2PM on March 21st at Sts.
Anargyroi Greek Orthodox Church
Grades 7-12 are welcome!



Join our new parent
WhatsApp!



Register
Here!

HOLY TRINITY WEEKLY NEWS

March 22nd, 2026

A little sunshine, a little rain **Spring** is on its way!

Holy Trinity Weekly

Residents enjoyed a fun bubble-blowing activity 🌬️ It encourages deep breathing, strengthens lung function, and improves breath control while bringing smiles and laughter!



We were excited to host our first Community Networking Breakfast in over 20 years. 🍷 🍴 It was a great opportunity to reconnect with community partners and share ideas.



Residents and staff had a fun pie-eating contest filled with laughter and cheers! We enjoyed the excitement, Congratulations to our **WINNER** Sue! What a sweet and memorable time for all!



STAY CONNECTED: Like our Facebook. 

CHURCH BUILDING & GROUNDS

Our church needs to:

- Purchase and install efficient light bulbs for inside and outside (parkinglot), 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
- All donation and support is welcomed and really appreciated!

Thank you!

HOLY WEEK DONATIONS

General donations in any amount to defray the cost of decorations for the Paschal Feast are most appreciated. Some specific needs are:

Flowers for Palm Sunday Icon	50.00
Palms	\$100.00
Flowers for Bridegroom Icon	\$50.00
Holy Thursday Gospel Candles	\$60.00
Wreaths for Cross (Great Friday)	\$75.00
(Resurrection)	\$75.00
Resurrection Icon	\$50.00
1/2 lb Incense	\$40.00
Priest's Paschal Candle	\$50.00
Flowers for Epitaphion	\$600.00
Decorations/Plants for Pascha	\$250.00
Easter Candy/Gifts for Children	\$100.0