

# Holy Trinity Hellenic Orthodox Church

Lowell, Massachusetts

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November 19, 2017

*9<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Luke*

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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

- **Memorial: 40-day for Andrew Volis**
- **The PTA and students of HAA are hosting today's Coffee Hour.**
- **Parish Council members on duty: Betty Themeles, Tina Themeles, Tom Themeles, Greg Curtis**

**NOTICE: 12:00 pm today is your last opportunity to submit applications for Parish Council and Auditor positions.**

## This Week

**Tuesday, November 21 – Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple: Orthros 9:00 am; Divine Liturgy 10:00 am**

**Thursday, November 23 – Have a blessed Thanksgiving Day.**

**Saturday, November 25 – HAA Winter Carnival – Noon until 4:00 pm**

## For Our Edification

### **Basketball League Forming**

Basketball players ages 13-17 are being recruited for a league that will meet at the Hellenic Cultural Center on Sunday afternoons. Coaches are also needed. Contact George Zaharoolis at (978) 726-0850 or any Parish Council member.

### **Pan Laconian Meeting**

The Pan Laconians will be meeting next Sunday, November 26, 1:00 pm, at the Olympia Restaurant. This will be a Dutch Treat event.

### **Coffee Hours Available**

We are in need of hosts for Coffee Hours for December 3, December 17, December 24 and December 31. Please call the office at (978) 458-8092 to schedule.

### **Winter Carnival This Weekend**

The HAA Winter Carnival is taking place this Saturday, November 25, from noon until 4:00 pm at 41 Broadway St. There will be free admission. Featured will be a bounce house, cotton candy, popcorn, gyros, games, crafts, clowns and school tours.

### **Benefit Auction**

The HAA Benefit Auction is being held on Saturday, December 2, 7:00 pm, at the Indian Ridge Country Club. Tickets are \$40 per person. Among the auction items are Celtics tickets, restaurant gift cards, golf foursomes, and a Corvette rental with dinner. Please send your check to HAA PTA, 41 Broadway St., Lowell, MA 01854.

### **The Presentation of the Mother of God in the Temple**

It was an ancient Jewish custom for some parents to dedicate a child to God and present him or her to the Temple. Joachim and Anna presented their daughter Mary to the Temple when she was three years old. She remained in the House of God with the holy men of the Temple for twelve years, emerging at the age of fifteen with a purity and wholesomeness found in no other creature of God. The years Mary spent in the Temple found her in spiritual preparation for the great role she would play in the story of salvation for mankind as the Mother of God. Mary was visited soon thereafter by the Archangel Gabriel, announcing that she would be the Mother of Christ.