

Holy Trinity Hellenic Orthodox Church

Lowell, Massachusetts

Rev. Fr. Nikolaos D. Pelekoudas, Presbyter

February 10, 2019

Sunday of the Canaanite Woman

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

- **Memorials: 1-year for Bessie Bolianites; 1-year for George Thomas; 1-year for Niki (Eonas) Demetroulakos; 8-year for Aristotelis (Telley) Demetroulakos; 18-year for Anastasia Demetroulakos; 29-year for Stavroula (Demetroulakos) Morfirie; 69-year for George Demetroulakos**
- **The Pan Elians are sponsoring today's Artoclasia.**
- **Parish Council members on duty: George Meltsakos, Joan Metropolis, George Potamitis, Daniel Routsis**

This Week

Thursday, February 14 – Parish Council Meeting – 6:30 pm – Church Hall

For Our Edification

General Assembly Next Sunday

The Second Call for the General Assembly will be held next Sunday, February 17, at 12:30 pm, in the Hellenic Cultural Center, following the Divine Liturgy.

A General Assembly consists of members of the Parish in Good Standing. A member in Good Standing is one who has paid 2018 dues. However, members who have neglected to pay their 2018 dues may do so up to the day of the General Assembly to participate.

A Church Hall Renovation Report will be given. Two Parish Council members for 1-year terms and two Auditors, one for two years and one for one year, will be elected.

Haralambos, the Holy Martyr – February 10

The Priest/Martyr Haralambos lived in the town of Magnesia in Asia Minor in the 2nd century. He humbly served the Lord his entire life, first as a parish priest and later as a bishop. Late in Haralambos' life, the Emperor launched a series of brutal persecutions of Christians. The aged bishop refused to hide. Instead, he openly preached Christ's Gospel, even after being arrested and ordered to denounce Him.

He was forced to endure tortures that are almost too terrible to describe. The example of his bravery actually won converts rather than discourage them. The Emperor ordered Haralambos to be executed by beheading. Miraculously, the saintly Bishop died only minutes prior to his appointed execution. It is said that the two men commissioned to carry out this sentence became Christians after witnessing the blessed manner in which Haralambos was called to his eternal home.

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The Canaanite Woman

This story of a humble Gentile woman, who is tested and then praised by Jesus for her faith, is also mentioned in Mark 7:24-30. The faith and humility of this woman are shown in that Jesus' hesitancy was not enough to discourage her and in her answer, she implies that she is a dog and she calls Jews masters.

Jesus' answer should not be understood as an insult, but as a way to reveal the treasure of the woman's faith. In her can be envisioned the future Gentile Church, the true Israel, coming to Christ.

Upcoming Events

The Spaghetti Luncheon Fundraiser will take place on Sunday, March 3. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$7 for children under 12. Tickets will be available after the Divine Liturgy.

Comedy Night starring Basile will be held on Sunday, March 10, at the Hellenic Cultural Center. Doors open at 5:00 pm. Tickets are \$40 through March 1. Send checks to HAA PTA, 41 Broadway St., Lowell, MA 01854.