

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.

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October 1, 2023

SECOND SUNDAY OF LUKE

COMMEMORATIONS:

THE HOLY PROTECTION OF THE THEOTOKOS
ANANIAS, APOSTLE OF THE 70
ROMANOS THE MELODIST
JOHN KOUKOUZELIS THE PSALTI

Tone 8 - Eothion 6

Orthros Gospel: St. Luke 24:36-53

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 6:16-7:1

Liturgy Gospel: St. Luke 6:31-36

TROPARION OF THE RESURRECTION - Tone 8 - From the heights Thou didst descend, O Compassionate One, and Thou didst submit to the three-day burial, that Thou might deliver us from passion. Thou art our Life and our Resurrection, O Lord. Glory to Thee!

APOLYTIKION OF ST. ROMANOS THE MELODIST - Tone 8 - Through thee, the divine likeness was securely preserved, O father Romanos; for thou didst carry the cross and follow Christ. By example and precept thou didst teach us to ignore the body, because it is perishable, and to attend to the concerns of the undying soul. Therefore, doth thy soul rejoice with the angels .

TODAY: ORTHROS 8:45 a.m.
Divine LITURGY 10 a.m.
Sunday School & Teens
Coffee Hour
Putting Your House In Order 1:15 p.m.

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Office Hours: Monday, Wednesday, Friday 8:30am - 3:30pm

Fr Noah & Fr James are available for hospital visits. Please contact them directly or call the church office.

Weekly Ministries & Stewards:

	This Week:	Next Week (Oct 8):
COFFEE HOUR	Bagel Sunday	Bagel Sunday
PROSPHORA BREAD:	Kristi Moore	Gabriela P. & Rachel C.
ALTAR CANDLES:	Kaminsky Family In Memory of George (2yrs)	----
USHERS:	Todd M. & Radu C.	Dan M. & Rdr Nick
CLEANING TEAM:	Moodys; Natalia M.; Jocey J.	Moore; Kim B; Frank/ Monica
COFFEE HOUR TEAM:	Chris; Mariya; Laura; Eric	Calvin; Dale; Ginny/John

Mark Your Calendar:

Current Education Opportunities:

Bible Study on Romans
Thursdays after Slavic Tones Vespers

Catechumen & Inquirer Class
5pm Saturdays before Vespers

Book Discussion on Gender Dysphoria
5pm Saturdays before Vespers
Sept 23 - Dec 9

Byzantine Notation Intro
Saturdays, 5:00-6:20pm
Sept 23 - Dec 16

Bp THOMAS Visit *November 13-15*

On Monday, Nov 13, we will have a catered banquet with Bp THOMAS for the 45th anniversary celebration of our parish. Donations toward building fund are welcome. Talk to Louise Shaheen for more details or to help.

St Philip Day *November 14*

Nativity Fast
November 15 - December 24

Pray For:

Living	Departed
Met. Onuphry and faithful of Ukraine	+Olga +John
Faithful of Ethiopia	+Helen
Pr. Andrew, family, & parishioners	(October Parish Diptychs)
Kh. Joyce	+Steve
Mary	+Marcella
Child Timothy	+Mary
Xenia	+Dorothy
George	+Katherine
Ephrem	+Milan
Nicole	+Maria
Raymond	+Alex
Patrick	+Gus
Doris	+Theodore
John	+Mary
James	+John
Helen	+Alfred-Anthony
Wadieh	+Else
Mary	+Ayele
Victoria	+Laurence
Alexandra	<u>Catechumens</u>
Steve	Evan
Lasha	Lucretia
Otari	Ryan
Jesse, Nathan, Hannah, Elizabeth, & all Missionaries	Alina
Nathan & family, John, & all seminarians	Nicholas,
New & Expectant Mothers & their children	Rachel, Luka, & Leo
For the people of our land, and their repentance, healing & unity	Michael
The 12 Baskets Full team asks for prayers for our homeless Philly friends – George, Bill, Jim, Jalil, Mark, Joel, Eric	Tiffany
	Caden
	Keith, Maggie, & Eli
	Andrew
	Daniel
	Kassandra
	Christian

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

This Week:

Mon, Oct 2:	Office open
Tues, Oct 3:	Matushka Olga Sewing Club, 1 p.m.
Wed, Oct 4:	Office open Compline & Patristic Reading 6:30 p.m.
Thurs, Oct 5:	Twelve Baskets Full serving night 6 p.m. Slavic Tone Vespers 6:30 p.m. Bible Study on Romans 7:15 p.m.
Fri, Oct 6:	Office open Icon Studio Paraklesis 6:30 p.m.
Sat, Oct 7:	Catechumen & Inquirer Class 5 p.m. Byzantine Notation Intro 5 p.m. Book Discussion on Gender Dysphoria 5 p.m. Great VESPERS 6:30 p.m. Confessions 7:30 p.m.
Sun, Oct 8:	<i>Liturgy at Fort Washington Mission 9am</i> ORTHROS 8:45 a.m. Divine LITURGY 10 a.m. 40-Days Trisagion (John G.) Sunday School & Teens Coffee Hour Putting Your House In Order 1:15 p.m.

OCTOBER OUTREACH COLLECTION: **Bath & Shower Products**

CHALLENGE FOR 2023:
"You are the Salt of the Earth"

ATTENDANCE: Vespers for Sept 23: 95 Divine Services Sept 24: NA
OFFERINGS 9/24: Candles, \$223. Collections, \$517.74. Youth, \$1. Book Shelf Ministry, \$15. Building Fund, \$5,000. Classical School Fund, \$862.52. Crafty Kids, \$151. Icon Studio, \$100. Mission Chapel, \$100. Pastoral Discretion, \$15. Stewardship, \$5,218. Total received: \$12,203.26. Cemetery Account, \$35.

THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!