

Holy Trinity Hellenic Orthodox Church

Lowell, Massachusetts

Rev. Fr. Nikolaos D. Pelekoudas, Presbyter

December 17, 2017

11th Sunday of Luke

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

- **Memorials: 40-day for Helen Kalantzakos; 1-year for Persephoni Garas**
- **Philoptochos is hosting today's Coffee Hour.**
- **Philoptochos Christmas Bake Sale after Divine Liturgy. A variety of festive Greek pastry will be offered for your Christmas celebrations. Philoptochos thanks you for your support.**
- **Parish Council Members on duty: Charles Hondros, Paris Karahalios, Damon Manettas, Joan Metropolis**

This Week

Wednesday, December 20 – HAA Christmas Program – 6:00 pm – Hellenic Cultural Center

Saturday, December 23 – Sunday School Pancake Breakfast – Church Hall – Immediately following Divine Liturgy at 9:00 am

For Our Edification

Pancake Breakfast this Saturday

This Saturday, December 23, the Sunday School will be having their Pancake Breakfast following Divine Liturgy at 9:00 am. All are welcome to attend this yearly tradition in the Church hall. Participants are asked to please bring a box of cereal to donate to the local Food Bank.

Annual Christmas Pageant Next Sunday

Next Sunday, December 24, immediately following the Divine Liturgy, the Sunday School will be performing their Christmas pageant.

Please Help the Winter Service Project

The Philoptochos will be conducting a Winter Service Project to benefit the House of Hope. Please donate shampoo, conditioner, tissues, paper napkins, baby bottles, diapers and wipes. Your donations can be left in the basket in the vestibule. This drive will continue through the month of January.

Christmas Gift Suggestion

Please consider purchasing the Philoptochos cookbook for \$25. You may see Theodora Stathopoulos on Sundays during the Coffee Hour or you can contact her at pirgos@comcast.net.

Schedule for Christmas Services

Sunday, December 24 – Sunday before Nativity – 9:00 am Orthros; 10:00 am Divine Liturgy.

Sunday, December 24 – Vesper Service – 7:00 pm

Monday, December 25 – Holy Nativity – Orthros 9:00 am; Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

Upcoming Events

January 7 – Vasilopita followed by Coffee Hour sponsored by the Philoptochos Ladies

February 11 – Meat Fare Sunday Spaghetti Luncheon following Divine Liturgy

Monthly Philoptochos meetings will resume in March.

No Fasting Period

There will be no fasting between December 25 and January 4.