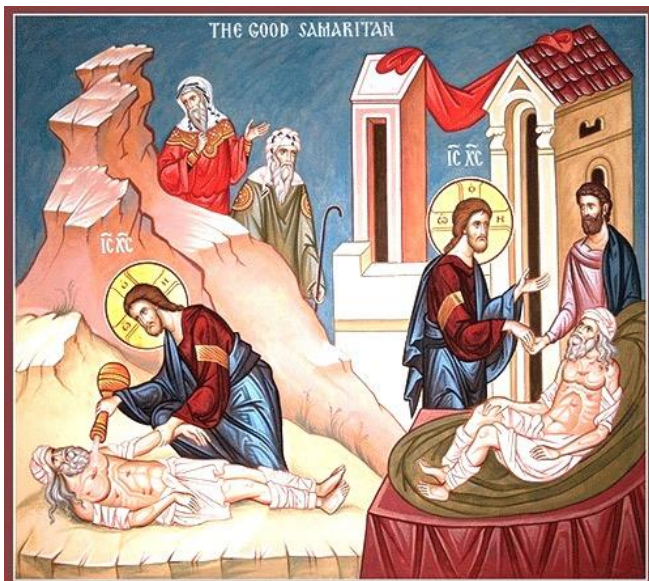




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**Twenty-Fifth Sunday after  
Pentecost**

## Resurrectional Apolytikion Tone 7

*By Thy Cross Thou didst abolish death;  
to the thief Thou didst open Paradise;  
Thou didst transform the myrrh-  
bearers' lamentation, and didst order  
Thine Apostles to preach that Thou art  
risen, O Christ our God, bestowing  
great mercy upon the world.*



## Seasonal Kontakion Tone 4

*The Savior's most pure and  
immaculate temple, the very precious  
bridal chamber and Virgin, who is the  
sacred treasure of the glory of God, on  
this day is introduced into the House  
of the Lord, and with herself she  
brings the grace of the divine Spirit.  
She is extolled by the angels of God. A  
heavenly tabernacle is she.*

**Prokeimenon. Mode Plagal 4.  
Psalm 75.11,1**

**Make your vows to the Lord our God and  
perform them.**

**Verse: God is known in Judah; his name is  
great in Israel.**

The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the  
Ephesians 4:1-7

Brethren, I, a prisoner for the Lord,  
beg you to lead a life worthy of the  
calling to which you have been called,  
with all lowliness and meekness, with  
patience, forbearing one another in  
love, eager to maintain the unity of  
the Spirit in the bond of peace. There  
is one body and one Spirit, just as you  
were called to the one hope that

belongs to your call, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of us all, who is above all and through all and in all. But grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ's gift.



### **The Gospel According to Luke 10:25-37**

At that time, a lawyer stood up to put Jesus to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? How do you read?" And he answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." And he said to him, "You have answered right; do this, and you will live."

But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him, and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him,

passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was; and when he saw him, he had compassion, and went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; then he set him on his own beast and brought him to an inn, and took care of him. And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, 'Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.' Which of these three, do you think, proved neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed mercy on him." And Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."



### **Word of the week – Reflection**

#### **St. Gregory Palamas**

Let not one think, my fellow Christian, that only priests and monks need to pray without ceasing and not laymen. No, no; every Christian without exception ought to dwell always in prayer.

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Prayer changes from entreaty to thanksgiving, and meditation on the divine truths of faith fills the heart with a sense of jubilation and unimpeachable hope. This hope is a foretaste of future blessings, of which the soul even now receives direct experience, and so it comes to know

in part the surpassing richness of God's bounty, in accordance with the Psalmist's words, 'Taste and know that the Lord is bountiful' (Ps. 34:8). For He is the jubilation of the righteous, the joy of the upright, the gladness of the humble, and the solace of those who grieve because of Him.

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If you put something fragrant on to burning coals, you motivate those who approach to come back again and stay near, but if instead you put on something with an unpleasant, oppressive smell, you repel them and drive them away. It is the same with the mind. If your attention is occupied with what is holy, you make yourself worthy of being visited by God, since this is the sweet savor which God catches scent of. On the other hand, if you nurture evil, foul, and earthly thoughts within you, you remove yourself from God's supervision and unfortunately make yourself worthy of His aversion.

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Life of the soul is union with God, as life of the body is union with the soul. As the soul was separated from God and died in consequence of the violation of the commandment, so by obedience to the commandment it is again united to God and is quickened. This is why the Lord says in the

Gospels, 'The words I speak to you are spirit and life' (Jn. 6:64).

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Every day we should stand in awe of Him, as He is with us, and do what is pleasing before Him. If we are unable now to perceive Him with our physical eyes, we can, if we are watchful, see Him continuously with the eyes of our understanding and not just see Him, but reap great benefits from Him.

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We know that prayer in and of itself cannot save us, but carrying it out before God can. For when the Lord's eyes are upon us He sanctifies us, as the sun warms everything upon which it shines.

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...if anyone looks with faith at the mystical table and the Bread of Life placed on it, he sees the Person of the Word of God, Who was made flesh for our sake and dwelt among us (John 1:14). If he shows himself a worthy receptacle, he will not only see but become a partaker of Him, receive Him to dwell within him, and be filled with His divine grace.





## Liturgical Schedule for this week

<b>Wednesday</b> <i>November 14</i>	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Divine Liturgy – Apostle Philip and St. Gregory Palamas; Advent Begins Paraklesis</b>
	<b>6:00 pm</b>	
<b>Friday</b> <i>November 16</i>	<b>6:00 pm</b>	<b>Akathist</b>
<b>Saturday</b> <i>November 17</i>	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Divine Liturgy &amp; Memorial Vespers and Litia</b>
	<b>5:00 pm</b>	
<b>Sunday</b> <i>November 18</i>	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Matins Divine Liturgy</b>
	<b>10:00 am</b>	

### Announcements:

- **Happpy birthday** to Max Yanka (Nov. 11<sup>th</sup>) and Brett Thomo (Nov. 12<sup>th</sup>).
- **Happpy name day** to Gregory Downie (Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> – St. Gregory Palams) and Matthew Dowling (Nov. 16<sup>th</sup> – Evangelist Matthew).
- **November 14 - Beginning of the Nativity Fast.** Between Nov. 20 and Dec. 17 fish is allowed every Saturday and Sunday and on major feasts days. Check the Calendar.
- **Memory Eternal** for **Philip Ziu** (November 14, St. Philip).
- **Bible study** – Thursday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30pm.
- **Ladies Christmas Luncheon** – December 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Today, November 11 - Everybody is invited to **our Banquet**. For Tickets ask Spiro Thomo.
- **November 16<sup>th</sup>** – "Addictions and the Passions: Helping Young Adults Live Healthy & Balanced Lives" – St. Spyridon, Worcester.
- St. Nicholas Church in Shrewsbury is holding a **Thanksgiving Bake Sale, Luncheon & Holiday Marketplace** on Saturday, November 17, from 9:00am to 3:00pm. Spinach, Leek, or Cheese Pita, Baklava, Ethnic Pastries, and traditional baked goods. Shop at the Holiday Marketplace where Vendors will feature gifts, jewelry, crafts, and specialty apparel. There will also be a luncheon served! For more information you may call: 508-845-0088, or e-mail: [info@StNicholasChurch.org](mailto:info@StNicholasChurch.org).



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