

# Holy Trinity Hellenic Orthodox Church

Lowell, Massachusetts

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August 19, 2018

## *Twelfth Sunday of Matthew*

### 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 Evangelia Tziolis; 1-year for Theda Triantafel; 1-year for Stella Niarhos; 2-year for Costas Niarhos; 3-year for Toula Laganas**
- **Parish Council Members on duty: Tina Themeles, George Zaharoolis, Gregory Curtis, John Grillakis**

### For Our Edification

#### HAA Classes Set to Begin

Hellenic American Academy begins its school year on Tuesday, August 28. Registration is still in progress. Call the school at (978) 453-5422 for more information.

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### Remember This Date

The AHEPA Golf Tournament will be held at the Four Oaks Country Club in Dracut on Monday, October 1. Tee time is 9:00 am. There will be a buffet and a raffle. Contact Steve Michaelides at (978) 799-1579 or email [StevenIPD@aol.com](mailto:StevenIPD@aol.com).

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### St. Moses the Ethiopian – August 28

Moses, a native of Abyssinia, Ethiopia, was a great big brute who was a slave in the 4<sup>th</sup> century A.D. He had quite a reputation for his anger and violent behavior. One day Moses and his gang raided a monastery. When he burst in on the Abbot, he expected the Abbot to be cowering in fear before him. Instead, the Abbot calmly faced Moses and looked into his eyes with great compassion. Moses was completely stunned by this. For the first time in his life, he felt his anger and bitterness recede, and he experienced repentance and regret for all the violence and hatred that he had allowed to consume him all of his life. Moses broke up the gang and decided to stay at the monastery and learn from the Abbot. He confessed all his sins, began to pray and eventually chose to become a monk. Moses, once a slave to others and to his own violent emotions, was able to free himself with God's love and to transform his passions into energies of the Holy Spirit. He received the crown of life on August 28.

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### Beheading of St. John the Baptist – August 29

St. John was the cousin of the Messiah, whom he anointed in baptism with the holy waters of the Jordan River. Although he is most often remembered for the baptism and for preaching the coming of Christ, he went on with his missionary work for many years. And for this, as for many others who preached Christ's word, he paid with his life. The senseless execution of this mighty servant of God is placed on the church calendar on August 29 to stir the awareness of Christians everywhere that mortality will never die because of saints such as John the Baptist.

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If during service your brother does anything irregularly, or negligently, do not become irritated with him, whether inwardly or outwardly, but be generously indulgent to his fault, remembering that you yourself commit many faults, that you possess every weakness, that God is long-suffering and all-merciful, and that He forgives you and all of our offenses time without number.

St. John of Kronstadt