

Holy Trinity Hellenic Orthodox Church
Lowell, Massachusetts
His Eminence Metropolitan Methodios Presiding

January 31, 2016
15th Sunday of Luke

SUNDAY READINGS

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Note: All are welcome to receive the Blessed Bread (Antidoron), but only practicing Orthodox Christians can receive Holy Communion.

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Today's Calendar

- There will be no Coffee Hour today.
- 11:30 am – 1:00 pm – Open House at Hellenic American Academy
- 1:30 pm – Bus leaves for the Greek Letters Day Program at the Maliotis Center in Brookline.
- Parish Council Members on duty: Paris Karahalios, Angelos Kokkinos, Anna Manetta, Damon Manettas

This Week

**Tuesday, February 2 – Presentation of our Lord into the Temple – 9:00 am
Orthros; 10:00 am Divine Liturgy**

For Our Edification

Wear Red to Promote Heart Health Awareness

February is designated as Heart Health Awareness Month. The National Philoptochos Society has requested that all women celebrate by wearing something red to church next Sunday, February 7.

House Blessings

Father Nick is still blessing homes and businesses. Please call the office at (978) 458-8092 to schedule an appointment.

GOYA Winter Camp

This year's GOYA Winter Camp will be held from February 12-16 at the St. Methodios Faith and Heritage Center in Contoocook, NH for campers ages 12-18. Tuition is \$195. Scholarships are available. Call (603) 746-4400 or email mbcamp@tds.net for more information.

Religious Education Classes

Fr. Nick is conducting Religious Education Classes on Wednesday evenings at 5:30 pm and Tuesday mornings at 8:30 am.

Presentation of Our Lord and Savior into the Temple

When Christ was 40-days old, his parents, according to the Jewish tradition of that time, brought Him to the Temple. It was customary for them to offer a sacrifice to the Lord: a pair of turtledoves or two pigeons, depending on the family's status. St. Luke's Gospel tells us that when Joseph and Mary came to the Temple with the Infant Jesus, the Venerable Simon, who is described as being a "just and devout man," met them. God had promised him that he would not die until he had seen the coming of the Messiah, Who would bring deliverance to Israel. Also in the Temple was the Prophetess Anna, who also recognized that Jesus was destined for great things.

The custom of bringing babies to church on the 40th day continues down to our own day for both male and female children, and every mother who brings her newborn child to church on the 40th day is remembering the Presentation of our Lord Jesus.