

# Holy Trinity Hellenic Orthodox Church

Lowell, Massachusetts

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November 25, 2018

13<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Luke

## 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

- Memorials: 1-year for George Psoinos; 3-year for Eftichia Pagonis
- Parish Council members on duty: Daniel Routsis, George Tgibides, Betty Themeles, Tom Themeles

## This Week

**Saturday, December 1 – Family Movie Day at Chunky's Cinema in Pelham, NH – Movie starts promptly at 9:00 am.**

## For Our Edification

### Food Drive Donations Welcomed

The Open Pantry of Greater Lowell wishes to thank parishioners for their recent donation. The response of so many individuals and organizations is truly heartening for those who run the Open Pantry, as well as their recipients. The Open Pantry, 200 Central St., Lowell, is open Monday through Friday from 9:00 am until noon.

## **Pan Laconian Meeting Today**

The Pan Laconians will be meeting today at 12:30 pm at the Hellenic Cultural Center. They will be holding their election at this time.

## **Philoptochos Party and Meeting**

The Philoptochos Christmas Party and meeting are being held on Monday, December 3, at 5:30 pm at the Tewksbury Country Club, 1880 Main St. in Tewksbury. Tickets are \$45. If you would like to attend, please see one of the committee members: Frances Cassidy, Eve Soroken, Jill Cricones or Roberta Shea.

After this December gathering, the Philoptochos will resume meetings in March.

## **St. Andrew – November 30**

St. Andrew, a fisherman from Bethsaida, is also known as Protokletos, "First Called," since he was the first person chosen by the Son of God when He began His ministry. Following the Resurrection, he went out to preach along the Black Sea, where he brought Christianity to many thousands of people in Thrace, Macedonia, Greece, Scythia (Russia, where he was considered the patron saint), and Byzantium, establishing the unbroken line of Patriarchs from whom all priests, bishops, and archbishops are spiritually descended.

Andrew converted the wife of the imperial governor. For this he was tortured and then crucified. Andrew did not feel himself worthy to be crucified in the same manner as Christ, and therefore was crucified on an X-shaped cross.

## **Feast of St. Andrew Celebration**

St. Andrew is the Patron Saint of our Metropolis. His Eminence Metropolitan Methodios invites everyone to Great Vespers on Thursday, November 29, at 7:00 pm at the Cathedral Chapel, 162 Goddard Ave. in Brookline. The Orthros and Divine Liturgy will be celebrated on Friday, November 30, beginning at 8:30 am. A reception will be hosted by the Metropolis Philoptochos at the Metropolis Center following both services.

*Only with the Lord and in the Lord can you find spiritual peace for yourself. Your tormented soul can only find comfort in the Lord, in repentance and the correction of your life. With its poison, sin kills the soul of man. The soul is resurrected through the life-giving action of repentance.*

St. Nikon of Optima