

# Holy Trinity Hellenic Orthodox Church

Lowell, Massachusetts

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August 7, 2016

## *Seventh 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

- Please join us for Coffee Hour following the Divine Liturgy.
- Parish Council Members on duty: Lewis Demetroulakos, Athena Hayes, Charles Hondros, Paris Karahalios

### This Week

**Monday, August 8 - 7:00 pm – Paraklesis to the Theotokos**  
**Tuesday, August 9 – 7:00 pm – 1<sup>st</sup> Call General Assembly – Church Hall**  
**Wednesday, August 10 – 7:00 pm – Paraklesis to the Theotokos**  
**Thursday, August 11 – 6:30 pm – Parish Council Meeting – Church Hall**  
**Friday, August 12 – 7:00 pm – Paraklesis to the Theotokos**

### For Our Edification

#### **August General Assembly Planned**

A General Assembly will be held to focus on the Elevator/Handicap Access Project. The First Call will be on Tuesday, August 9, at 7:00 pm in the Church Hall. Since a quorum

of eligible parishioners is not expected at this time, the Second Call will be held on Sunday, August 21, at 11:30 am in the Church Hall.

#### **Coffee Hours Available**

We are looking for sponsors for Coffee Hours for August 14 and August 28. Please call the office at (978) 458-8092.

#### **Sunday School Starts September 18**

Sunday School will begin on September 18 and registration will be held that day. There is a \$10 registration fee per child to help defray some expenses for the program.

#### **Philoptochos Plans Meeting**

The Philoptochos plans to resume its meetings on Monday, September 12. Board members are planning a potluck supper. Notices will be in the mail shortly.

#### **HAA Now Enrolling**

Hellenic American Academy is enrolling students in the 3-4 yr. old Pre-K Full Day Program and Grades K-6. New families will be given \$500 off their tuition. For more information or to schedule a tour call (978) 453-5422.

#### **AHEPA Golf Tournament**

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](mailto:StevenIPD@aol.com).

#### **St. Herman of Alaska – August 9**

A courageous Russian monk with the highly improbable name of Herman (from the Greek Germanos and Slavonic German) is the first Orthodox saint canonized in the New World for his dedicated and heroic efforts in bringing the faith to the natives of the Aleutian Islands and Alaska.

The man who was to become St. Herman of Alaska was born in 1756 in the city of Serpukhov, which is in the Diocese of Moscow. From childhood, Herman showed a predilection for the church and while yet in his early youth was admitted to a monastery. One day Herman had an experience that would inspire him to a lifetime of intense devotion to the word of Jesus Christ. He became seriously ill and when it seemed he could not survive, he resigned himself to an untimely death. However, as he prayed for deliverance, the Virgin Mary appeared to him in a vision, after which he was completely cured. The miraculous event was a constant inspiration throughout a lifetime of rugged frontier service to the Lord. Herman was canonized a saint on August 9, 1970.