

Holy Trinity Hellenic Orthodox Church

Lowell, Massachusetts

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March 26, 2017

Fourth Sunday of Lent
Sunday of St. John Climacus

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

- **Memorial: 40-day for Konstantinos Kanelopoulos**
- **The Michaels Family is hosting today's Coffee Hour in loving memory of Steve Michaels.**
- **Parish Council members on duty: Greg Curtis, John Grillakis, Paris Karahalios, Damon Manettas**
- **11:00 am to 8:30 pm – Athenian Corner Restaurant – 30% of all food sales will go to the Hellenic American Academy**
- **6:00 pm - Sunday Lenten Vespers at St. George Greek Church**

This Week

Wednesday, March 29 – Presanctified Liturgy – 4:00 pm

Friday, March 31 – Akathist Hymn – 6:00 pm

Saturday, April 1 – D'Youville Senior Care Center – Divine Liturgy – 10:00 am

For Our Edification

Second Collection Today

His Eminence Metropolitan Methodios is asking every parish today to have a special collection for the rebuilding of St. Nicholas National Shrine.

Sunday Lenten Vespers

The Assumption of the Virgin Mary Church in Dracut will be holding Lenten Vespers next Sunday, April 2, at 6:00 pm.

Holy Trinity to Welcome His Eminence on Palm Sunday

Holy Trinity is honored to have His Eminence Metropolitan Methodios presiding at the services on Palm Sunday. Parishioners are encouraged to make every effort to honor our Spiritual Father that day.

Palm Sunday Fish Dinner

Don't forget to purchase your tickets for the Palm Sunday Fish Dinner to be held at the Hellenic Cultural Center following Divine Liturgy. Tickets are available from Parish Council members.

Alumni Association Offering Scholarships

The Hellenic American Academy Alumni Association will once again be offering scholarships. High school graduates and college student applications are available in the narthex. All necessary information will be on the applications.

Graduates Wanted

Honor your 2017 graduate by submitting a short bio and write-up to be included in the June/July Communicator. All information needs to be mailed to g4317p@aol.com.

St. John Climacus

The Church annually dedicates the Fourth Sunday of the Great Fast to the memory of a saint who lived a life of true asceticism – St. John Climacus. Very little is actually known about the life of this saintly man. He is thought to have been devoted to monasticism, spending the majority of his years at the famous Monastery of St. Catherine on Mount Sinai.

St. John is best remembered for his book entitled, "The Ladder of Divine Ascent." The Greek word for ladder is "klimakos," which explains the term that forever will be associated with the saint's name.

In this book, St. John compares our journey from sinfulness to perfection with climbing a ladder. This ascent, Climacus warns, will not be an easy one, and many will fall from the "ladder," succumbing to the temptation of the pleasures and passions of this world.