

Holy Trinity Hellenic Orthodox Church

Lowell, Massachusetts

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September 10, 2017

*Sunday before the Exaltation of the Precious and
Life-giving Holy Cross*

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

- **Mary Miserlis and her sister Esther Johnson are sponsoring today's Coffee Hour to celebrate the good health of their loved ones.**
- **Parish Council Members on duty: Betty Themeles, Tina Themeles, Tom Themeles, Greg Curtis**

This Week

Monday, September 11 – Philoptochos Meeting – 6:30 pm – Church Hall
**Thursday, September 14 - Exaltation of the Holy Cross – 8:00 am Orthros;
9:00 am Divine Liturgy.**
Thursday, September 14 - Parish Council Meeting – 6:30 pm – Church Hall

For Our Edification

Collection for Hurricane Harvey Families

Metropolitan Methodios has asked all parishes in the Metropolis of Boston to have a special collection today for the families who have been impacted by Hurricane Harvey in

Texas. All monies will be directed to International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC) which is mobilizing its Emergency Response Network Frontliners to assist in offering Emotional and Spiritual Care in American Red Cross shelters, as well as working with local and national assistance organizations to provide essential supplies for the general relief and to address specific needs of Orthodox faithful.

Winter Hours Next Week

Next Sunday, September 17, marks the beginning of Winter Hours. Orthros will begin at 9:00 am to be followed by the Divine Liturgy at 10:00 am.

Sunday School Resumes

Sunday School classes will be registering and starting next Sunday, September 17. Registration is \$10 per child.

Upcoming Golf Tourneys

The AHEPA Hellas Chapter 102 Golf Tournament is taking place on Monday, October 2, at the Four Oaks Country Club in Dracut. Contact any AHEPA member for more information.

For information regarding the 17th Annual for the Children Metropolis of Boston Golf Classic on Tuesday, September 26, at the Indian Ridge Country Club, email www.campgolf.org.

Bingo Fundraiser

Don't forget to contact either Betty or Tina Themeles if you will be attending Bingo Night on Monday, October 16, at the Lowell Senior Center. Proceeds will benefit our hall renovations.

Service of the Exaltation of the Cross

The Exaltation of the Cross takes place on September 14 in commemoration of the finding of the original Cross by St. Helena in Jerusalem, and also in commemoration of the recovery of the Cross from the Persians by Emperor Heraclius (629 AD). This event is the theme of the Akathist Hymn, in dedication to the Virgin Mary, Theotokos, who, according to tradition, helped find the Cross.

Inspiration

If God brings you to it, He will bring you through it:

Happy moments, praise God.
Difficult moments, seek God.
Quiet moments, worship God
Painful moments, trust God.
Every moment, thank God.