

Holy Trinity Hellenic Orthodox Church

Lowell, Massachusetts

Rev. Fr. Nikolaos D. Pelekoudas, Presbyter

September 9, 2018

*Sunday before the Exaltation of the Precious and
Life-giving Holy Cross*

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

- **Parish Council Members on duty: Tina Themeles, Tom Themeles, George Zaharoolis, Greg Curtis**

This Week

Thursday, September 13 - Parish Council Meeting – 6:30 pm – Hellenic Cultural Center

Friday, September 14 - Exaltation of the Holy Cross – 8:00 am Orthros; 9:00 am Divine Liturgy.

For Our Edification

Winter Hours Next Week

Next Sunday, September 16, marks the beginning of Winter Hours. Orthros will begin at 9:00 am to be followed by the Divine Liturgy at 10:00 am.

Special Collection

The proceeds from next week's second collection will benefit Hellenic College Holy Cross.

Appreciation

A special thank you is extended to Alice Harrington and Harry Savard for watering the outdoor planters this summer.

Coffee Hour

A Coffee Hour will be held on Sunday, September 23, at the Hellenic Cultural Center following the Divine Liturgy.

Sunday School Update

Due to the renovation of the Church hall, the beginning of Sunday School will be delayed. Director Joan Metropolis will provide details when they are available through email and the Holy Trinity face book page. Children are encouraged to attend Divine Liturgy on Sunday. The front rows on the left are always open for the children.

Greek Night

The Hellenic American Academy Alumni and Friends Greek Night is being held on Saturday, September 29, 6:00 pm, at the Indian Ridge Country Club. Admission will be \$65 until September 19 and \$75 after September 19. Tickets may be purchased at Eventbrite.com or by sending a check payable to the HAA PTA, 41 Broadway St., Lowell, MA 01854.

Upcoming Golf Tourney

The AHEPA Hellas Chapter 102 Golf Tournament is taking place on Monday, October 1, at the Four Oaks Country Club in Dracut. Contact any AHEPA member for more information.

Service of the Exaltation of the Cross

The Exaltation of the Cross takes place on September 14 in commemoration of the finding of the original Cross by St. Helena in Jerusalem, and also in commemoration of the recovery of the Cross from the Persians by Emperor Heraclius (629 AD). This event is the theme of the Akathist Hymn, in dedication to the Virgin Mary, Theotokos, who, according to tradition, helped find the Cross.