

Holy Trinity Hellenic Orthodox Church

Lowell, Massachusetts

Rev. Fr. Nikolaos D. Pelekoudas, Presbyter

September 1, 2019

Beginning of the Ecclesiastical Year

SUNDAY READINGS

Epistle Reading I Timothy 2:1-7

Gospel Reading Luke 4:16-22

Creed

The Lord's Prayer

Communion Prayers (Before receiving)

Thanksgiving Prayers (After receiving)

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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

- **Philoptochos is hosting today's Coffee Hour.**
- **Parish Council Members on duty: Joan Metropolis, George Potamitis, Daniel Routsis, George Tgibides**

This Week

Tuesday, September 3 – PreK & K classes begin at HAA.

Thursday, September 5 – HAA Open House for Grades 1-6 – 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm

For Our Edification

Metropolis Golf Tournament

The Metropolis Golf Tournament, which supports the MBC Camp and Retreat Center, will be held on Tuesday, September 24, at the Indian Ridge Country Club in Andover. For additional information, please contact Eleni Kalioras at (617) 277-

4742 or ekalioras@boston.goarch.org. Online registration is available at www.campgolf.org.

Autumn Tea

Holy Trinity Philoptochos is hosting a tea on Sunday, September 29, 1:00 pm, in the Church hall. Tickets are \$40. Please see hostesses Donna Zouzas or Mary Themeles for tickets.

The Philoptochos will meet on Monday, September 9, 6:30 pm, in the Church hall.

AHEPA Golf Tournament

The AHEPA Golf Tournament will be held at the Four Oaks Country Club in Dracut on Monday, October 7. Tee time is 9:00 am. Entry for golfers is \$130. Lunch only is \$30. If you wish to be a tournament sponsor, hole sponsor, or to advertise in the tournament book or plan to play contact George Xifaras at (978) 815-0985 or go to gxifaras@verizon.net.

Ecclesiastical New Year

The Ecclesiastical New Year, or Indiction, begins today. The word Indiction comes from the Latin and means "to impose." The Church has celebrated this date from the time of Constantine the Great, who observed this day as one for taxation. His purpose was to erect an entire city to be known as Constantinople, the capital of the Byzantine world, the completion of which served to remind civilization that in this city was to be built the greatest of Greek Orthodox churches.

Emperor Constantine, revered as a saint in the Orthodox world, had the Savior in mind, with crosses everywhere, even on his soldiers' shields.

As we begin the New Year it is time to pause, refresh the spirit and congratulate ourselves for another year as a member of a time honored faith.

The Past? Leave it to God.

The Present? Live it for God.

The Future? Entrust it to God.

A thankful heart enjoys blessings twice – when they are received and when they are remembered.