

Holy Trinity Hellenic Orthodox Church

Lowell, Massachusetts

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August 4, 2019

Seventh 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

- **There will be no Coffee Hour today.**
- **Parish Council Members on duty: Charles Hondros, Paris Karahalios, George Meltsakos, George Pergakis**

For Our Edification

Transfiguration Church Services

Great Vespers will take place on Monday evening, August 5, 7:00 pm, at the Holy Transfiguration Church. A reception will follow.

On Tuesday, August 6, the Feast of the Transfiguration will be celebrated with Orthros at 8:30 am and Divine Liturgy at 9:30 am. A reception will follow.

HAA Now Enrolling

Hellenic American Academy is enrolling students for the upcoming school year. For more information or to schedule a tour call (978) 453-5422.

Dekapentavousto – Fast of the Dormition of the Theotokos

During the first 15 days of August, known as Dekapentavousto, the Church encourages Orthodox Christians to observe a special fast period. The fast consists of abstaining from meat and dairy products for the first 14 days prior to the Feast of the Dormition on August 15.

St. Herman of Alaska – August 9

A courageous Russian monk with the highly improbable name of Herman (from the Greek Germanos and Slavonic German) is the first Orthodox saint canonized in the New World for his dedicated and heroic efforts in bringing the faith to the natives of the Aleutian Islands and Alaska.

The man who was to become St. Herman of Alaska was born in 1756 in the city of Serpukhov, which is in the Diocese of Moscow. From childhood, Herman showed a predilection for the church and while yet in his early youth was admitted to a monastery. One day Herman had an experience that would inspire him to a lifetime of intense devotion to the word of Jesus Christ. He became seriously ill and when it seemed he could not survive, he resigned himself to an untimely death. However, as he prayed for deliverance, the Virgin Mary appeared to him in a vision, after which he was completely cured. The miraculous event was a constant inspiration throughout a lifetime of rugged frontier service to the Lord. Herman was canonized a saint on August 9, 1970.

Holy Trinity Golf Tournament

The Holy Trinity Golf Tournament will be taking place on Monday, August 19, 1:00 pm tee time, at the Indian Ridge Country Club in Andover. This year's event will be honoring Nicholas C. Sarris, who over the last 10 years has lent his time and talent as a parishioner, benefactor and a historic construction and renovation expert in the restoration of Holy Trinity.

Your participation in this tournament as a player and/or sponsor will go a long way toward supporting Holy Trinity's mission and programs as well as honoring and thanking Nick for all of his good work.

If you need more information, please contact any of the Parish Council members for details.