

# Holy Trinity Hellenic Orthodox Church

Lowell, Massachusetts

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July 8, 2018

## *Sixth Sunday of Matthew*

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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 Joyce Antonopoulos; 1-year for Effie Routsis**
- **Parish Council Members on duty: Tina Themeles, George Zaharoolis, Greg Curtis, John Grillakis**

### For Our Edification

#### School Registration Ongoing

Registration for the Hellenic American Academy will be ongoing throughout the summer. Please call the school at (978) 453-5422 for more information.

#### Folk Festival Volunteers Needed

We are participating in the Lowell Folk Festival on Saturday, July 28, and Sunday, July 30. Contact Joan Metropolis at (978) 996-3224 or [metro0007@comcast.net](mailto:metro0007@comcast.net) if you can help in any way.

Monetary donations are being accepted to help defray the cost of food. Please indicate "Folk Festival" in your check's memo box and send it to Holy Trinity Church, 62 Lewis St., Lowell, MA 01854

#### HAA Summer Camp

There is still time to register for the second week of the Hellenic American Academy Summer Camp which is being held next week, July 16-20 from 9:00 am until 2:00 pm at the Hellenic Cultural Center. Tuition is \$150 for the first child and \$100 for each additional child. Children ages 3 to 12 are welcome.

Contact [larchambault@hellenicaa.org](mailto:larchambault@hellenicaa.org) to enroll or for additional information.

#### Metropolis Summer Camp

To find out if there are any more openings for the Metropolis of Boston Summer Camps visit the camp website [www.metropolisofbostoncamp.org](http://www.metropolisofbostoncamp.org). Scholarships are available.

#### St. Marina – July 17

Marina was born in Antioch during the reign of Emperor Claudius II (AD 270). When Marina was eighteen years old, she was walking to church when she was spotted by the prefect of the province, Olymbrios. Unfortunately for Marina, his was a case of love at first sight. When at last he asked for her hand, she declined as politely as possible, explaining that she had pledged her life to Jesus Christ and was waiting for the moment when she could enter His service in some manner.

Olymbrios' love then transformed into hate. Marina was led away to be tried on charges of treason, and was found guilty. She was stripped naked, whipped and burned with candles, allowed to heal and then tortured again in the same fashion over an agonizing period until she was finally beheaded. Death came to this devout girl on July 17, 289 AD.

People give all sorts of reasons for their lack of charity, their hardheartedness. Some say, "hard times."

But if the times are hard for those who have a sufficiency, how much harder are they for the poor? This pretext alone should lead one to give all the more generously.

Saint Theophan the Recluse