

Holy Trinity Hellenic Orthodox Church

Lowell, Massachusetts

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November 20, 2016
9th 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.

Today's Calendar

- Memorial: 40-day for Kleonike Bentas
- **There will be no Coffee Hour today because of the elevator construction.**
- Parish Council members on duty: Damon Manettas, Joan Metropolis, Betty Themeles, Tina Themeles

NOTICE: 12:00 pm today is your last opportunity to submit applications for Parish Council and Auditor positions.

This Week

Monday, November 21 – Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple: Orthros 9:00 am; Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

Thursday, November 24 – Have a blessed Thanksgiving Day.

For Our Edification

Food Drive Donations Welcomed

The Open Pantry of Greater Lowell wishes to thank parishioners for their recent donation. The response of so many individuals and organizations is truly heartening for those that run the Open Pantry, as well as their recipients.

Since its inception, the Open Pantry has helped thousands of people. Each donation is a part of the ongoing work of this organization that truly fills an urgent need in the Greater Lowell community.

The Open Pantry, 200 Central St. in Lowell is open Monday through Thursday, from 9:00 am until 12:00 noon. Donations of food or money are always welcome. Special thanks are extended to Markos Zygouris in helping to deliver the food to the Open Pantry.

Coffee Hours Available

We are in need of hosts for Coffee Hours for December 11 and December 18. Please call the office at (978) 458-8092 to schedule.

Choir Seeks New Members

Additional voices are being sought for Sunday choir. Just go up to the choir loft and speak to organist/director Eileen Crowell. All ages are encouraged to participate.

Important Notice

While elevator construction is underway, the Church office is now located at the Hellenic American Academy. Please call (978) 458-8092 to schedule an appointment.

The Presentation of the Mother of God in the Temple

It was an ancient Jewish custom for some parents to dedicate a child to God and present him or her to the Temple. Joachim and Anna presented their daughter Mary to the Temple when she was three years old. She remained in the House of God with the holy men of the Temple for twelve years, emerging at the age of fifteen with a purity and wholesomeness found in no other creature of God. The years Mary spent in the Temple found her in spiritual preparation for the great role she would play in the story of salvation for mankind as the Mother of God. Mary was visited soon thereafter by the Archangel Gabriel, announcing that she would be the Mother of Christ.