

Holy Trinity Hellenic Orthodox Church

Lowell, Massachusetts

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August 20, 2017

Eleventh Sunday of Matthew

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 Effie Routsis**
- **Billy Zounes is sponsoring today's Coffee Hour in loving memory of his beloved mother Mary Zounes and his brothers Chuck and John Zounes.**
- **Parish Council Members on duty: Joan Metropolis, Betty Themeles, Tina Themeles**

For Our Edification

Special General Assembly Next Sunday

The Second Call for the Special General Assembly is next Sunday, August 27, at 11:30 am. Discussion will center on the downstairs hall renovations and a financial status review of the Hellenic American Academy.

Parishioners who have paid their 2016 dues in full may participate.

HAA Classes Set to Begin

Hellenic American Academy begins its school year on Tuesday, August 29. Registration is still in progress. Call the school at (978) 453-5422 for more information.

Dates to Remember

Sunday School is slated to begin on Sunday, September 17. Registration is \$10 per child.

The 17th Annual for the Children Metropolis of Boston Golf and Tennis Classic is planned for Tuesday, September 26, at the Indian Ridge Country Club in Andover. For more details, email www.campgolf.org.

The AHEPA Golf Tournament will be held at the Four Oaks in Dracut on Monday, October 2. Tee time is 9:00 am. There will be a buffet and a raffle. Contact Steve Michaelides at (978) 799-1579 or email StevenIPD@aol.com.

Holy Trinity is having a Bingo Night Fundraiser on Monday, October 16, 6:00 pm, at the Lowell Senior Center. Money raised will help defray the cost of renovations to the downstairs hall. Don't forget to fill out the form that was in your latest Communicator and mail it to Betty Themeles with your \$20 donation.

St. Moses the Ethiopian – August 28

Moses, a native of Abyssinia, Ethiopia, was a great big brute who was a slave in the 4th century A.D. He had quite a reputation for his anger and violent behavior. One day Moses and his gang raided a monastery. When he burst in on the Abbot, he expected the Abbot to be cowering in fear before him. Instead, the Abbot calmly faced Moses and looked into his eyes with great compassion. Moses was completely stunned by this. For the first time in his life, he felt his anger and bitterness recede, and he experienced repentance and regret for all the violence and hatred that he had allowed to consume him all of his life. Moses broke up the gang and decided to stay at the monastery and learn from the Abbot. He confessed all his sins, began to pray and eventually chose to become a monk. Moses, once a slave to others and to his own violent emotions, was able to free himself with God's love and to transform his passions into energies of the Holy Spirit. He received the crown of life on August 28.