

# Holy Trinity Hellenic Orthodox Church

Lowell, Massachusetts

Rev. Fr. Nikolaos D. Pelekoudas, Presbyter

December 4, 2016

*10<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Luke*

## SUNDAY READINGS

Epistle Reading Galatians 3:23-29; 4:1-5

Gospel Reading Luke 13:10-17

Creed

The Lord's Prayer

Communion Prayers (Before receiving)

Thanksgiving Prayers (After receiving)

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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

- George and Seth Theokas are hosting today's Coffee Hour in memory of Demitroula "Julie" Theokas, Timothy Theokas and Matthew Luminello.
- Parish Council Members on duty: Charles Hondros, Paris Karahalios, Anna Manetta, Damon Manettas

## This Week

**Monday, December 5** – Philoptochos Christmas Party – Four Oaks Country Club in Dracut – 5:30 pm

**Tuesday, December 6** – St. Nicholas the Wonderworker – 9:00 am Orthros; 10:00 am Divine Liturgy

**Thursday, December 8** – Parish Council Meeting – Church Hall – 6:30 pm

**Saturday, December 10** – D'Youville Senior Care Center Christmas Divine Liturgy & Coffee Hour – 10:00 am

## For Our Edification

### HAA Christmas Program

The Hellenic American Academy will be presenting a Christmas Concert on Thursday, December 15, at 6:30 pm. Everyone is invited to attend.

### Sunday School Hosting Pancake Breakfast

On Saturday, December 17, the Sunday School will be having their Annual Pancake Breakfast following a brief Orthros service at 9:00 am. All are welcome to attend this yearly tradition in the Church hall.

Each student is asked to bring a box of cereal to donate to the Food Bank.

### Christmas Pageant December 18

The Sunday School will be having their annual Christmas Pageant on Sunday, December 18, immediately following the Divine Liturgy.

### Coffee Hours Available

Please consider hosting a Coffee Hour in the New Year. Call the office at (978) 458-8092 to schedule.

### Christmas Services

On Saturday, December 24, the Eve of the Nativity of Christ, there will be a Vesperal Divine Liturgy at 6:00 pm.

On Sunday, December 25, the Nativity of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, Orthros will be at 9:00 am and Divine Liturgy at 10:00 am.

### St. Nicholas – December 6

There are many myths and legends about St. Nicholas, who is arguably the most popular saint in our Holy Orthodox Church. We know that he was the Archbishop of Myra in the early 4<sup>th</sup> century. His generosity has been well documented. He is the patron saint of children, sailors, and pawnbrokers.

In the Troparion for his Feast, he is called a *Model of Faith*, an *Example of Virtue*, and is praised for the *Sincerity of his Deeds*.

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### Important Reminder

The office is now located at the Hellenic American Academy. Call (978) 458-8092 to schedule an appointment.