

# Holy Trinity Hellenic Orthodox Church

Lowell, Massachusetts

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September 8, 2019

## Nativity of the Theotokos

*Sunday before the Exaltation of the Precious and  
Life-giving Holy Cross*

### 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

- **Memorials: 1-year for Vivian Koufogazos Gianoukos; 1-year for Sophie Leimonitis**
- **Today's Coffee Hour is being hosted by the family of Vivian Koufogazos Gianoukos to honor her memory.**
- **Parish Council Members on duty: Betty Themeles, Tom Themeles, George Christopulos, Greg Curtis**

### This Week

**Monday, September 9 – Philoptochos Meeting – 6:30 pm – Church Hall**

**Thursday, September 12 - Parish Council Meeting – 6:30 pm – Church Hall**

**Saturday, September 14 - Exaltation of the Holy Cross – 8:00 am  
Orthros; 9:00 am Divine Liturgy**

### For Our Edification

#### Winter Hours Next Week

Next Sunday, September 15, marks the beginning of Winter Hours. Orthros will begin at 9:00 am to be followed by the Divine Liturgy at 10:00 am.

#### Special Collection

The proceeds from next week's second collection will benefit Hellenic College Holy Cross.

#### Metropolis Golf Tournament

The Metropolis Golf Tournament is being held on Tuesday, September 24, at the Indian Ridge Country Club in Andover. This event supports the MBC Camp and Retreat Center. Online registration is available at [www.campgolf.org](http://www.campgolf.org).

#### Autumn Tea

The Holy Trinity Philoptochos is extending an invitation to attend their Autumn Tea to be held on Sunday, September 29, 1:00 pm, in the Church hall. Tickets are \$40. Please see hostesses Donna Zouzas or Mary Themeles for tickets or more information.

#### Upcoming Golf Tourney

The AHEPA Hellas Chapter 102 Golf Tournament is taking place on Monday, October 7, at the Four Oaks Country Club in Dracut. Tee time is 9:00 am. Golfers pay \$130. Luncheon only attendees pay \$30. If you wish to be a tournament sponsor, hole sponsor, advertise in the tournament book or plan to play, contact George Xifaras at (978) 815-0985 or email him at [gxifaras@verizon.net](mailto:gxifaras@verizon.net).

#### Service of the Exaltation of the Cross

The Exaltation of the Cross takes place on September 14 in commemoration of the finding of the original Cross by St. Helena in Jerusalem, and also in commemoration of the recovery of the Cross from the Persians by Emperor Heraclius (629 AD). This event is the theme of the Akathist Hymn, in dedication to the Virgin Mary, Theotokos, who, according to tradition, helped find the Cross.