

# Holy Trinity Hellenic Orthodox Church

Lowell, Massachusetts

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August 21, 2016  
*Ninth 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

- **Memorials: 40-day for Kitsa Anastopoulos; 15-year for Helen Paul Skrekas; 30-year for Anastasia Relias Paul**
- **The Gendron Family is hosting today's Coffee Hour in loving memory of Helen Paul Skrekas and Anastasia Relias Paul.**
- **Parish Council Members on duty: George Pergakis, Tom Themeles, Gregory Curtis, Lewis Demetroulakos**
- **Second Call for the General Assembly – 11:30 am**

## This Week

**Thursday, August 25 – Meet & Greet at the Hellenic American Academy for Pre-K to Grade 6 teachers -6:00 pm to 7:00 pm**

## For Our Edification

### **General Assembly Today**

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

## **Coffee Hours Available**

We are looking for sponsors for Coffee Hours for August 28 and September 4. Please call the office at (978) 458-8092.

## **Open House Planned for September 17**

An Open House is being held on Saturday, September 17, at the St. Methodios Faith and Heritage Center to celebrate the Feast of the Elevation of the Holy Cross. Orthros will be at 8:30 am followed by Divine Liturgy at 9:30 am. The "Blessing of the Waters" Service and diving for the Cross will follow at the lakefront. There will be a dedication and blessing of the new cabins, Alpha Omega Soccer Field, and the Open Air Pavilion. Other fun activities will include a barbecue picnic lunch, canoe rides, basketball, and much more. RSVP at [www.boston.goarch.org](http://www.boston.goarch.org).

## **Dates to Remember**

Monday, September 12 – Meeting of Philoptochos – 6:30 pm – Church Hall  
Sunday, September 18 – 1<sup>st</sup> day of Sunday School – Registration \$10 per child.  
Monday, October 3 – AHEPA Golf Tournament at Four Oaks Country Club

## **HAA Opens August 30 for Grades 1-6**

New families who register at HAA will receive \$500 off their tuition. Call the school at (978) 453-5422 for more details. Pre-K and Kindergarten will begin on Tuesday, September 6.

## **St. Phanourios – August 27**

On August 27, sometime in the 14<sup>th</sup> century A.D., a group of Arabs were pillaging the island of Rhodes and were scavenging the treasures they found at the ruins of an ancient church. From a distance, several monks hid and watched, as the bandits tossed aside the icons they had found. The monks immediately noticed that one of these icons was different from the rest. Once the invaders had left the area, the monks examined the icon carefully. They had never seen it before, nor could they understand how it could be in such perfect condition amidst the rubble. Unlike the others, this icon was as freshly painted as if it had been created that day. The icon was of a young man named Phanourios who was dressed as a soldier, holding a cross in his right hand. Drawn about his figure were 12 detailed depictions of Phanourios enduring different forms of torture. The monks realized that this icon had been divinely revealed. The Lord had decided that the knowledge of Phanourios' heroism and victorious faith be made known to us, and so Phanourios reached out to us through time. Lost for centuries, Phanourios has become the Patron Saint of lost things.