

Holy Trinity Hellenic Orthodox Church

Lowell, Massachusetts

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December 2, 2018
14th 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: 40-day for James Kouloheras**
- **Parish Council Members on Duty: George Zaharoolis, Gregory Curtis, John Grillakis, Athena Hayes**

This Week

Monday, December 3 – Philoptochos Christmas Party & Meeting– Tewksbury

Country Club – 5:30 pm

Thursday, December 6 – St. Nicholas the Wonderworker – 9:00 am Orthros; 10:00 am Divine Liturgy

For Our Edification

Philoxenia House Visit

Hellenic American Academy students in grades 3 to 6 with members of the Holy Trinity Philoptochos Society will be visiting The Philoxenia House of Boston on Thursday, December 13. The Metropolis of Boston offers housing at Philoxenia

House for individuals who come to Boston from abroad for medical treatment (mainly from Greece and Cyprus, though not exclusively) and cannot afford hotel living. Patients who are accepted as guests there range from children through older adults who have a broad range of medical issues.

HAA Christmas Program

The Hellenic American Academy will be presenting a Christmas Program on Wednesday, December 19, at 6:00 pm at the Hellenic Cultural Center. Everyone is invited to attend.

Christmas Gift Idea

For a unique Christmas gift, consider purchasing the Philoptochos cookbook for \$25. Contact Theodora Stathopoulos at pirgos@comcast.net.

St. Barbara – December 4

St. Barbara was born in the early third century. A saint in the highest tradition of purity and piety, Barbara is listed in some Church branches as one of the 14 Auxiliary Saints who are sometimes referred to as Holy Helpers, but she held so much hope for so many of the faithful in all walks of life that she was adopted by various segments of society as their special patroness. Officially, she is recognized as the patroness of artillerymen and firemen and just about everyone engaged in hazardous occupations. She is regarded by some as the safeguard against sudden death. The purity of St. Barbara is such that her name can be invoked on any occasion with the assurance that her virtue is an answer to evil in any form.

St. Nicholas – December 6

There are many myths and legends about St. Nicholas, who is arguably the most popular saint in our Holy Orthodox Church. We know that he was the Archbishop of Myra in the early 4th century. His generosity has been well documented. He is the patron saint of children, sailors, and pawnbrokers.

In the Troparion for his Feast, he is called a *Model of Faith*, an *Example of Virtue*, and is praised for the *Sincerity of his Deeds*.