

# Holy Trinity Hellenic Orthodox Church

Lowell, Massachusetts

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May 15, 2016

*Third Sunday of Pascha*

*Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearing Women*

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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

- **Memorials: 40-day for Chrysanthy Scondras; 5-year for Maureen Boenis; 20-year for Nicholas Themeles**
- **AHEPA is hosting today's Coffee Hour.**
- **Pan Laonians will meet in the hall following Divine Liturgy.**
- **Parish Council members on duty: Gregory Curtis, Anna Manetta, Nick Stathopoulos, Betty Themeles**

## This Week

**Thursday, May 19** – Greek Festival Committee Meeting – 7:00 pm in the Church Hall – Volunteers are welcome to attend.

**Saturday, May 21** - Sts. Constantine & Helen – 9:00 am Orthros; 10:00 am Divine Liturgy

## For Our Edification

**Today is AHEPA Sunday**

Welcome, members of Hellas Chapter #102, Daughters of Penelope, and the whole AHEPA family. AHEPA was founded in 1927 and for over 80 years has served in many

local and national projects. The Lowell Chapter awards scholarships and has recognized community leaders, as well as supported Philoxenia House in Boston and St. Basil's Academy in New York. The AHEPA family has a long history of promoting Hellenism, education, philanthropy, civic responsibility, and family and individual excellence. Thank you for joining us this morning and your sponsorship of today's Coffee Hour.

## **Golf Family Outing Next Sunday**

All are welcome to participate in the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Max's Golf Family Outing next Sunday, May 22, at 3:00 pm in Tyngsboro at 383 Middlesex Rd. Family fun includes miniature golf, driving range, batting cages, bumper boats, and ice cream. Contact Jennifer Hardy at (978) 551-6306 with any questions.

## **Honor Your Graduate**

The next issue of "The Communicator" would like to spotlight your high school or college graduate. Please e-mail ASAP a photo and short bio to [g4317p@aol.com](mailto:g4317p@aol.com).

## **Scholarships Available**

Scholarships are being made available from the HAA Alumni Association, Philoptochos, and the Mary Kiafas Fund. Please check the narthex for applications.

## **Hellenic American Academy Accepting Registrations**

Registrations for the 2016-2017 school year are now being taken at the HAA for pre-school to grade 6. Call the school at (978) 453-5422 for more information.

## **Lowell Greek Festival 2016**

Holy Trinity will once again be sponsoring Greek Festival 2016 on Friday, June 24, 5:00 pm to 11:00 pm, Saturday, June 25, from 12:00 pm to 11:00 pm, and Sunday, June 26, 12:00 pm to 6:00 pm. All are welcome to join in three days of Greek culture.

## **The Holy Myrrh-Bearers – A Lesson in Loyalty**

It was with heavy hearts that a faithful group of women arose before dawn to properly prepare the body of Christ for burial. It was the third day since the crucifixion. When they arrived at the tomb, they discovered it was empty! For their faithful service, the Myrrh-Bearing Women received the greatest possible reward: they were the first to witness the Resurrection. How they must have rejoiced as they heard the words of the angel: "You seek Jesus of Nazareth, Who was crucified. He is risen."

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