

# Holy Trinity Hellenic Orthodox Church

Lowell, Massachusetts

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February 7, 2016

*16<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Matthew*

## SUNDAY READINGS

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| Epistle Reading                        | II Corinthians 6:1-10 | Page 89     |
| Gospel Reading                         | Matthew 25:14-30      | Page 90     |
| Creed                                  |                       | Pamphlet    |
| The Lord's Prayer                      |                       | Page 26     |
| Communion Prayers (Before receiving)   |                       | Pages 29-30 |
| Thanksgiving Prayers (After receiving) |                       | Pages 33-34 |
| Memorial Service                       |                       | Page 164    |

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

## Today's Calendar

- **Memorials: 40-day for Theodore Petroules; 1-year for Mary Marigo Sarris**
- **The Paneliakos Society of New England is sponsoring today's Artoclasia service.**
- **There is no Coffee Hour today.**
- **Parish Council members on duty: Joan Metropolis, Betty Themeles, Tina Themeles, Tom Themeles**
- **2:00 pm to 4:00 pm – Holy Trinity Sunday School Tubing at Nashoba Valley**

## This Week

**Monday, February 8 – HAA Open House – 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm**

**Monday, February 8 – First Call – General Assembly – 7:00 pm – Church Hall**

**Wednesday, February 10 – Haralambos the Martyr – Orthros 9:00 am; Divine Liturgy 10:00 am**

**Thursday, February 11 – Parish Council Meeting - Church Hall – 6:30 pm**

## For Our Edification

### **Go Red and Fight Heart Disease**

Today the Philoptochos reminds us to celebrate “Go Red” to help women fight heart disease. The Ladies have a little boxed treat (chocolate is good for you!) for all the women to remind them to get an annual physical exam.

### **Valentine Gifts for Sale**

Please help support the Philoptochos in funding their charities by purchasing one of their Valentine gifts for sale today.

### **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**

GOYA Winter Camp is being held from February 12-16 at the St. Methodios Faith and Heritage Center in Contoocook, NH for campers ages 12-18. Tuition is \$195 and scholarships are available. Call (603)746-4400 or email [mbcamp@tds.net](mailto:mbcamp@tds.net) for more information.

### **Haralambos, the Holy Martyr**

The Priest/Martyr Haralambos lived in the town of Magnesia in Asia Minor in the 2<sup>nd</sup> century. He humbly served the Lord his entire life, first as a parish priest and later as a bishop. Late in Haralambos' life, the Emperor launched a series of brutal persecutions of Christians. The aged bishop refused to hide. Instead, he openly preached Christ's Gospel, even after being arrested and ordered to denounce Him.

He was forced to endure tortures that are almost too terrible to describe. The example of his bravery actually won converts rather than discourage them. The Emperor ordered Haralambos to be executed by beheading. Miraculously, the saintly Bishop died only minutes prior to his appointed execution. It is said that the two men commissioned to carry out this sentence became Christians after witnessing the blessed manner in which Haralambos was called to his eternal home.

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We are happy to have you worshipping with us today.