

# Holy Trinity Hellenic Orthodox Church

Lowell, Massachusetts

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April 8, 2018

*Christos Anesti - Christ is Risen*

*The Resurrection of Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ*

*Come Receive the Light from the Unwaning Light,  
And Glorify Christ Who is Risen from the Dead.*

## 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

- 11:00 pm – Saturday – April 7 - Resurrection Service
- 11:00 am - Sunday – April 8 - Agape Service
- Easter Egg Hunt to follow Agape Service

## This Week

**Bright Week – There is no fasting during Bright Week.**

**Tuesday, April 10 – Philoptochos Meeting – 5:30 pm – Hellenic Cultural Center**

**Friday, April 13 – Renewal Friday – Feast of the Life-Giving Font -9:00 am**

**Orthros; 10:00 am Divine Liturgy**

## For Our Edification

### **Bright Week**

The Bright Light of the Resurrection is celebrated through the entire week following Pascha. The doors of the Ikonostasion, like the doors of Christ's tomb, remain open all week. There is no fasting this week, as we maintain the feelings of celebration and joy.

### **The Life-Giving Font – Celebrated April 13**

In the forest surrounding the city of Constantinople, a pious layman named Markellis was walking when he came upon a blind man who was dying of thirst. Markellis tried unsuccessfully to find water. Then he heard a voice from Heaven calling, "Emperor Leo, you will find a spring deep in the forest. Wash the blind man with this water and you will see the power of the Lord." He did, and the blind man could see for the first time.

Markellis did indeed become Emperor of all Byzantium, taking the name of Leo. He built a shrine at the spring. Over the centuries, many people have been healed at this amazing spring. The first Church on this site was dedicated on the Friday after Easter by the Emperor Justinian.

### **HAA Benefit**

A 5K run and walk to benefit the HAA will be held on Saturday, April 28. Participants should meet at the Worthen House Café. Registration begins at 8:00 am. You can register online at [Eventbrite.com](http://Eventbrite.com).

### **Scholarships Available**

Scholarships are being made available from the HAA Alumni Association, Philoptochos, and the Mary Kiasfas Fund. Please check the narthex for applications.

### **Honor Your Graduate**

For inclusion in the next issue of "The Communicator," please send a bio and picture of your high school or college graduate to [g4317@aol.com](mailto:g4317@aol.com).

### **Greek Independence Day Parade**

The 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Greek Independence Day Parade of Boston commemorating March 25, 1821 will take place on Sunday, April 22, at 1:00 pm. All are encouraged to attend.

Wishing you all Christos Anesti, Christ is risen,  
Christos Voskrese, Al Masihh qahm, Christos ha resucitado.  
Fr. Nikolaos Pelekoudas, President George Kontos, Parish Council & Ladies Philoptochos