

# Holy Trinity Hellenic Orthodox Church

Lowell, Massachusetts

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August 25, 2019

## *Tenth 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

- **Philoptochos is hosting today's Coffee Hour.**
- **Parish Council Members on duty: John Grillakis, Charles Hondros, Paris Karahalios, George Meltsakos**

### For Our Edification

#### **Hellenic American Academy Opening Schedule**

The school year for the Hellenic American Academy begins on Tuesday, August 27, for Grades 1 through 6.

Preschool and Kindergarten Orientation will be on Thursday, August 29, between 9:00 am and 10:00 am.

First day for Preschool and Kindergarten is Tuesday, September 3.

### **AHEPA Golf Tournament**

The AHEPA Hellas Chapter 102 Golf Tournament will be held on Monday, October 7, at Four Oaks Country Club in Dracut. For more information, contact George Xifaras, president, at (978) 815-0985 or [gxifaras@verizon.net](mailto:gxifaras@verizon.net). Tee time is 9:00 am. There will be a buffet and raffle.

### **St. Moses the Ethiopian August 28**

Moses, a native of Abyssinia, Ethiopia, was a great big brute who was a slave in the 4<sup>th</sup> century A.D. He had quite a reputation for his anger and violent behavior.

One day Moses and his gang raided a monastery. When he burst in on the Abbot, he expected the Abbot to be cowering in fear before him. Instead, the Abbot calmly faced Moses and looked into his eyes with great compassion. Moses was completely stunned by this. For the first time in his life, he felt repentance and regret for all the violence and hatred that he had allowed to consume him all of his life.

Moses broke up the gang and decided to stay at the monastery and learn from the Abbot. He confessed all his sins, began to pray and eventually chose to become a monk.

Moses, once a slave to others and to his own violent emotions, was able to free himself with God's love and to transform his passions into energies of the Holy Spirit. He received the crown of life on August 28.

### **Beheading of St. John the Baptist – August 29**

St. John was the cousin of the Messiah, whom he anointed in baptism with the holy waters of the Jordan River. Although he is most often remembered for the baptism and for preaching the coming of Christ, he went on with his missionary work for many years. And for this, as for many others who preached Christ's word, he paid with his life. The senseless execution of this mighty servant of God is placed on the church calendar on August 29 to stir the awareness of Christians everywhere that mortality will never die because of saints such as John the Baptist.