

Saint Nicholas Romanian Orthodox Church Shrewsbury Massachusetts

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WEEKLY BULLETIN **Sunday May 10, 2026**



The Fifth Sunday of Pascha
Apostolic Reading: Acts 11:19-30;
Gospel: John 4:5-42;
(The Sunday of the Samaritan Woman)
Tone 4 † Resurrection Gospel 7

CHRIST IS RISEN! TRULY HE IS RISEN!



Weekly Liturgical Services

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. - Matins;
10:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy;
11:30 a.m. - Coffee Hour.

WEEKLY NEWS

MAY 10 – YOU ARE INVITES TO MOTHER’S DAY BRUNCH – Please see flyer below for details!
This event is organized and sponsored by Cristina Iusco Branco and Psa. Claudia Aileni.

MIRACULOUS HOLY CROSS - A sacred relic - a piece of the Holy Cross on which our Lord Jesus Christ was crucified for our salvation will come to our church on Wednesday, May 13 from 3:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Father Ioannis expressed the desire to come to our church and we are grateful for this blessed gift. We know that by touching the body of the faithful the Holy Cross not only identifies the sickness but it also cures it. There are many miracles that had happened, I just want to reveal to you two cases:

- an young man was declared paralyzed from his waist down left the hospital on his feet;
 - two blind young men that were blind in Chicago received their eye sight after being touched with the Holy Cross.
- Let's join together in prayer for this great blessing and pray to God to heal our souls and bodies! Amin!

E-RECYCLING DAY - AN ELECTRONICS/WHITE GOODS, ETC. RECYCLING day is set for Saturday, May 16, from 9 - 2. If you're able and willing to help during the event, please call Stephen Ellis at (774) 275-7919 or email him at stephenellis6363@gmail.com. Let's have a fun day!!! Enjoying the weather, hot dogs, and much more!

MEMORIAL DAY - Monday, May, 25th Fr. Vasile will be at Hope Cemetery from 10:00 am. The common Memorial Service will be at noon at the Altar of the Hope Cemetery. If you would like Fr. Vasile to visit a grave in another cemetery, please contact him to make arrangements: 508 320-0645 or fr.vasileaileni@gmail.com

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

We thank to Livia Dinu for generously sponsoring our coffee hour \$300 for upcoming Sundays!

Weekly Reflection



"Jesus becomes obedient to the Father, healing our own disobedience (...) and becomes for us the model of obedience without which there is no salvation."

Saint John Damascene 676 - 7491727 - 1783

A Prayer of Fr. Laurence

LET US PRAY TO THE LORD! O Lord, Jesus Christ, our God and master! It was your good pleasure to become one of us by taking flesh of the holy virgin, to be born into this world, to lie speechless in a manger, and to be baptized by John, though you had no need of any sort of purification. At the time of mid pentecost, you went up to the temple and taught the crowds, who were in utter amazement at your wisdom when they knew you had no teachers. They did not know that you are in fact the wisdom of the Father and the creator of all things. On this day, O lover of humanity, make us, your sinful and un-worthy servants, worthy of worshiping you and glorifying you, and of joyfully sharing in your holy mysteries. Inspire all our authorities with your wisdom and understanding, and lead them always to serve your people in justice and love. Support our brothers and sisters in all their troubles, wherever they may be, and give rest to all the departed. Keep all those here present in unity of mind and heart, and preserve us all from enslavement to our enemies, visible or invisible. When you come to judge the living and the dead, grant us the gift of meeting you freed of the burden of our sins and without fear of condemnation. For you are the king of peace and the savior of our souls, and to you we give glory, together with your eternal Father and your all-holy, good, and life-giving Spirit: now and forever, and unto ages of ages. Amen!



The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. JOHN 4:5-42

"At that time, Jesus came to a city of Samaria, called Sychar, near the field that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and so Jesus, wearied as he was with his journey, sat down beside the well. It was about the sixth hour. There came a woman of Samaria to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans. Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink, ' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have nothing to draw with, and the well is deep; where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well, and drank from it himself, and his sons, and his cattle?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will thirst again, but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst; the water that I shall give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, that I may not thirst, nor come here to draw. Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and he whom you now have is not your husband; this you said truly." The woman said to him, "Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. Our fathers worshiped on this mountain; and you say that Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will

worship the Father in spirit and truth, for such the Father seeks to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that the Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ); when he comes, he will show us all things." Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am he. Just then his disciples came. They marveled that he was talking with a woman, but none said, "What do you wish?" or, "Why are you talking with her?" So the woman left her water jar, and went away into the city and said to the people, "Come, see a man who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?" They went out of the city and were coming to him. Meanwhile the disciples besought him, saying "Rabbi, eat." But he said to them, "I have food to eat of which you do not know." So the disciples said to one another, "Has anyone brought him food?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me, and to accomplish his work. Do you not say, 'There are yet four months, then comes the harvest'? I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see how the fields are already white for harvest. He who reaps receives wages, and gathers fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor; others have labored, and you have entered into their labor. Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony. "He told me all that I ever did." So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of your words that we believe, for we have heard ourselves, and we know that this is indeed Christ the Savior of the world."



You are invited to Mother's Day
Brunch

Bring your mother, grandmother,
stepmother, godmother, mother in law, sister
in law, best friend, and of course YOU!


May 10th, after Divine Liturgy.

*Men and children are welcomed as well

Menu

Omelette, bacon, sausages, croissants, bagels, fruit,
cake, pastries, mimosa, wine.

\$20 per person



PAPA GIOANNI'S FATHER IOANNIS SCHEDULE

† SFÂNTA CRUCE FĂCĂTOARE DE MINUNI †

(O părticică din Sfânta Cruce pe care
Mântuitorul nostru Iisus Hristos a fost
răstignit pentru mântuirea noastră)

Sfânta Cruce va fi
adusă spre închinare.

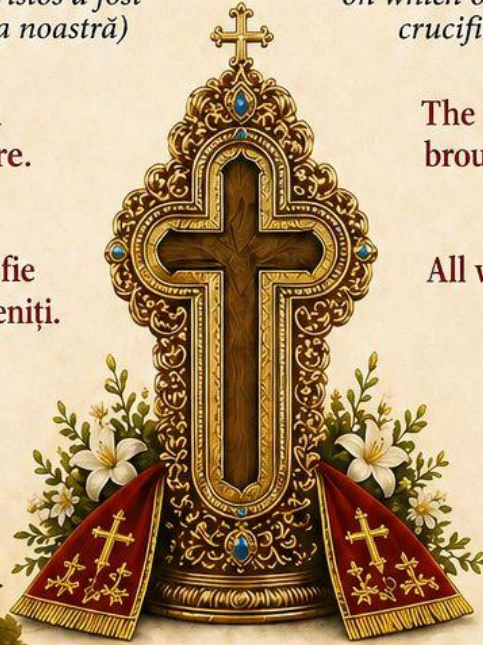
Toți cei care doresc să fie
binecuvântați sunt bineveniți.

† MIRACULOUS HOLY CROSS †

(A sacred relic – a piece of the Cross
on which our Lord Jesus Christ was
crucified for our salvation)

The Holy Cross will be
brought for veneration.

All who wish to be blessed
are welcome.



† MIERCURI
13 MAI †



Pr. VASILE
BISERICA ORTODOXĂ
SF. NICOLAE
SHREWSBURY, MA
15:00 – 20:00

† WEDNESDAY
MAY 13 †



Fr. VASILE
SAINT NICHOLAS
ORTHODOX CHURCH
SHREWSBURY, MA
3:00 – 8:00 PM

† VINERI
15 MAI †



BISERICA ORTODOXĂ
ROMÂNĂ SF. MIHAIL
SOUTHBRIDGE, MA
12:00 – 21:00

† FRIDAY
MAY 15 †



SAINT MICHAEL
ROMANIAN
ORTHODOX CHURCH
SOUTHBRIDGE, MA
12:00 – 9:00 PM

† SÂMBĂȚĂ
16 MAI †



ÎNVIEREA DOMNULUI
BISERICA ORTODOXĂ
62 HARVARD AVE, BOSTON
12:00 – BINECUVÂNTARE
CU SFÂNTA CRUCE
18:00 – 19:00 – SLUJBA
– CONTINUĂ BINECUVÂNTAREA

† SATURDAY
MAY 16 †



HOLY RESURRECTION
ORTHODOX CHURCH
62 HARVARD AVE, BOSTON
12:00 – BLESSING WITH
HOLY CROSS
6:00 – 7:00 PM – SERMON
– CONTINUE BLESSING

† DUMINICĂ
17 MAI †



MĂNĂSTIREA
SF. DEMETRIE
DIN TESALONIC
162 EDGELL RD
FRAMINGHAM, MA

† SUNDAY
MAY 17 †



ST. DEMETRIOS OF
THESSALONIKI
MONASTERY
162 EDGELL RD
FRAMINGHAM, MA

LITURGHIE
9:00 – 10:30

†
APOI BINECUVÂNTARE
CU SFÂNTA CRUCE



LITURGY

9:00 – 10:30 AM

†
THEN BLESSING WITH
HOLY CROSS

† BINECUVÂNTAREA SFINTEI CRUCI
SĂ FIE PESTE VOI TOȚI. AMIN. †

† MAY THE BLESSINGS OF
THE HOLY CROSS BE WITH YOU ALL. AMEN. †

Consulate General of Romania In New York



Itinerary Consulate At St. Nicholas Church 34 Gold Street Shrewsbury Massachusetts

June 6th 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

June 7th 11:30 Am - 2:30 PM

- passports
- Romanian citizenship
- IDs
- Serviciile consulare se efectuează NUMAI pe bază de programare online la www.econsulat.ro
(<http://www.econsulat.ro/>)

St. Nicholas Orthodox Church

Young Adult Retreat

Friday May 22 - Sunday May 24 here at Saint Michael Orthodox Church in Southbridge, MA

Guest speaker **Fr. Peter Heers**, priest, professor, author, speaker, translator, publisher, and host of *The Orthodox Ethos* podcast.

Prices:

Full program: \$100 (includes two lectures, five meals, and activities)

Saturday only: \$65 (Includes lecture, two meals, and activities. Open to all ages!)

Family discounts and financial support are available; contact joshua@seigler.net.

Register



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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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/Robots, 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

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\$40
EACH

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HOLY TRINITY WEEKLY NEWS

May 10th, 2026

“Start where you are. Use what you have. Do what you can.” — Arthur Ashe

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Our residents had such a great time at our activity today. They crafted up decorations for National Nursing Home Week. Our Activities Department was right there in the middle of it all, bringing the energy and making sure everyone felt included. Staff joined in alongside residents, sharing laughs, staying active, and really making it a special time together. It was one of those moments where you could feel the joy smiles, movement, and plenty of fun from start to finish.



We're excited to introduce our newly updated patio area, welcoming outdoor space designed for residents and their families to relax, connect, and enjoy the beautiful weather. Whether it's sharing some quality time to gather for conversation, or simply soaking up some sunshine, the patio offers a comfortable and inviting setting for everyone. We look forward to seeing this space become a favorite spot for making memories all season long.

BEFORE



AFTER



STAY CONNECTED: Like our Facebook. 

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
- All donation and support is welcomed and really appreciated!

ACHIEVEMENTS:

- Insulated the walls and the ceiling of the church;
- Repaired the AC on the roof top unit and the annually maintenance;
- Fixed the sink, a toilet and the light in the ladies' restroom.