

# Holy Trinity Hellenic Orthodox Church

Lowell, Massachusetts

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December 24, 2017

## *Sunday before Nativity*

### 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

- Sunday School Christmas Pageant follows the Divine Liturgy.
- The Sunday School is hosting today's Coffee Hour.
- Parish Council Members on duty: Betty Themeles, Tom Themeles, Greg Curtis, John Grillakis
- 7:00 pm – Vesper Service

### This Week

**Monday, December 25 –Nativity of our Lord – 9:00 am Orthros – 10:00 am  
Divine Liturgy**

### For Our Edification

#### **Nativity Story**

Our Sunday School children will present the Nativity Story immediately following the Divine Liturgy. Please stay and participate in the joy of the children.

### **Winter Appeal**

Please support the Winter Service Project of our Philoptochos. Items to be collected will include shampoo, conditioner, tissues, paper napkins, baby bottles, diapers and wipes. These donations may be left in the basket in the vestibule. This drive will continue until January 28.

### **Upcoming Events**

January 7 – Vasilopita will be followed by a Philoptochos sponsored Coffee Hour.

February 11 – Meat Fare Sunday Spaghetti Luncheon will follow the Divine Liturgy.

Philoptochos will not meet until March

### **Fast Free Period**

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

### **Sunday School on Break**

Sunday School will resume on January 7.

### **Last Minute Christmas Gift Idea**

For a unique Christmas gift, consider purchasing the Philoptochos cookbook for \$25. If you are interested, please see Theodora Stathopoulos during Coffee Hour or contact her at [pirgos@comcast.net](mailto:pirgos@comcast.net).

### **Christmas**

Christ is born! Glorify Him! Christ comes from Heaven: Meet Him.  
Christ is on earth: Exalt Him. O you earth, sing to the Lord. O you nations.

Praise Him in joy for He has been glorified.

Katavasia of the Nativity