

THE COMMUNICATOR



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

To all our Parishioners, I would like to express my best wishes for health and happiness, a blessed remainder of Lent, Holy Week and a Glorious Easter to everyone.

Our Holy Trinity Church Community has much to be thankful for. We congratulate and are fortunate to add three new "energetic" Members to our Parish Council for 2020 and their prior commitment and involvement in our Church's activities only ensures that our goals for this year will be met. I want to also thank the three Parish Council Members who were replaced by the new members and for their significant help over their past time on the Parish Council. They have pledged their continued support for all our upcoming events.

Please make every effort to attend all our Church Services and enjoy our after Liturgy fellowship coffee hours in our beautifully renovated Church Hall. We want (and need) all our Parishioners to fill our Church pews every week, feeling good for attending and providing the support that our precious Church needs.

As we approach our most Holy Easter Season, please join us in attending all the wonderful events and Church Services during this time. As you can see, we attached all the Church Services for the next few months and also the "flyer" for our annual Palm Sunday Fish Dinner which is always successful for its fellowship as well as its excellent food.

Our Church has a number of fundraising events scheduled throughout the year - June 12/13/14, 2020 Holy Trinity Church Festival, July 25/26. 2020 Lowell Folk Festival, August 17, 2020 Holy Trinity Church Golf Tournament at Indian Ridge Country Club and Our Fall Glendi event in October 2020 at Indian Ridge Country Club.

More details of all these events will be shown on our "new" Holy Trinity Church Web site

(www.holytrinitylowell.net) as well as future Communicator mailings.

We are most fortunate to have the "BEST" Ladies Philoptochos whose involvement in all our events is second to none. However, we still need the help, support and volunteering of all our Parishioners to ensure all our events are successful.

To summarize, many exciting things are happening within our Holy Trinity Church Community and I promise that I, with the help of [Father Nick](#) and our [Parish Council](#), to work hard for our beloved Holy Trinity Church.



May God Bless You All, George Kontos



MARCH, APRIL AND MAY 2020 CHURCH SERVICES

MARCH

Friday, March 13 - Salutations - 6:00 pm

Sunday, March 15 - Lenten Vespers - 6:00 pm

Wednesday, March 18 - Presanctified Liturgy - 6:00 pm

Friday, March 20 - Salutations - 6:00 pm

Wednesday, March 25 - Annunciation - 8:30 am Orthros, 9:30 am Divine Liturgy

Greek independence Day Parade

Friday, March 27 - Salutations - 6:00 pm



APRIL

Wednesday, April 1 - Presanctified Liturgy - 6:00 pm

Friday, April 3 - Akathist Hymn - 6:00 pm

Saturday, April 11 - Lazarus Saturday - 8:00 am Orthros, 9:00 am Divine Liturgy

Sunday, April 12 - Palm Sunday - 9:00 am Orthros, 10:00 am Divine Liturgy, 7:00 pm Nymphios

Monday, April 13 - Holy Monday - Nymphios - 7:00 pm

Tuesday, April 14 - Holy Tuesday - Nymphios - 7:00 pm

Wednesday, April 15 - Holy Unction 3:00 pm, Nymphios 7:00 pm

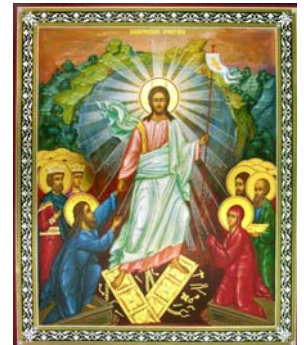
Thursday, April 16 - Vespers Divine Liturgy - 7:00 am, Holy Communion - 8:30 AM to 9:30 AM
Passion Gospels - 6:00 pm.

Friday, April 17 - Apokathelosis - 3:00 am, Epitaphios 7:00 pm

Saturday, April 18 - Divine Liturgy 8:00 am, Holy Communion 9:30 am to 10:30 am
Resurrection - 11:00 pm.

Sunday, April 19 - Agape Service - 11:00 am

Friday, April 24 - Life Giving Font - 9:00 am Orthros, 10:00 am Divine Liturgy



MAY

Thursday, May 21 - Sts, Constantine & Helen - 9:00 am Orthros, 10:00 am Divine Liturgy

Thursday, May 28 - Holy Ascension - 9:00 am Orthros, 10:00 am Divine Liturgy

.... [Check our Calendar online!](http://holytrinitylowell.com/calendar/) <http://holytrinitylowell.com/calendar/>



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Παρασκευή , Μαρτίου 13 - Χαιρετισμοί 6:00 μ.μ.

Κυριακή, Μαρτίου 15 - βραδινός εσπερινός 6:00 μ.μ.

Τετάρτη, Μαρτίου 18 - Προηγιασμένη 6:00 μ.μ.

Παρασκευή, Μαρτίου 20 - Χαιρετισμοί 6:00 μ.μ.

Τετάρτη, Μαρτίου 25 - ο Ευαγγελισμός Της Θεοτόκου - 8:30 πμ Όρθρος, 9:30 πμ Θεία Λειτουργία ! Παρέλαση .

Παρασκευή , Μαρτίου 27 - Χαιρετισμοί 6:00 μ.μ.

Τετάρτη, Απριλίου 1 - Προηγιασμένη 6:00 μ.μ.

Παρασκευή, Απριλίου 3 - ο Ακάθιστος Ύμνος 6:00 μ.μ.

Σάββατο, Απριλίου 11 - το Σάββατο του Λαζάρου- 8:00 π.μ Όρθρος, 9:00 π.μ.,Θεία Λειτουργία.

Κυριακή, Απριλίου 12 - Η Κυριακή των Βαίων- 9:00 π.μ , Όρθρος, 10:00 πμ,Θεία Λειτουργία, 7:00 μ.μ, ο Νυμφίος .

Δευτέρα, Απριλίου 13 - Καθαρά Δευτέρα - ο Νυμφίος/ 7:00 μ.μ.

Τρίτη, Απριλίου 14 - Μεγάλη Τρίτη - ο Νυμφίος 7:00 μ.μ. - Τροπάριο της Κασσιανής

Τετάρτη, Απριλίου 15 - Μεγάλη Τετάρτη - Το Άγιο Ευχέλαιο 3:00 μ.μ., ο Νυμφίος 7:00 μ.μ.

Πέμπτη, Απριλίου 16 - εσπερινή Θεία Λειτουργία - 7:00 π.μ., Αγία Κοινωνία 8:30 π.μ. - 9:30 π.μ. Τα δώδεκα ευαγγέλια 6:00 μ.μ.

Παρασκευή, Απριλίου 17 - Αποκαθήλωση 3:00 μ.μ. Επιτάφιος 7:00 μ.μ.

Σάββατο, Απριλίου 18 - Θεία Λειτουργία 8:00 πμ. Αγία Κοινωνία 9:30 - 10:30 π.μ.
Η Ανάσταση 11:00 μ.μ.

Κυριακή, Απριλίου 19 , Το Άγιο Πάσχα !
Η Αγάπη 11:00 π.μ.

Παρασκευή, Απριλίου 24 - Της Ζωοδόχου Πηγής 9:00 π.μ., Όρθρος, 10:00 π.μ. Θεία Λειτουργία .

Πέμπτη, Μαΐου 21 - Των Αγίων Κωνσταντίνου και Ελένης - 9:00 π.μ. Όρθρος, 10:00 π.μ. Θεία Λειτουργία

Πέμπτη Μαΐου 28 - Της Αναλήψεως - 9:00 π.μ. Όρθρος, 10:00 π.μ. Θεία Λειτουργία .





Philoptochos News

Καλή Ανάσταση - Easter Blessings

After a brief winter break, the Philoptochos ladies convened on March 2nd for our first meeting of 2020. The agenda included votes to fulfill our National & Metropolis obligations & discussion of future events which include:

- * Easter Visits to Orthodox patients in area nursing homes & those confined to their residences
- * Preparation of the Epitaphios and our Church for Good Friday and Pascha
- * Letters requesting donations to the EPITAPHIOS Flowers & ALTAR Fund have already been mailed out. Donations to the Fund provide for the decoration of our Epitaphios on Good Friday and our Church with beautiful floral arrangements for the celebration of this Paschal Holy Season. It also provides funds for items needed for the Altar during Holy Week and throughout the year.
- * Preparations for the Holy Trinity Greek Festival on June 12-13-14

April and May Meetings: Monday, April 6th at 6:15pm & Monday, May 4th

Many thanks to...

- Parishioners & HAA Students who donated to our Winter Appeal for The Wish Project.
- Parishioners & Friends who supported the Meat Fare Sunday Spaghetti Luncheon to benefit 2020 High School Scholarships Fund.

Philoptochos Scholarships: Scholarship forms will be available in the Narthex in mid-April for those high school seniors who will be attending college in the Fall.

House of Hope - Service to our Local Community: Vivian and Katerina Panagakis and Theodora Stathopoulos joined Olivia Sintros of the Transfiguration Church to provide & to serve dinner to residents at the Merrimack St. location last Thursday. This was done as part of the National Philoptochos initiative: Feed the Hungry Program. Boston Metropolis Philoptochos chapters have fed 41,164 to date with this program. National Philoptochos wants achieve a goal of feeding 1.5 million people before the National Convention in July.

Upcoming events....

Joint Lenten Project of the Lowell Council of Orthodox Churches:

Open Hearts, Working Hands project - Providing for the Hungry & Homeless

Food Collection at Holy Trinity: Sunday, March 8 thru March 29

Bags will be packed at Holy Trinity on Sunday, March 29 following Divine Liturgy

Suggested Items to Donate: Individual serving packs: Chips, Popcorn, Cheese or Peanut butter crackers, Nuts or Raisins, Cookies, Chewy Granola bars, Fruit snacks and Juice boxes.

Metropolis of Boston Philoptochos - Women's Health Forum Wednesday, April 29, 2020

Moderated by Dr. Malika Marshall Physician and Emmy Award winning journalist & health reporter for WBZ-TV.

The panel will include:

Dr. Anne-Marie Anagnostopoulos – Cardiologist/Beth Israel

Dr. Harry Anastopoulos – Gastroenterologist/Beth Israel

Dr. Tatiana Lingos – Radiation Oncologist/Brigham & Women's

Dr. Irene Souter – Obstetrics Gyn/Mass General

Dr. George Velmahos – Chief of Trauma, Emergency Surgery & Surgical Critical Care/Mass General

Dr. Alexander Vuckovic – Psychiatrist/ McLean Hospital

Saint Demetrios Church - Weston, MA Reception/Wine Tasting 6:00pm – Panel Discussion 7:30pm

Admission \$65 For more information Contact Frances Levas at 617.519.3422 or franlevas@aol.com

Tickets available online: <https://metropolis-boston-philoptochos.eventbrite.com>

All proceeds to benefit Metropolis of Boston Philoptochos ministries.



PALM SUNDAY FISH DINNER



April 12, 2020

At the Hellenic Cultural Center

Sponsored by

Holy Trinity Church

Following the Divine Liturgy

Adults \$20.00 (baked haddock, rice, green beans
in tomato sauce, salad, & roll)

Children \$8.00 (Ziti with sauce, salad, roll)

All meals include beverages and dessert.

We will also have dinners to go!

Tables of 8 may be reserved

**Tickets available from Parish Council Members, or by contacting the
church office at 978-458-8092.**

Raffle tickets will be available for purchases at this event for a chance
to win great prizes!



WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25

8:30 AM Orthros, 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy—Holy Trinity Church Annunciation
GREEK INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE

THURSDAY, APRIL 23

1:00pm Lowell City Hall – Lowell and Kalamata Sister Cities celebration
8:00pm Hellenic Cultural Center Greek Concert

SUNDAY, APRIL 26 Greek Independence Day Parade in Boston

Archbishop Elpidophoros will be the Grand Marshal in this year's parade organized by the Greek-American Community of Boston and New England.

2020 Apostolic Visit of Patriarch Bartholomew

The Ecumenical Patriarch will be in the United States May 7-17 and will visit Boston, Southampton, New York City, Washington DC, Weirton, South Bend.

SATURDAY, MAY 9—HELLENIC AMERICAN ACADEMY BENEFIT AUCTION

Indian Ridge Country Club

- ◇ FOOD
- ◇ MUSIC
- ◇ LIVE ENTERTAINMENT BY SPEED PAINTER ROB SURETTE

Tickets available on [Eventbrite](#) or contact althea_anag@yahoo.com - 978-758-0656

45th Biennial Clergy-Laity Congress of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America & National Philoptochos Convention/ Cleveland, Ohio – Sunday, June 28 through Thursday, July 2 with the theme “...and the greatest of these is love” (I Corinthians 13:13).

