

# Holy Trinity Hellenic Orthodox Church

Lowell, Massachusetts

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May 29, 2016

*Fifth Sunday of Pascha*

*Sunday of the Samaritan Woman*

**IMPORTANT NOTICE: Summer Hours begin next Sunday, June 5**

**Orthros: 8:00 am; Divine Liturgy: 9:00 am**

## 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.**

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## Today's Calendar

- Please join us for Coffee Hour today. **NOTE: We are in need of persons to provide the donuts and muffins for Coffee Hour. You do not need to serve.**
- Parish Council members on duty: Athena Hayes, Charles Hondros, Paris Karahalios, Anna Manetta
- Memorial Day Service at Westlawn Cemetery – 12:30 pm

## This Week's Calendar

**Monday, May 30 – Westlawn Cemetery – 9:00 am – Fr. Nick and area priests will make graveside visits.**

**Wednesday, June 1 – Hellenic American Academy – Talent Show – 1:00 pm**

**Friday, June 3 – Preschool Graduation – 9:30 am – Holy Trinity Church**

## For Our Edification

### Communicator Deadline Approaching

The next issue of "The Communicator" will be coming out very shortly. We 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). Kindly share this information so all our young people can receive the recognition they truly deserve.

### Last Call for Scholarships

The Philoptochos Society will be offering (2) \$1,000 scholarships. A \$1,000 scholarship is also being given in memory of Mary Kiafas. Applications can be picked up at the narthex.

The Hellenic American Academy Alumni Association is offering scholarships to high school graduates and college students. Applications are at the narthex.

### Hellenic American Academy Accepting Registrations

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

### Festival Time

Holy Trinity's Greek Festival will now span three days, beginning Friday evening, June 24, and ending on Sunday evening, June 26. Admission is free and there will be plenty of Greek food and pastries, dancing, raffles, tours and activities for the kids.

### Summer Camp News

The Metropolis of Boston Summer Family Camp will be held June 29 to July 3. Tuition is \$595 for three family members and \$50 for each additional family member. There are also six youth sessions planned. Scholarships are available.

### The Samaritan Woman

In today's Gospel, Jesus, weary from his travels, seeks rest at the local well in the town of Sichar. It is here that He goes against the accepted social and political norm of His time. He engages in conversation with a woman! The Samaritans were a mixed race, and were fierce enemies of the Jews. The Samaritan woman listened intently to our Lord's explanation of "living water." Jesus said, "Whoever drinks the water that I shall give him will never thirst." According to Sacred Tradition, she is later baptized into Christianity and given the name Photini, meaning "the enlightened one." During Nero's reign, she was martyred by being thrown into a well.

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