

# Holy Trinity Hellenic Orthodox Church

Lowell, Massachusetts

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December 23, 2018

## *Sunday before Nativity*

### 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

- **Memorials: 40-day for Anna Neofotistos; 10-year for Iris Laganas Sarantos**
- **Sunday School Nativity Pageant follows the Divine Liturgy.**
- **Parish Council Members on duty: Gregory Curtis, John Grillakis, Athena Hayes, Charles Hondros**

### This Week

**Monday, December 24 –Vespers Divine Liturgy – 6:00 pm**

**Tuesday, December 25 - Christmas Day – 9:00 am Orthros; 10:00 am Divine Liturgy**

### For Our Edification

#### Winter Appeal

Please support the Winter Service Project of our Philoptochos. Items to be collected will include shampoo, conditioner, boxed tissues, paper napkins, baby bottles, size 4, 5 or 6

diapers and wipes. These donations may be left in the basket in the vestibule. This drive will continue until February 24 and will benefit the House of Hope.

### Upcoming Events

January 13 – Vasilopita Celebration

March 3 – Meat Fare Sunday Spaghetti Luncheon will follow the Divine Liturgy.

Philoptochos will not meet until March.

### Fast Free Period

There will be no fasting between December 25 and January 4.

### Sunday School on Break

Sunday School will resume on January 6.

### Paint Night

The HAA PTA and the Daughters of Penelope will be presenting Paint Night! on Friday, January 25, 6:00 pm, at the Hellenic Cultural Center. Art by Katerina will be instructing this fundraising event. Admission is \$35 per person and includes all materials and some wine. If you would like to attend to socialize instead of to paint, admission is \$10 per person. Send your payment to HAA, 41 Broadway St., Lowell, MA 01854.

### Comedian to Return

Basile the comedian is returning to the Hellenic Cultural Center on Sunday, March 10. Tickets are \$40 and include appetizers. Tickets will cost \$50 after March 1. You may purchase tickets at Eventbrite.com or by sending a check payable to HAA PTA, 41 Broadway St., Lowell, MA 01854. Call Althea at (978) 758-0656 with questions. Proceeds are to benefit the Hellenic American Academy.

### Christmas

Christ is born! Glorify Him! Christ comes from Heaven: Meet Him.

Christ is on earth: Exalt Him. O you earth, sing to the Lord. O you nations.

Praise Him in joy for He has been glorified.

Katavasia of the Nativity