

# Holy Trinity Hellenic Orthodox Church

Lowell, Massachusetts

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March 19, 2017

Third Sunday of Lent

*Sunday of the Holy Cross*

## SUNDAY READINGS

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## Today's Calendar

- **Memorial: 10-year for Gregory Hayes**
- **The Hayes, Metropolis, and Stevens families are hosting today's Coffee Hour in loving memory of Gregory Hayes.**
- **Parish Council members on duty: Tom Themeles, Greg Curtis, Charles Hondros, Anna Manetta**
- **6:00 pm - Sunday Lenten Vespers at St. George Antiochian Church**

## This Week

**Wednesday, March 22 – Presanctified Liturgy – 4:00 pm**

**Thursday, March 23 – HAA students will take part in a Greek Independence Day Program at the Hellenic Cultural Center at 6:00 pm. The Merrimack Valley Council of Eastern Orthodox Churches will be honoring the Philoptochos societies of all the parishes.**

**Friday, March 24 – 10:00 am – Service at the Holy Trinity Church to be followed by a parade to the two monuments and flag raising at Lowell City Hall.**

**Friday, March 24 – Salutations to the Theotokos – 6:00 pm**

**Saturday, March 25 – Annunciation – 9:00 am Orthros; 10:00 am Divine Liturgy**

## For Our Edification

### HAA Fundraiser

On Sunday, March 26, from 11:00 am until 8:30 pm, the Hellenic American Academy is holding a fundraiser at the Athenian Corner Restaurant. Thirty percent of all food sales will go to the school.

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### Sunday Lenten Vespers

The following is the remaining schedule for Sunday Lenten Vespers: March 26 – St. George Greek; April 2 - Assumption of the Virgin Mary.

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### Special Collection Next Sunday

His Eminence Metropolitan Methodios is asking every parish in the Metropolis of Boston to have a special offering next Sunday, March 26, the Fourth Sunday of Lent, for the rebuilding of St. Nicholas National Shrine.

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### Palm Sunday Fish Dinner

On Sunday, April 9, Holy Trinity is sponsoring a Fish Dinner at the Hellenic Cultural Center following Divine Liturgy. Adult dinners are \$15 and will consist of baked haddock, rice, green beans in tomato sauce, salad, roll, beverage and dessert. A children's meal of ziti with sauce, salad and roll will be \$8. Dinners will be available to go. Tables of eight may be reserved. Tickets are available from any Parish Council member. Raffle tickets will be available for purchase for a chance to win great prizes.

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### Veneration of the Holy Cross

On this Third Sunday of Lent, we celebrate the Veneration of the Precious and Life-giving Cross. May we learn to use the symbol of the Cross not as a decoration around our necks or a decorative display, but to realize that the Cross is a symbol of life to Christians. The Cross, above all, is a symbol of hope, freedom and love and the promise of eternal salvation for those who accept, believe and follow Jesus Christ. May the Cross of Jesus be a blessing in our lives in anticipation of our Lord's unconditional care, and love, and in preparation for our life in eternity.