

# Holy Trinity Hellenic Orthodox Church

Lowell, Massachusetts

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August 5, 2018

## *Tenth 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

- The second collection today will go to the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese Greek Fire Relief Fund.
- Parish Council Members on duty: John Grillakis, Athena Hayes, Paris Karahalios, Joan Metropolis
- Vesper Service – 7:00 pm – Holy Transfiguration Church

### This Week

Monday, August 6 – 8:30 am Orthros – Holy Transfiguration Church – 9:30 am Divine Liturgy

Tuesday, August 7 – Parish Council Meeting – 6:30 pm – Cultural Center

Wednesday, August 8 – Paraklesis – 7:00 pm

Friday, August 10 – Paraklesis – 7:00 pm

### For Our Edification

#### **AHEPA Golf Tournament**

The AHEPA Hellas Chapter 102 Golf Tournament will be held on Monday, October 1, at Four Oaks Country Club in Dracut. For more information, contact Steve Michaelides at (978) 799-1579 or email [StevenIPD@aol.com](mailto:StevenIPD@aol.com).

#### **Holy Transfiguration – August 6**

Prior to Christ's Crucifixion, Jesus displayed a metamorphosis from a human and divine nature to that of purely divine. To convince His apostles of His Divinity, Christ took Peter, James and John to Mt. Tabor and was transformed in front of them. At this time, He was uplifted with Moses on one side, representing the Law of the Old Testament, and the Prophet Elias on His other side, representing the prophesies of the Old Testament. Christ's face became bright as the sun, His clothing became white as light, and the voice of God said, and "This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased; hear Him." This event reminds all Christians of the brilliance of Christ and that His light brings hope and change to mankind.

#### **St. Herman of Alaska – August 9**

A courageous Russian monk with the highly improbable name of Herman (from the Greek Germanos and Slavonic German) is the first Orthodox saint canonized in the New World for his dedicated and heroic efforts in bringing the faith to the natives of the Aleutian Islands and Alaska.

The man who was to become St. Herman of Alaska was born in 1756 in the city of Serpukhov, which is in the Diocese of Moscow. From childhood, Herman showed a predilection for the church and while yet in his early youth was admitted to a monastery. One day Herman had an experience that would inspire him to a lifetime of intense devotion to the word of Jesus Christ. He became seriously ill and when it seemed he could not survive, he resigned himself to an untimely death. However, as he prayed for deliverance, the Virgin Mary appeared to him in a vision, after which he was completely cured. The miraculous event was a constant inspiration throughout a lifetime of rugged frontier service to the Lord. Herman was canonized a saint on August 9, 1970.