

# Holy Trinity Hellenic Orthodox Church

Lowell, Massachusetts

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March 11, 2018

Third Sunday of Lent

*Sunday of the 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

- **Memorials: 40-day for Bessie Bolianites; 3-year for Mary Pappafagos**
- **Parish Council members on duty: John Grillakis, Charles Hondros, Paris Karahalios, Joan Metropolis**
- **6:00 pm - Sunday Lenten Vespers at St. George Antiochian Church**

## This Week

**Wednesday, March 14 – Presanctified Liturgy – 5:00 pm**

**Friday, March 16 – Salutations to the Theotokos – 6:00 pm**

## For Our Edification

### Special Collection Today

Today's second collection will be for Hellenic College Holy Cross.

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## Sunday Lenten Vespers

The following is the remaining schedule for Sunday Lenten Vespers: March 18 – St. George Greek; March 25 - Assumption of the Virgin Mary.

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## Pan Laconian Meeting

The next meeting of the Pan Laconians will be next Sunday, March 18, 1:00 pm, at the Olympia Restaurant.

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## PTA Hosting a Free Event

The Hellenic American Academy PTA is presenting Amazing Hero Art with Rob Surette on Sunday, March 18, 3:00 pm, at the Hellenic Cultural Center. Special guest will be R2D2. There will be free admission.

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## Greek Independence Day Schedule

Greek Independence Day Events will take place on Friday, March 23, beginning with a 9:00 am service at Holy Trinity. The parade will proceed from Holy Trinity beginning at 9:30 am and conclude at Lowell City Hall. The HAA will present a program at 1:00 pm at the Hellenic Cultural Center.

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## Palm Sunday Fish Dinner

On Sunday, April 1, Holy Trinity is sponsoring a Fish Dinner at the Hellenic Cultural Center following Divine Liturgy. Adult dinners are \$20 and will consist of baked haddock, rice, green beans in tomato sauce, salad, roll, beverage and dessert. A children's meal of ziti with sauce, salad and roll will be \$8. Dinners will be available to go. Tables of eight may be reserved. Tickets are available from any Parish Council member. Raffle tickets will be available for purchase for a chance to win great prizes.

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## Veneration of the Holy Cross

On this Third Sunday of Lent, we celebrate the Veneration of the Precious and Life-giving Cross. May we learn to use the symbol of the Cross not as a decoration around our necks or a decorative display, but to realize that the Cross is a symbol of life to Christians. The Cross, above all, is a symbol of hope, freedom and love and the promise of eternal salvation for those who accept, believe and follow Jesus Christ. May the Cross of Jesus be a blessing in our lives in anticipation of our Lord's unconditional care, and love, and in preparation for our life in eternity.