

Holy Trinity Hellenic Orthodox Church

Lowell, Massachusetts

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August 11, 2019

Eighth 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.

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Today's Calendar

- **Memorial: 1-year for Theopiste Pergakis**
- **Please join us for Coffee Hour following the Divine Liturgy.**
- **Parish Council Members on duty: George Potamitis, Daniel Routsis, George Tgibides, Betty Themeles**

For Our Edification

Assumption Church Services

The Assumption of the Virgin Mary Church in Dracut will be having a Great Vesper service on Wednesday evening, August 14, at 7:00 pm.

On Thursday, August 15, the Feast of the Dormition, Orthros will take place at 9:00 am with the Divine Liturgy to follow at 10:00 am.

School Registration Ongoing

Registration for the Hellenic American Academy is taking place. Call the school at (978) 453-5422 for more information.

Holy Trinity Golf Tournament

Holy Trinity is holding a Golf Tournament on Monday, August 19, 1:00 pm tee time, at the Indian Ridge Country Club in Andover. You may contact any Parish Council member for more details.

Save the Date

The AHEPA Hellas Chapter 102 Golf Tournament will be held on Monday, October 7, at Four Oaks Country Club in Dracut. For more information, you may contact President George Xifaras at gxifaras@verizon.net.

The Dormition of the Theotokos – August 15

The Orthodox considers the Mother of God (Theotokos) above any other saint in the Church. She always stands on Christ's right-hand side in each church iconostasion, and an enormous icon of her with the Christ child, called the platitera, dominates the space above the altar.

For it is through her, the Virgin Mary, that Christ proves His humanity. It is believed that when the Virgin Mary was about to give up her spirit, all the apostles except for Thomas miraculously appeared in Jerusalem from all parts of the world to pay their respects and receive her blessing.

As they were preparing for her funeral and burial, angels came into the presence of the apostles and took her body to heaven. When the apostle Thomas, who had not come earlier, went to her grave, he found it empty.

Happy Name Day to all who are celebrating their Name Day during the month of August.