

Saint Nicholas Romanian Orthodox Church Shrewsbury Massachusetts

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WEEKLY BULLETIN **Sunday April 05, 2026**



The Sixed Sunday of Great Lent
PALM SUNDAY

Apostolic Reading: Hebrews 9:11-14;

Gospel: Mark 10:32-45;

**(The Entrance of our Lord into Jerusalem)
Everything According to the Feast)**



Weekly Liturgical Services

Saturday: 9:30 a.m. - Akathist;

10:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy;

11:30 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.

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. JOHN 12:1-18

"Six days before Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus was, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. There they made him a supper; Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at table with him. Mary took a pound of costly ointment of pure nard and anointed the feet of Jesus and wiped his feet with her hair; and the house was filled with the fragrance of the ointment. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (he who was to betray him), said "Why was this ointment not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?" This he said, not that he cared for the poor but because he was a thief, and as he had the money box he used to take what was put into it. Jesus said, "Let her alone, let her keep it for the day of my burial. The poor you always have with you, but you do not always have me." When the great crowd of the Jews learned that he was there, they came, not only on account of Jesus but also to see Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. So the chief priests planned to put Lazarus also to death, because on account of him many of the Jews were going away and believing in Jesus. The next day a great crowd who had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!" And Jesus found a young donkey and sat upon it; as it is written, "Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!" His disciples did not understand this at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that this had been written of him and had been done to him. The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead bore witness. The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign."

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 baked potatoes and mixed veggies. Crackers, fruits, salad served with fresh bread or pita. Lenten sweets for dessert. Fish sticks & French fries for kids 12 and under.

The drinks are on us!

We hope to see you all on April 5th.

Suggested donations \$ 35 for adults & 15 for Kids

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE FOR HOLY WEEK

Holy Monday - April 6, 2026 - 6:00 p.m. Bridegroom Service

Holy Tuesday - April 7, 2026 - 6:00 p.m.- Bridegroom Service

Holy Wednesday - April 8, 2026 - 6:00 p.m. Bridegroom Service

Holy Thursday - April 9, 2026 – 9:00 Divine Liturgy;
6:00 p.m. - Holy Passions (12 Gospels)

Holy Friday - April 10, 2026: -1:30 p.m. Royal Hours.

- 3:30 p.m. Great Friday Children’s Retreat

- 5:00 p.m. Descend from the Cross Service

- 6:00 p.m. Bridegroom Service- Lamentation (Prohodul)

Great and Holy Saturday - April 11, 2026 - 9:30 a.m. Vespertal Liturgy of St. Basil

HOLY PASCHA

April 11, 2026 - 11:15 p.m. Vigil of Pascha

- 11:30 p.m. Resurrection Service

April 12, 2026: - 12:00 a.m. Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom - Agape meal - Potluck

- 12:00 p.m. Vespers

- 01:00 p.m. Egg hunting

Monday Second Day of Pascha - April 13 - 9:00 a.m. Matins

- 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

Tuesday Third Day of Pascha – April 14 - 9:00 a.m. Matins

-10:00 a.m. Divine liturgy

Friday-Theotokos of the Life-giving Spring – April 17 - 9:00 a.m. Matins

- 10:00 a.m. Divine liturgy

Sunday of St. Thomas - April 19 - 9:00 a.m. Matins

- 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy – Sunday of Thomas

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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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



ELECTRONICS RECYCLING EVENT

SATURDAY, MAY 16th, 2026
9:00 AM — 2:00 PM

 **St Nicholas Church • Parking Lot**
34 Gold Street, Shrewsbury MA

What You Can Bring/ Cost to You:

\$5
EACH

Computer Towers, Laptops, DVD Players, VCR's, Small Printers, Stereos, Radios, Alarm Clocks, Speakers, Video Game Consoles, Table Lamps, Fans, Hair Dryers, Curling Irons, Projectors, Paper Shredders, Power Tools, Drills, Cameras, Clocks, Trophies, Frying Pans, Holiday Lights, Other Small Electronics.

\$10
EACH

Small Household Appliances, Vacuum Cleaners/RoboVac, Toaster Ovens, Ceiling Fans, Floor Lamps, Air Fryers, Electric Grills, Hot Plates, Small Radiators, Keyboard Pianos, Coffee Makers, Ice Makers, Small Garbage Disposal, Sewing Machines, Car Seats.

\$20
EACH

Flat Screen Computer Monitors, Microwaves, Dehumidifiers, Air Conditioners, Water Coolers, Large Printers/Copiers, Leaf Blowers, Chainsaws, Heat Lamps, Artificial Christmas Trees, Fire Extinguishers, Propane Tanks (Empty).

\$25
EACH

TVs up to 26," CRT Monitors, Outdoor Grills, Dorm Sized Refrigerators

\$30
EACH

TVs between 26" and 35," White Goods, Washing Machines, Dryers, Stoves, Dishwashers, Large Appliances, Large Yard Equipment, Treadmills, Exercise Equipment, Snow Blowers, Lawn Mowers, Rototillers, Large Generators, Motors, Water Tanks

\$35
EACH

TVs over 36," Large Refrigerators, Ride-On Lawn Mowers.

\$40
EACH

Projection TVs

FREE!

(Cash Donations Appreciated)

Bicycles (Reusable), Cell Phones, Keyboards, Tablets, Video Game Media and Accessories, Wires, Cables, Batteries, Chargers, VHS/DVD's.

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Questions, Business Clean Outs or Event Hosting?

Contact:



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CASH PREFERRED, VENMO, CHECKS (OVER \$30)



HOLY TRINITY WEEKLY NEWS

April 5th, 2026

“Sweet April showers do spring **May flowers.**” — Thomas Tusser

Holy Trinity Weekly

This week at Holy Trinity has been filled with happiness, creativity, and fun celebrations!

Residents had a colorful and creative time during our spring painting activity! Everyone enjoyed expressing themselves with bright, cheerful colors, bringing the beauty of the season to life on paper. The session encouraged creativity, social connection, and plenty of smiles, making it a delightful way to celebrate spring together.



Residents had a blast during our balloon toss and scarf activity! Laughter filled the room as everyone worked together to keep the balloons in the air. The game encouraged friendly competition, teamwork, and plenty of smiles, making it a fun and energetic way to enjoy time together.



Staying active boosts your mood, energy, and overall health even a little movement each day makes a difference.



When residents come together through activities, simple moments turn neighbors into a true community.

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