

Holy Trinity Hellenic Orthodox Church

Lowell, Massachusetts

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August 26, 2018

Thirteenth 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.

Today's Calendar

- **40-day Memorial for Niki Kanavas; 40-day Memorial for Martha Koulas-Perry**
- **Parish Council Members on duty: Athena Hayes, Charles Hondros, Paris Karahalios, Joan Metropolis**

This Week

Tuesday, August 28 – Grades 1 through 6 begin classes at HAA.

Wednesday, August 29 – Beheading of John the Baptist – Orthros 8:00 am; Divine Liturgy 9:00 am

Thursday, August 30- Preschool and Kindergarten Orientation will take place from 9:00 am until 10:00 am. First day for Preschool and Kindergarten will be Tuesday, September 4.

Saturday, September 1 – Beginning of the Ecclesiastical Year – No Service

For Our Edification

Philoptochos to Resume Meetings

The Philoptochos Society will hold its first meeting of the season on Thursday, September 6, at 6:30 pm at the Hellenic Cultural Center.

Benefit Fundraiser

The Hellenic American Academy is hosting an Alumni & Friends Greek Night on Saturday, September 29, 6:00 pm, at the Indian Ridge Country Club. Tickets are \$65 until September 19 and \$75 after September 19. Tickets can be purchased online at Eventbrite.com or by sending a check payable to the HAA PTA, 41 Broadway St., Lowell, MA 01854. There will be music, food and dancing.

AHEPA Golf Tournament

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.

Ecclesiastical New Year

The Ecclesiastical New Year began on September 1, the day Christ began his public ministry to the world by preaching in the synagogue. The beginning of the Ecclesiastical Year is also known as Indiction, from the Latin “to impose.” The Church has celebrated this date from the time of Constantine the Great, who observed this day as one for taxation. His purpose was to erect an entire city to be known as Constantinople, the capital of the Byzantine world, the completion of which served to remind civilization that in this city was to be built the greatest of Greek Orthodox churches. Emperor Constantine, revered as a saint in the Orthodox world, had the Savior in mind, with crosses everywhere, even on his soldiers’ shields.