

Holy Trinity Hellenic Orthodox Church

Lowell, Massachusetts

Rev. Fr. Nikolaos D. Pelekoudas, Presbyter

March 4, 2018

Second Sunday of Lent *Sunday of St. Gregory Palamas*

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

- Parish Council members on duty: Tina Themeles, Tom Themeles, George Zaharoolis, Gregory Curtis
- 6:00 pm – Sunday Lenten Vespers at Holy Trinity

This Week

Wednesday, March 7 – Presanctified Liturgy – 5:00 pm

Thursday, March 8 - Parish Council Meeting – 6:30 pm – Cultural Center

Friday, March 9 – Salutations to the Theotokos – 6:00 pm

For Our Edification

Sunday Lenten Vespers

The Council of Orthodox Churches will again sponsor Lenten Vespers on Sunday evenings during Lent. Tonight the service will be held here at Holy Trinity at 6:00 pm.

The remaining schedule is as follows: March 11, St. George Antiochian; March 18, St. George Greek; March 25, Assumption of the Virgin Mary. All of these Vespers will begin at 6:00 pm. Everyone is encouraged to attend and participate with fellow Orthodox Christians as we all travel toward Pascha/Easter.

Pan Laconians to Meet

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

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.

Palm Sunday Fish Dinner

On Sunday, April 1, Holy Trinity is sponsoring a Fish Dinner at the Hellenic Cultural Center following Divine Liturgy. More information will be forthcoming.

HAA PTA Upcoming 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. There will be free admission. RSVP to haaptalowell@gmail.com by March 10. Special guest will be R2D2.

Pan Macedonian Rally

Metropolitan Methodios of Boston has made the following announcement:
The Pan Macedonian Association of the U.S.A. is organizing a rally to protest the unacceptable use of the name Macedonia by FYROM. The rally for this critically important issue will take place on Sunday, March 18, from noon to 3:00 pm at the park next to the United Nations Plaza in New York City. I strongly urge the participation of the devout Omogenia from New England. The Pan Macedonian Association together with the Federation of Hellenic-American Societies of New England are spearheading this effort which I strongly support. Shortly you will be informed of transportation details.

St. Gregory Palamas

St. Gregory Palamas is recognized on the Second Sunday in Lent for his scholarly contributions to the Church and for his example of asceticism (praying and fasting), major components of Lent. Raised in the royal palace of Constantinople, St. Gregory journeyed to Mt. Athos where he became a monk and eventually one of the Church's greatest scholars. His holy relics rest in Salonica.