

Holy Trinity Hellenic Orthodox Church

Lowell, Massachusetts

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August 18, 2019

Ninth 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: 40-day for Charles Nikitopoulos**
- **The Hellenic Culture and Heritage Society is hosting today's Coffee Hour in memory of Charles Nikitopoulos.**
- **Parish Council Members on duty: Tom Themeles, George Christopulos, Greg Curtis, Lewis Demetroulakos**

This Week

Monday, August 19 – The Holy Trinity Golf Tournament will take place at the Indian Ridge Country Club in Andover. Tee time is 1:00 pm.

For Our Edification

Pan Laconians to Meet

The Pan Laconians will be having an emergency meeting today after Divine Liturgy downstairs in the Church hall.

School Registration Ongoing

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

Save the Date

The 10th Annual 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 George Xifaras at (978) 815-0985 or gxifaras@verizon.net. Tee time is 9:00 am and there will be a buffet and a raffle.

St. Phanourios – August 27

On August 27, sometime in the 14th century A.D., a group of Arabs were pillaging the island of Rhodes and were scavenging the treasures they found at the ruins of an ancient church. From a distance, several monks hid and watched, as the bandits tossed aside the icons they had found. The monks immediately noticed that one of these icons was different from the rest. Once the invaders had left the area, the monks examined the icon carefully. They had never seen it before, nor could they understand how it could be in such perfect condition amidst the rubble. Unlike the others, this icon was as freshly painted as if it had been created that day. The icon was of a young man named Phanourios who was dressed as a soldier, holding a cross in the right hand. Drawn about his figure were twelve detailed depictions of Phanourios enduring different forms of torture. The monks realized that this icon had been divinely revealed. The Lord had decided that the knowledge of Phanourios' heroism and victorious faith be made known to us, and so Phanourios reached out to us through time. Lost for centuries, Phanourios has become the Patron Saint of lost things.

“Learn to desire humility, for that will cover all your sins. All sin is hateful to God, but the most hateful of all is Pride of Heart. Do not consider yourself learned or wise, or all your toil will be lost and your ship will arrive empty at the shore.”

-St. Anthony the Great