

Holy Trinity Hellenic Orthodox Church

Lowell, Massachusetts

Rev. Fr. Nikolaos D. Pelekoudas, Presbyter

April 30, 2017

Third Sunday of Pascha
Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearing Women

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Today's Calendar

- **Memorials: 40-day for Peter Makris; 40-day for Charles Turcogee; 1-year for Irene Kazes**
- **Philoptochos is hosting today's Coffee Hour.**
- **Greek Independence Day Parade of Boston – 1:00 pm**
- **Parish Council members on duty: Paris Karahalios, Anna Manetta, Damon Manettas, Tom Themeles**

This Week

Friday, May 5 – HAA is sponsoring a Taverna Night beginning at 7:00 pm at the Worthen House Café. Proceeds will benefit the children's events and activities.

For Our Edification

Special Thank You

Helen Themeles wishes to thank everyone who attended last week's Coffee Hour held in honor of her 95th birthday.

Honor Your Graduate

The next issue of "The Communicator" would like to spotlight your high school or college graduate. Please e-mail ASAP a photo and short bio to g4317p@aol.com.

Scholarships Available

Scholarships are being made available from the HAA Alumni Association, Philoptochos, and the Mary Kiafas Fund. Please check the narthex for applications.

Hellenic American Academy Accepting Registrations

Registrations for the 2017-2018 school year are now being taken at the HAA for pre-school to grade 6. Call the school at (978) 453-5422 for more information.

Mother's Day Dinner

On Monday, May 8, Philoptochos is having a Mother's Day Dinner/Meeting at the UMass Conference Center. Reservations need to be made by May 1. Please see President Tina Themeles following the Divine Liturgy. Cost is \$35 for members and \$40 for non-members.

Lowell Greek Festival 2017

Holy Trinity will be sponsoring Greek Festival 2017 on Friday, May 19, 5:00 pm to 11:00 pm, Saturday, May 20, from 12:00 pm to 11:00 pm, and Sunday, May 21, 12:00 pm to 6:00 pm. All are welcome to join in three days of Greek culture.

Tours of Holy Trinity Church and Hellenic American Academy will be available. There will be a DJ and live music each day. Many raffle opportunities are being offered.

John the Apostle, Evangelist and Theologian – May 8

St. John, the Apostle and Evangelist, was among the first apostles chosen by Jesus. He was the son of Zebedee and Salome and the brother of James. Both were fishermen in Galilee, when he decided to follow Christ. Jesus spoke to John from the Cross, entrusting John to care for Mary, His Mother.

John cared for Mary until her death. After that, he traveled throughout Asia Minor preaching and converting many. He retired to the Island of Patmos where he was commanded by God to write the Book of Revelations. He also authored a Gospel and Epistles in the New Testament.

He is one of the most beloved figures in Christianity.

-Orthodox Saints – Rev. George Poulos