

# Holy Trinity Hellenic Orthodox Church

Lowell, Massachusetts

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November 18, 2018

*9<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Luke*

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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

- **Memorial: 3-year for Maria Kontos**
- **Parish Council members on duty: Athena Hayes, Charles Hondros, Paris Karahalios, Joan Metropolis**

**NOTICE: 12:00 pm today is your last opportunity to submit applications for Parish Council and Auditor positions.**

## This Week

**Wednesday, November 21 – Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple: Orthros 9:00 am; Divine Liturgy 10:00 am**

**Thursday, November 22 – Have a blessed Thanksgiving Day.**

## For Our Edification

### **Philoptochos December Meeting & Christmas Celebration**

Let's get ready for the holidays and celebrate our blessings, health and friendships together! Join us for some fun, laughter and a delicious Christmas buffet by a warm fire on Monday, December 3, at 5:30 pm at the Tewksbury Country Club, 1880 Main St., Tewksbury. We will be saying good bye to a very successful Philoptochos year and begin celebrating the coming of the Christmas Season and New Year.

Tickets are \$45. If you would like to join us, please see one of the committee members: Frances Cassidy, Eve Soroken, Jill Cricones or Roberta Shea.

### **Family Movie Day**

All are welcome to view the brand new "The Grinch" movie with your friends in your pajamas on Saturday, December 1, at Chunky's Cinema, 150 Bridge St., in Pelham, NH. Please contact Jennifer Hardy at [Jennifer\\_Hardy@hotmail.com](mailto:Jennifer_Hardy@hotmail.com) or by calling her at (978) 551-6306. There will be limited seating. Admission is \$6.00 per person. Breakfast is optional and features such menu items as breakfast sandwiches, French toast, pancakes, and more. The movie starts promptly at 9:00 am and doors open at 8:15 am.

### **The Presentation of the Mother of God in the Temple**

It was an ancient Jewish custom for some parents to dedicate a child to God and present him or her to the Temple. Joachim and Anna presented their daughter Mary to the Temple when she was three years old. She remained in the House of God with the holy men of the Temple for twelve years, emerging at the age of fifteen with a purity and wholesomeness found in no other creature of God. The years Mary spent in the Temple found her in spiritual preparation for the great role she would play in the story of salvation for mankind as the Mother of God. Mary was visited soon thereafter by the Archangel Gabriel, announcing that she would be the Mother of Christ.

**A BLESSED THANKSGIVING TO ALL!**