

Holy Trinity Hellenic Orthodox Church

Lowell, Massachusetts

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September 4, 2016

Eleventh Sunday of Matthew

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.

Today's Calendar

- Please join us for Coffee Hour today.
- Parish Council Members on duty: Joan Metropolis, Nick Stathopoulos, Betty Themeles, Tina Themeles

This Week

Tuesday, September 6 – HAA – 1st day for Pre-K & Kindergarten

Thursday, September 8 – Nativity of the Theotokos – 8:00 am Orthros; 9:00 am Divine Liturgy

Thursday, September 8- Parish Council Meeting – 6:30 pm – Church Hall

For Our Edification

HAA Comedy Night

Hellenic American Academy will be presenting Basile in Concert on Saturday, September 24, at the Zorba Music Hall at the Olympia Restaurant. Doors open at 7:00 pm and the show begins at 8:30 pm. Admission is \$50 per person and includes appetizers. Email haaptalowell@gmail.com for more information.

Cathedral Plans Greek Festival

The Annunciation Greek Orthodox Cathedral is holding a Greek Festival on Friday, September 16, noon until 11:00 pm, Saturday, September 17, 11:00 am until 11:00 pm, and Sunday, September 18, noon until 9:00 pm. This event will take place at the center, 162 Goddard Ave., Brookline. A free shuttle will be available all three days from Hellenic College. Admission is free.

Dates to Remember

Winter Hours will begin on Sunday, September 18. Orthros will start at 9:00 am with Divine Liturgy to follow at 10:00 am. Sunday School also starts that day. Registration fee is \$10 per child.

All parishioners are invited to the Feast of the Elevation of the Holy Cross at the Open House on Saturday, September 17, at the St. Methodios Faith and Heritage Center. Orthros will be at 8:30 am, Divine Liturgy at 9:30 am, to be followed by the "Blessing of the Waters" Service and Diving for the Cross at the lakefront.

The 16th Annual for the Children Metropolis of Boston Golf Classic is planned for Monday, September 26, at the Andover Country Club. For more details, email www.campgolf.org.

The AHEPA Golf Tournament will be held at the Four Oaks in Dracut on Monday, October 3. Contact Steve Michaelides at (978) 799-1579 or email StevenIPD@aol.com.

Hellenic College Holy Cross is hosting an Open House on Saturday, October 15. Phone (617) 850-1345 or register online at www.hchcedu/openhouse.

Ecclesiastical New Year

The Ecclesiastical New Year begins on September 1, the day Christ began his public ministry to the world by preaching in the synagogue. It is also known as Indiction, from the Latin "to impose." The Church has celebrated this date from the time of Constantine the Great, who observed this day as one for taxation. His purpose was to erect an entire city to be known as Constantinople, the capital of the Byzantine world, the completion of which served to remind civilization that in this city was to be built the greatest of Greek Orthodox churches. Emperor Constantine, revered as a saint in the Orthodox world, had the Savior in mind, with crosses everywhere, even on his soldiers' shields.