

Holy Trinity Hellenic Orthodox Church

Lowell, Massachusetts

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August 14, 2016

Eighth Sunday of Matthew

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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

- **The Hellenic American Academy Alumni Scholarships will be awarded following the Divine Liturgy.**
- **Please join us for Coffee Hour.**
- **Parish Council Members on duty: Joan Metropolis, Nick Stathopoulos, Betty Themeles, Tina Themeles**
- **7:00 pm – Great Vespers at the Assumption of the Virgin Mary in Dracut**

This Week

Monday, August 15 – Feast of the Dormition – 9:00 am Orthros at the Assumption of the Virgin Mary; 10:00 am Divine Liturgy

For Our Edification

General Assembly August 21

The Second Call of the General Assembly will take place on Sunday, August 21, at 11:30 am in the Church hall.

This meeting will focus on the Elevator/Handicap Access Project. All members who have paid their 2015 dues are urged to attend.

Coffee Hour Available

We are looking for a sponsor for the August 28 Coffee Hour. Please call the office at (978) 458-8092.

School Registration Ongoing

Registration for the Hellenic American Academy is taking place. Call the school at (978) 453-5422 for more information. New families receive \$500 off their tuition.

Upcoming Events

The Philoptochos ladies will be holding their next meeting on Monday, September 12, in the Church hall. Board members plan a potluck supper.

Sunday School is beginning on Sunday, September 18. Registration will take place that day and there is a fee of \$10 per child to help defray the cost of the program.

The AHEPA Hellas Chapter 102 Golf Tournament will be held on Monday, October 3, at Four Oaks Country Club in Dracut. For more information, you may contact Steve Michaelides at (978) 799-1579 or email StevenIPD@aol.com.

The Dormition of the Theotokos – August 15

The Orthodox consider the Mother of God (Theotokos) above any other saint in the Church. She always stands on Christ's right-hand side in each church iconostasion, and an enormous icon of her with the Christ child, called the platitera, dominates the space above the altar.

For it is through her, the Virgin Mary, that Christ proves His humanity. It is believed that when the Virgin Mary was about to give up her spirit, all the apostles except for Thomas miraculously appeared in Jerusalem from all parts of the world to pay their respects and receive her blessing. As they were preparing for her funeral and burial, angels came into the presence of the apostles and took her body to heaven. When the apostle Thomas, who had not come earlier, went to her grave, he found it empty.

A Prayer to the Theotokos

It is truly right to bless you, O God-bearing One, as the ever-Blessed and most pure Mother of God. You are honored more than Cherubim, and you have more glory when compared to the Seraphim. You are the Theotokos. You do we magnify.