

Holy Trinity Hellenic Orthodox Church

Lowell, Massachusetts

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April 3, 2016

Sunday of the Holy Cross

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

- An anonymous parishioner is sponsoring today's Coffee Hour.
- Parish Council members on duty: Lewis Demetroulakos, Athena Hayes, Charles Hondros, Paris Karahalios
- 1:00 pm – 22nd Annual Greek Independence Day Parade in Boston
- 6:00 pm - Sunday Lenten Vespers at St. George Antiochian Church

This Week

Monday, April 4 – Philoptochos Meeting – Church Hall – 6:30 pm

Wednesday, April 6 – Presanctified Liturgy – 4:00 pm

Friday, April 8 – Salutations to the Theotokos – 6:00 pm

For Our Edification

Sunday Lenten Vespers

The following is the remaining schedule for Sunday Lenten Vespers: April 10 – St. George Greek; April 17 - Assumption of the Virgin Mary.

Philoptochos Scholarships

Philoptochos will be awarding the following scholarships: (2) Philoptochos Scholarships (\$1,000 each); (1) Mary V. Kiafas Scholarship (\$1,000+).

Applications are available in the narthex and must be returned in the addressed envelope no later than June 1.

Alumni to Award Scholarships

Hellenic American Academy Alumni Association scholarship applications are available in the narthex. High school graduates and college students are eligible. All information is provided in the cover letter.

Honor Your Graduate

Graduation season is rapidly approaching and we would like to honor all high school and college graduates in the next issue of "The Communicator." Please submit your names by email to g4317p@aol.com. A bio and picture would be appreciated. On a Sunday yet to be announced in June, graduates will be honored after the Divine Liturgy.

Save the Date

A dinner/dance celebrating 110 years of academic excellence of the Hellenic American Academy will take place on Friday evening, May 6, at the Indian Ridge Country Club. Tickets are \$110 per person. For more information please contact hvaevents@aol.com.

Veneration of the Holy Cross

On this Third Sunday of Lent, we celebrate the Veneration of the Precious and Life-giving Cross. May we learn to use the symbol of the Cross not as a decoration around our necks or a decorative display, but to realize that the Cross is a symbol of life to Christians. The Cross, above all, is a symbol of hope, freedom and love and the promise of eternal salvation for those who accept, believe and follow Jesus Christ. May the Cross of Jesus be a blessing in our lives in anticipation of our Lord's unconditional care, and love, and in preparation for our life in eternity.