

Holy Trinity Hellenic Orthodox Church

Lowell, Massachusetts

Rev. Fr. Nikolaos D. Pelekoudas, Presbyter

December 3, 2017
14th 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

- **Memorial: 40-day for Vasiliki Baoutis**
- **Dafne Nacopoulos, Emili Nacopoulos and Mary Stathopoulos are hosting today's Coffee Hour.**
- **Parish Council Members on Duty: Damon Manettas, Joan Metropolis, Betty Themeles, Tom Themeles**

This Week

Monday, December 4 – Philoptochos Christmas Party & Meeting– Lenzi's in Dracut – 5:30 pm

Wednesday, December 6 – St. Nicholas the Wonderworker – 9:00 am Orthros; 10:00 am

Divine Liturgy

Saturday, December 9 – D'Youville Senior Care Center Christmas Divine Liturgy & Coffee Hour – 10:00 am

For Our Edification

Basketball Ready to Start

The basketball league for players ages 13-17 will begin today, December 3, 1:00 pm, at the Hellenic Cultural Center.

Special General Assembly Next Sunday

A Special General Assembly is being held next Sunday, December 10, 12:45 pm, in the Church hall. It will address the current HAA school year and the financial status and the outlook and recommendation for the HAA to continue operations for the 2018-2019 school year.

Family Movie Day

The Holy Trinity Sunday School Family Movie Day will be held on Saturday, December 16, at Chunky's Cinema in Pelham, NH. Come watch the **Home Alone** movie in your pajamas! Admission is \$4.00 per person. Please RSVP no later than this Friday, December 8. Contact Jennifer Hardy at (978) 551-6306 or Jennifer_Hardy@hotmail.com. Movie starts at 8:30 am and doors open at 7:30 am.

Sunday School Hosting Pancake Breakfast

On Saturday, December 23, the Sunday School will be having their Annual Pancake Breakfast following Divine Liturgy. All are welcome to attend this yearly tradition in the Church hall.

Each student is asked to bring a box of cereal to donate to the Food Bank.

Christmas Pageant December 24

The Sunday School will be having their annual Christmas Pageant on Sunday, December 24, immediately following the Divine Liturgy.

HAA Christmas Program

The Hellenic American Academy will be presenting a Christmas Program on Wednesday, December 20, at 6:00 pm at the Hellenic Cultural Center. Everyone is invited to attend.

Christmas Gift Idea

For a unique Christmas gift, consider purchasing the Philoptochos cookbook for \$25. See Theodora Stathopoulos on Sundays during Coffee Hour or contact her at pirgos@comcast.net.

St. Nicholas – December 6

There are many myths and legends about St. Nicholas, who is arguably the most popular saint in our Holy Orthodox Church. We know that he was the Archbishop of Myra in the early 4th century. His generosity has been well documented. He is the patron saint of children, sailors, and pawnbrokers.

In the Troparion for his Feast, he is called a *Model of Faith*, an *Example of Virtue*, and is praised for the *Sincerity of his Deeds*.