



**Saint Nicholas Romanian Orthodox Church Shrewsbury Massachusetts**  
**Biserica Ortodoxă Română Sfântul Nicolae Shrewsbury Massachusetts**

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**WEEKLY BULLETIN**  
**Sunday May 21, 2023**



***This Week's News***

**MEMORIAL DAY** is Monday, May 29th. Fr. Vasile will be at Hope Cemetery from 10:00 am. The common Memorial Service will be at noon at the Altar in Hope. If you would like Fr. Vasile to visit a grave in another cemetery, please contact him to make arrangements: 508 320-0645

**FROM THE KITCHEN:** Are you attending or sponsoring a special occasion? St. Nick's Kitchen has your answer, YES, we can help. Why not bring a delicious spinach, leek, egg/cheese pitas, baklava, koulourakia, kouroubia, special pastry platters both small and large. Contact Betty Anderson at [bettya16@verizon.net](mailto:bettya16@verizon.net) or (508) 353-9449 for special pricing and options.

**WALK FOR THE HOMELESS** - On May 21, we would like to invite everyone to join us for two events: A Walk for the Homeless and a Dinner Meeting at St. Spyridon. Feel free to attend both or just one, as time permits. Father Mark Doku from St. Mary's Church will be the guest speaker. Please help us spread the word. See flyer below.

**ALBANIAN FESTIVAL** - will take place on June 2, 3 and 4 here at St. Mary's. See flyer below.

**St. George Orthodox Cathedral in Worcester** will host a 3-day Middle Eastern Festival from June 9-11. Bring your whole family and come enjoy Middle Eastern food, live music and entertainment for the whole family. Check out our website: [worcestermiddleeasternfest.com](http://worcestermiddleeasternfest.com) and facebook event page: <https://fb.me/e/zsEgw6hl>. See flyers below.

Looking for a daytime home health care aide for an elderly family member from May 8 through June 24, Monday through Friday. We are a family looking for an experienced in-house health care aide to provide daytime support for our mother. We need coverage from 7:30 am -4pm, or 8-4:30pm, Monday through Friday. If you are interested in this position, please contact Fr. Vasile.

**OUR NEW WEBSITE** is up and running, I invite you use it as a modern and easy way of getting important information for the benefit of our faith and community.

<http://www.stnicholaschurch.org/>

**CHRIST IS RISEN!**

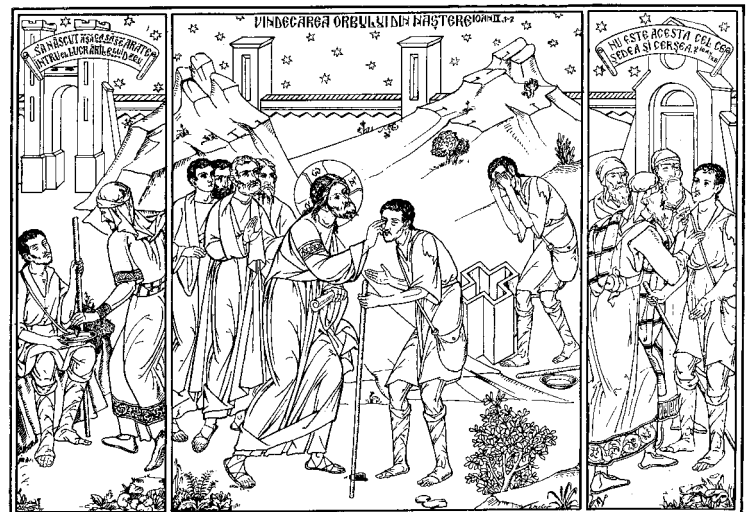


***The Sixth Sunday After Pascha***

***Apostolic Reading: Acts 16:16-34; † Gospel: John 9:1-38***

***(Sunday of the Man Born Blind)***

***Tone 5 † Resurrection Gospel 8***



**Kontakion of Sun. of the Blind Man**

**I come to You, O Christ, as the man blind from birth. With the eyes of my soul blinded, I cry out to You in repentance, "You are the resplendent Light of those in darkness."**

**Happy Feast Day to our Metropolia!**

**In the occasion of celebration of our Metropolia's Feast Day, Fr. Vasile Aileni and his Parish wish His Eminence, our Father, Archbishop and Metropolitan Nicolae, all the clergy and the parishioners, many healthy and prosperous years!**

## NAMEDAYS

*May 21 - The Holy Equals to the Apostles Constantine and Helen*

*Rev. Fr. Dean Paleologos, Constantine Apostol, Elaine Apostola, Konstantin Charalambides, Presvytera Eleni Christakos, Amalia Helene Collins, Hannah Constance Datz, Dina Entwistle, Lana Eleni Ermilio, Iliana Victoria Fahey, Elena Galeriu, Constanta Papit, Eleni Polymeros, Elena Prelipcean, Elaine Rocheford, Dina K. Salerno, Elaine Tanacea, Dean Valoras.*



### Kontakion

Today, Constantine with his mother Helen present the Cross, the most precious wood. It shames unbelievers. It is a weapon of faithful kings against their adversaries. A great sign has come forth for us which is awesome in battle.



**Happy Birthday!**  
**God Grant You Many More Years!!**

May 16 – Gheorghina Shaheen  
May 20 - Theodhoraq Lolo  
May 30 – Hannah Constance Datz

### Let us Pray for the good health of:

Andrei, Mark, Irene - Ekaterina,  
Psa Aza, Betty Ekaterina, Psa  
Ileana, Luiza, Andrew, Margareta,  
Joanne, Deborah for their helath  
and for their salvation!  
Amin!

### Dates to remember:

Thursday, May 25-Holy Ascension  
Sat, June 3 - Saturday of the Dead  
Sun, June 4 - Pentecost



### *A Prayer of Fr. Laurence*

LET US PRAY TO THE LORD, Sweet Jesus, our saviour: We who enjoy the effulgence of the sun and who delight in the luminescence of the moon give thanks to you for the gifts of light and sight. In our good fortune, most of us have never actually known the meaning of being blind, and we cannot even begin to appreciate what a life of total darkness is. You, however, know all things, so your understanding and tenderness brought you to bestow a twofold enlightenment on that poor fellow who had been deprived of sight from his mother's womb. As we commemorate his healing during this paschal season, we entreat you to preserve us from all interior blindness that we may always see reality as it is in fact, and live accordingly. For you are the healer of our souls and bodies, Christ our God, and we give you glory, together with your eternal Father and your all-holy, good, and lifegiving Spirit: now and forever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.



**Fr. Josiah Trenham** is coming to Holy Archangel Michael's Romanian Church (known as Saint Michael's) in Southbridge on **May 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>** for a **Young Adult Weekend Retreat** and to give an overlapping **conference** open to all ages (see attached flyers).

Fr. Josiah is currently one of **the most famous Orthodox Priests** in the country. He has led many people to Orthodoxy and written some **fantastic books** like *Rock & Sand*. **Tucker Carlson** did a little story on him not that long ago. Father Trenham has a huge following. He is in constant demand and we are very blessed to have him fly all the way from California for our community. For full bio see attachment. Please pass on the info and plan to attend the full Young Adults Retreat (ages 18-35), or just his public speaking event and luncheon on **Saturday, May 27<sup>th</sup>**, if you are over or under the ages of 18-35. The conference open to all ages will be held at the **Southbridge Hotel & Conference Center**, since we are expecting Orthodox Christians from all over New England and other states to attend. We have negotiated a very reasonable group rate at this hotel for those who need overnight accommodations – see Registration form on our website. For those attending the **Young Adults Retreat** there are additional options for accommodations also found on our registration form. See flyer below.

## Liturgical Schedule

Day	Date	Time	Service Type
May			
Sunday	7-May	9:00	Matins
		10:00	The Fourth Sunday after Pascha (Sunday of the Paralytic)
Sunday	14-May	9:00	Matins
		10:00	The Fifth Sunday after Pascha (The Sunday of the Samaritan Woman)
Sunday	21-May	9:00	Matins
		10:00	†) The Sixth Sunday after Pascha (The Sunday of Man Born Blind) St. Constantine & Helen, Equal-to-the Apostles
Thursday	25-May	9:00	Matins
		10:00	(†) The Holy Ascension
Sunday	28-May	9:00	Matins
		10:00	The Seventh Sunday after Pascha Fathers of the 1st Council (Lord's Prayer)

## HOLY TRINITY NEWS May 21, 2023

### **THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY:**

- Wednesday, May 24th: Music with Bill McCarthy and the MAY Birthday Party at 2:00 pm
- Friday, May 26th: Music with Rusty Guertin at 2:00 pm

If you and your friends would like to attend any of these events, you are definitely welcome! Contact [Donna Benard](#) on the Activities Staff by [e-mail](#) or call at: 508-852-1000, with your questions.

**MASK UPDATE:** Masks are no longer required for Holy Trinity residents, staff and visitors. This decision was made after careful consideration including input from the Department of Public Health and recognizing the continued low transmission rate in the Worcester area. While the mask protocol has been relaxed, some may choose to continue to wear masks. As such, masks will be provided for those who need them. In addition, if you are not feeling well or have any symptoms, please refrain from visiting at this time. All staff and visitors will still be required to sign in at the reception desk.

The ongoing goal is to ensure that all residents, staff and visitors are safe and healthy. Community transmission rates will continue to be monitored and mask protocol may be adjusted as necessary. Your cooperation and commitment is appreciated. Work together we will mitigate any exposure risk

**DIVINE LITURGY** is celebrated every Wednesday morning at 9:30 am. Please, keep Holy Trinity, its staff, directors, residents, and families in your prayers. You are always welcomed to attend Liturgy and visit with the residents! They'd really appreciate it.

**FROM A FORMER BOARD MEMBER:** "Everybody in the Rehab unit — Doctors, Nurses, Physical Therapy, and Occupational Therapy — helped with kindness and professionalism to bring me back to some sort of normalcy. Thankfully, I *have* made many friends at Holy Trinity in my three week stay. Please thank the entire staff in the Rehab unit and everyone at the Holy Trinity. Every and anyone one that needs help should not hesitate to be a part of the Holy Trinity Rehabilitation Center."

**STAY CONNECTED.** Be sure to like our [Facebook page](#) for frequent updates and photos.

COUNCIL OF EASTERN ORTHODOX CHURCHES  
OF CENTRAL MASSACHUSETTS IN COOPERATION WITH

THE 37th ANNUAL  
**WALK FOR THE HOMELESS** |  cmha  
Central Massachusetts  
Housing Alliance, Inc.  
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**SUNDAY, MAY 21 2023**  
38TH ANNUAL WALK FOR THE HOMELESS

The Walk begins at Elm Park across from Saint Spyridon  
at 1 pm. CONNECT meets at 4 pm. Food will be provided.



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**WILL MEET AT ST. SPYRIDON AT 4 PM**  
**PARTICIPATION IN THE WALK IS OPTIONAL**

St. Mary's Albanian Orthodox Church



535 Salisbury Street, Worcester, MA

# ALBANIAN FESTIVAL 2023

**Friday June 2<sup>nd</sup>**

5pm - 12am



**Saturday June 3<sup>rd</sup>**

12pm - 12am



**Sunday June 4<sup>th</sup>**

12pm - 8pm



**Celebrate The 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!**

Ethnic Food and Delicacies ★ Traditional Music and Dancing ★ Church Tours

Café and Pastries ★ Kids' Area ★ Snack Bar

[www.Albanianfestival.org](http://www.Albanianfestival.org)

**ST. GEORGE ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL**



**MIDDLE EASTERN  
FESTIVAL**

**JUNE 9-11**

**30 ANNA ST., WORCESTER**

**[WorcesterMiddleEasternFest.com](http://WorcesterMiddleEasternFest.com)**

Worcester County's Premier Middle Eastern Festival IS BACK!



JUNE 9-11, 2023

ST. GEORGE ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL  
30 Anna Street • Worcester, MA 01604



Friday, June 9 • 3 - 11 PM | Saturday, June 10 • NOON - 11 PM | Sunday, June 11 • NOON - 6 PM

## *Festival Highlights*

Authentic Middle Eastern Food prepared on site

All your favorites from kebobs to kibbe,  
shawarma sandwiches, stuffed grapeleaves,  
tabouli, hummus, pastries  
and much more!

Tour our beautiful cathedral  
and learn about  
Eastern Orthodox Christianity

Exciting Live Entertainment  
Dabke Dancing (and more)

Beer, wine and cocktails

Hookah • Marketplace

Children's Tent: A Place to Play

Fun, games, dancing, prizes  
and surprises!

Scan the  
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for festival updates,  
news and more!



WorcesterMiddleEasternFest.com



Andre Keedy  
Friday Night



George Hadchiti  
Friday Night



Chaddi Naddaf  
Saturday Night



Inas Alawam  
Saturday Night



George Maalouf  
Sunday Afternoon

*Join us rain or shine under the big tent!*

## **PRESS RELEASE**

**Contact:** Bobi Koukounaris  
EOK Scholarship Fund Chair  
**[scholarship@hellenicwomensclub.org](mailto:scholarship@hellenicwomensclub.org)**

**Date:** May 1, 2023

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### **The Hellenic Women's Club is accepting applications for \$5,000 scholarships for the 2023/2024 academic year**

BOSTON, MA - The **Hellenic Women's Club, Inc., EOK**, is pleased to announce that they are accepting applications for \$5,000 scholarships for the 2023/2024 academic year.

In 2011, the **EOK Scholarship Fund** was established in recognition of The Hellenic Women's Club's 75th anniversary. Each year, scholarships of \$5,000 are awarded based on academic merit, community service, and leadership efforts. Recipients are presented at the Mistletoe Ball to be held this year on Saturday, November 25, 2023. To date, EOK has given \$370,000 to women who are dedicated to pursuing their higher education goals.

Young women of Greek descent, who are residents of Massachusetts or who are attending a college/university in Massachusetts, are invited to apply. View the full list of scholarship requirements **[HERE](#)**.

Required materials for a complete application include:

**[Scholarship Application](#)**  
**[Personal Recommendation Form](#)**  
**[Scholarship Checklist](#)**

The deadline for submitting a scholarship application is June 30, 2023. For more information about the 2023/2024 EOK Scholarships, please contact Bobi Koukounaris, EOK Scholarship Fund Chair: **[scholarship@hellenicwomensclub.org](mailto:scholarship@hellenicwomensclub.org)**.



Holy Archangel Michael's Romanian Orthodox Church presents

# SPEAKER EVENT

with Fr. Josiah Trenham

*"Reflections of the Conscience"*

Guest Speaker  
**FR. JOSIAH  
TRENHAM**



**MAY 27, 2023  
11AM-2PM**

**\$65 per person**

**EVENT DETAILS:**

- Admission for Saturday
- Restaurant Lunch
- Conference with Fr. Josiah Trenham
- Q & A Session

**Southbridge Hotel & Conference Center**

14 Mechanic Street Southbridge, MA 01550

## Schedule

*Young Adult Retreat 2023*



*Friday, May 26*

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| ➤ 5:00 pm - 5:30 pm  | Welcome & Registration                                |
| ➤ 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm  | Ice breakers (games/exercises)                        |
| ➤ 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm  | Dinner  |
| ➤ 7:30 pm - 8:00 pm  | Preparation for Fr. Josiah's talk                     |
| ➤ 8:00 pm - 9:00 pm  | The Prayer Rules - Prayer in the Orthodox life (Talk) |
| ➤ 9:00 pm - 10:00 pm | Q & A session with a bonfire                          |

**\*Fr. Josiah's talk on FRIDAY is only for young adults (18-35).**

# Schedule

*Speaker Event*



*Saturday, May 27*

- ▶ **10:30 am** Registration & Welcome
- ▶ **11:00 am - 12:00 pm** Reflections on the Conscience (Talk) with Fr. Josiah
- ▶ **12:00 am - 1:00 pm** Lunch
- ▶ **1:00 pm - 2:00 pm** Q&A session with Fr. Josiah

Southbridge Hotel & Conference Center  
14 Mechanic St, Southbridge, MA 01550

Guest Speaker  
**FR. JOSIAH  
TRENHAM**

HOLY ARCHANGEL MICHAEL'S  
ROMANIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH  
PRESENTS



Saint Silouan's

# YOUNG ADULT RETREAT SPRING EDITION

FAITH | FELLOWSHIP | ACTIVITIES | NATURE | MORE!

May 26  
5pm - 10pm

May 27  
8:30am - 8pm

**\$95**  
\*per person  
*Financial assistance  
is available on request*

Price includes the following: Admission for Friday and Saturday, **4 meals**,  
**2 conferences** with Fr. Josiah Trenham, workshops, and activities.

16 ROMANIAN AVE, SOUTHBRIDGE, MA

*Limited Space - First Come, First Serve*

*\*Fr. Josiah's talk on FRIDAY is only for young adults (18-35).*

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*Sunday Services: Matins at 9:00 am and Divine Liturgy at 10:00 am*