

Holy Trinity Hellenic Orthodox Church
Lowell, Massachusetts
Rev. Fr. Nikolaos D. Pelekoudas, Presbyter

January 29, 2017
Sunday of the Canaanite

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

- **Memorials: 40-day for Persephoni Garas; 1-year for George Nicolakakis**
- **An anonymous parishioner is sponsoring today's Coffee Hour.**
- **Parish Council Members on duty: Damon Manettas, Joan Metropolis, Betty Themeles, Tina Themeles**

This Week

Monday, January 30 – Synaxis of the Three Hierarchs – 8:00 am Orthros; 9:00 am Divine Liturgy

Monday, January 30 – HAA students will present their Greek Letters Day Program at the Hellenic Cultural Center at 11:00 am.

Thursday, February 2 – Presentation of our Lord into the Temple – 9:00 am Orthros; 10:00 am Divine Liturgy

For Our Edification

HAA Open Houses

Hellenic American Academy is holding the following Open Houses: Sunday, February 12, 10:00 am until noon; Wednesday, February 15, 8:30 am until 11:00 am; Thursday, February 16, 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm.

Snow Tubing Family Day

The Holy Trinity Sunday School is hosting a Nashoba Valley Snow Tubing Family Day on Sunday, February 12, from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm. Please RSVP to Jennifer Hardy at (978) 551-6306 by tomorrow, January 30.

Valentine Gifts for Sale

Please help support the Philoptochos in funding their charities by purchasing one of their Valentine gifts for sale today after the Divine Liturgy.

General Assembly Upcoming

The First Call for the General Assembly is Monday, February 6, at 7:00 pm..

GOYA Winter Camp

This year's GOYA Winter Camp will be held from February 17-20 at the St. Methodios Faith and Heritage Center in Contoocook, NH. Scholarships are available. You may register at www.metropolisofbostoncamp.org.

Presentation of Our Lord and Savior into the Temple

When Christ was 40-days old, his parents, according to the Jewish tradition of that time, brought Him to the Temple. It was customary for them to offer a sacrifice to the Lord: a pair of turtledoves or two pigeons, depending on the family's status. St. Luke's Gospel tells us that when Joseph and Mary came to the Temple with the Infant Jesus, the Venerable Simon, who is described as being a "just and devout man," met them. God had promised him that he would not die until he had seen the coming of the Messiah, Who would bring deliverance to Israel. Also in the Temple was the Prophetess Anna, who also recognized that Jesus was destined for great things.

The custom of bringing babies to church on the 40th day continues down to our own day for both male and female children, and every mother who brings her newborn child to church on the 40th day is remembering the Presentation of our Lord Jesus.