

# Saint Nicholas Romanian Orthodox Church Shrewsbury Massachusetts

## Biserica Ortodoxă Română Sfântul Nicolae Shrewsbury Massachusetts

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### **WEEKLY BULLETIN** **Sunday March 29, 2026**



*The Fifth Sunday of Great Lent*  
*St. Mary of Egypt (Request of the Sons of Zebedee)*  
*Apostolic Reading: Hebrews 9:11-14;*  
*Gospel: Mark 10:32-45;*  
*(Request of the Sons of Zebedee)*  
*Tone 1 † Resurrection Gospel 9*



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

**Saturday: 10:00 a.m. – Memorial Service.**  
**Sunday: 9:00 a.m. - Matins;**  
**10:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy;**  
**11:30 a.m. - Coffee Hour.**

**WEEKLY NEWS**

## **SATURDAY, MAR 28 – MEMORIAL SERVICE AT ST. NICHOLAS**

**PALM SUNDAY LUNCHEON** – April, 5 everyone is invited to our fish luncheon. This traditional meal brings the community together and financially supports our church. St. Nicholas's kitchen will delight you once again!

**THE HONORABLE SIMONA FLOREA, CONSUL GENERAL OF ROMANIA IN NEW YORK-** will visit our parish on April 5, 2026 to meet, talk and get closer to our Romanian community from Worcester area. This year she wishes to focus on Massachusetts communities as she is newly appointed as Consul General in New York. Our parish invite you all to meet her and her beloved husband Marian Florea on this glorious day – Palm Sunday and if you have any consular questions or needs, now is the time to bring them up.

**MEMORY ETERNAL!** Saturday, April 4th Memorial Service for Cristian Dumitriu 4 years, son of Maria Dumitriu. May our Loving Lord comfort Mrs. Maria and all of her family and may rest Cristian in peace!

**BAKING ORDERS FOR EASTER** - If you have family or friends who would like pitas, pastry, or pastry platters for the holiday, please make sure you get the orders in on time! Please contact Betty Anderson by email: (bettya16@verizon.net) or by phone 508-353-9449.

**THE GREAT FRIDAY CHILDREN'S RETREAT** - for the younger children and youth will be held on Friday, April 10 starting at 3:30 pm, and concluding with a celebration of Great Vespers at 6:00 pm. And Lamentation. Older children and teens are also welcome to participate.

**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**



"Not all of man's needs have the same value, but some are higher and others lower; and the moderate fulfillment of them brings peace to man. Spiritual needs are the highest, and when these are fulfilled, then there is peace even if the others remain unfulfilled. But when spiritual needs remain unfulfilled, even if the others are fully fulfilled, peace is not possible. This is why their fulfillment is called the only thing that is needed."

Saint Theophan the Recluse 1815 – 1891

### ***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 10:32-45

At that time, Jesus took his twelve disciples, and he began to tell them what was to happen to him, saying, "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem; and the Son of man will be delivered to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death, and deliver him to the Gentiles; and they will mock him, and spit upon him, and scourge him, and kill him; and after three days he will rise." And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him, and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." And he said to them, "What do you want me to do for you?" And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?" And they said to him, "We are able." And Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared." And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant of James and John. And Jesus called them to him and said to them, "You know that those who are supposed to rule over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great men exercise authority over them. But it shall not be so among you; but whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of man also came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

### ST. NICHOLAS

**FISH LUNCHEON - April 5, 12:00 PM**

**St. Nicholas Church invites you to celebrate a memorable day together on Palm Sunday!**

**An Agape Meal, or as we like to call it "Love Feast" is an ancient tradition of table fellowship, also helping and supporting our church.**

**The meal includes breaded fish fillets served with rice and mixed veggies. Crackers, fruits, salad served with fresh bread or pita. Lenten sweets for dessert.**

**The drinks are on us!**

**We hope to see you all on April 5th.**

**Suggested donations \$ 35**



# Consulate General of Romania



## Community meeting and official visit

**The Honorable Simona  
Florea**

Consul General of  
Romania in New York



- April 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

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



102 Russell St. Worcester, MA 01609

## 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*

## A Classical Pan-Orthodox Christian Academy in Worcester EDUCATING HEARTS & MINDS!

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we will have an Orthodox Christian Elementary  
school in Worcester, Massachusetts.

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help make history!

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## HOLY TRINITY NEWS

March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2026

EXTRA! EXTRA! READ ALL ABOUT IT!

We're thrilled to share some exciting news our facility has officially earned a **5-Star Overall Rating** on March 26, 2026, from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS).

This outstanding achievement reflects our unwavering commitment to excellence, high-quality service, and the exceptional experience we strive to provide each and every day.

Earning this recognition is no small feat. It represents the dedication, compassion, and hard work of our entire team, who go above and beyond to ensure that every individual we serve receives the highest level of care and attention. It also speaks to the trust and support of our community, which inspires us to continuously improve and grow.

We believe that a 5-star rating is more than just a milestone, it's a promise. A promise to maintain the highest standards, to keep listening and learning, and to always meet the needs of those we serve first. As we celebrate this accomplishment, we remain focused on the future and committed to delivering excellence in everything we do.



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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!

## 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