

Venerable Romanus the Melodist, "Sweet-Singer" (Oct 1)

Saint Romanus the Melodist was born in the fifth century in the Syrian city of Emesa of Jewish parents. After moving to Constantinople, he became a church sacristan in the temple of Hagia Sophia. The monk spent his nights alone at prayer in a field or in the Blachernae church beyond the city.

Saint Romanus was not a talented reader or singer. Once, on the eve of the Nativity of Christ, he read the kathisma verses. He read so poorly that another reader had to take his place. The clergy ridiculed Romanus, which devastated him.

On the day of the Nativity, the Mother of God appeared to the grief-stricken youth in a vision while he was praying before her Kyriotissa icon. She gave him a scroll and commanded him to eat it. Thus was he given the gift of understanding, composition, and hymnography.

That evening at the all-night Vigil Saint Romanus sang, in a wondrous voice, his first Kontakion: "Today the Virgin gives birth to the Transcendent One..." All the hymns of Saint Romanus became known as kontakia, in reference to the Virgin's scroll. Saint Romanus was also the first to write in the form of the Oikos, which he incorporated into the all-night Vigil at his places of residence (In Greek, "oikos").

For his zealous service Saint Romanus was ordained as a deacon and became a teacher of song. Until his death, which occurred about the year 556, the hierodeacon Romanus the Melodist composed nearly a thousand hymns, many of which are still used by Christians to glorify the Lord. About eighty survive.

(Taken from <https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2021/10/01/102826-venerable-romanus-the-melodist-sweet-singer>)



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October 3, 2021

2ND SUNDAY OF LUKE

COMMEMORATIONS:

DIONYSIOS THE AREOPAGITE
JOHN THE CHOZEBITE, BISHOP OF CAESARIA
RUSTICUS AND ELEUTHERIOS THE MARTYRS

Tone 6 - Eothinon 4

Orthros Gospel: St. Luke 24:1-12

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 4:6-15

Liturgy Gospel: St. Luke 6:31-36

RESURRECTION TROPARION - Tone 6 - When Mary stood at thy grave, looking for thy sacred Body, angelic powers shone above thy revered tomb, and the soldiers who were to keep guard became as dead men. Thou led'st hades captive and wast not tempted thereby; thou didst meet the Virgin and didst give life to the world. O thou who art risen from the dead, O Lord, glory to thee!

APOLYTIKION OF ST. DIONYSIOS THE AREOPAGITE - Tone 4 - Since thou hadst been instructed in uprightness thoroughly and wast vigilant in all things, thou wast clothed with a good conscience as befitteth one holy. Thou didst draw from the Chosen Vessel ineffable mysteries; and having kept the Faith, thou didst finish a like course, O Hieromartyr Dionysios. Intercede with Christ God that our souls be saved.

TODAY: *Welcome & Many Years, Sayidna THOMAS!*

ORTHROS & No Confessions 8:45 a.m.

Hierarchical LITURGY 10 a.m.

Memorial for George Kaminsky—Memory Eternal!

Coffee Hour Outdoors

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Fr Noah & Fr James are available for hospital visits. If you or anyone you know is in the hospital or homebound and would like a visit, please call the church office.

Weekly Ministries & Stewards:

	This Week:	Next Week (Oct 10):
PROSPHORA BREAD:	Kristi Moore	Gabi & Catalin Tinjala
ALTAR CANDLES:	----	----
USHERS:	Sdn John & Todd M.	Dan M. & Tom A.
ALTAR BOYS:	“Archangel Michael”	“Archangel Gabriel”
CLEANING TEAM:	Todd & Kendra Moody and Natalia M.	Todd & Kristi Moore
COFFEE HOUR TEAM:	Angie; Conor; Nathan, Rebecca & Teens	Sze Man; Sh. Hannah; Gabe

SPECIAL APPEAL

Please consider making a donation to the **St. Justin Academy** which is up and running as our parish's own Classical school/ Homeschool Co-op. Thank you and may God bless your generosity!

Mark Your Calendar:

(Nov 7–Daylight Savings)

Annual Parish Meeting
Sunday, November 7

St. Philip Patronal Feast
Sunday, November 14

Nativity Fast
November 15-December 24

Entrance of the Theotokos
Sunday, November 21

Pray For:

Living	Departed
Sh Hannah	+George
Joanne	+Emilia
Mona-Rebecca	
Patrick	(October Parish Diptychs)
Doris	+Steve
John	+Marcella
James	+Mary
Lasha B	+Dorothy
Otari B	+Katherine
Daniel H	+Milan
Peter	+Maria
Anesia	+Alex
Anna	+Gus
George	+Theodore
Anesia	+Mary
Madelyne	+John
Priest Thomas,	+Alfred Anthony
Elizabeth, Jesse, Bill,	+Else
Elaine	+Ayele
& all Missionaries	+Laurence
New & Expectant Mothers & their children	<u>Catechumens</u>
For the people of our land and their repentance, healing & unity	Shaun, Laura, Taylor, Tim & Luke, Kate, Tyson, Joseph & Alana, Ryan, Michael, Tina

OFFERINGS 9/26: Candles, \$148. Collections, \$70. Youth, \$1. Book Stewardship, \$4,275. Total received: \$4,494.

THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

OCTOBER OUTREACH COLLECTION:

Bath & Shower Products

CHALLENGE FOR 2021:

“Your Body is the Temple of the Holy Spirit”

This Week:

- Mon, Oct 4:** Church open
- Tues, Oct 5:** Funeral, Burial, & Mercy Meal for George Kaminsky 11 a.m.
Matushka Olga Sewing Club 1 p.m.
- Wed, Oct 6:** Little Compline 6:30 p.m.
Patristic Reading Group 7:00 p.m.
- Thurs, Oct 7:** Church open
- Friday, Oct 8:** Church open
Paraklesis 6:30 p.m.
- Sat, Oct 9:** Great Vespers 6:30 p.m.
Confession 7:30 p.m.
- Sun, Oct 10:** *Liturgy at Fort Washington Mission, 9 a.m.*
ORTHROS 8:45 a.m.
Divine LITURGY 10 a.m.
Sunday School & Catechism begins!
Coffee Hour

“Life-giving and merciful Trinity, receive my thanksgiving for all Thy goodness. Make us worthy of Thy blessings, so that, when we have brought to fruit the talents Thou hast entrusted to us, we may enter into the joy of our Lord, forever exulting in the shout of victory:
Alleluia!”

— Kontakion 13, Akathist of Thanksgiving

The disciples were called Christians first in Antioch (Acts 11:26)