

St. Nicholas Orthodox Christian Church

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Sunday, September 29, 2019

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-8:40 AM – 3rd and 6th Hours

-9:00 AM – Divine Liturgy followed by a Parish Council Meeting

Monday September 30

-5:00 PM Vespers

Tuesday, October 1

-9:00 AM Divine Liturgy – Protection of the Most Blessed Theotokos

Wednesday, October 2

-No Divine Liturgy

Saturday, October 5

-4:30 PM - Confessions

-4:45 PM – 9th Hour

-5:00 PM – Vespers

Sunday, October 6

-9:00 AM – Adult Education

-9:40 AM – 3rd and 6th Hours

-10:00 AM – Divine Liturgy

Please note that we will begin our Autumn-Winter schedule for Divine Liturgy (10:00 AM) next Sunday

The St. Marion Sisterhood will hold a meeting on Sunday, October 13 following Divine Liturgy.

Adult Education returns next week at 9:00 AM. This year we will be studying the Feasts of the Church and the cycle of services as well as answering all of your questions. Please come and nurture a greater understanding and love of this vital aspect of church life.

Please remember our food pantry ministry, especially as autumn settles in. God Bless You for your Kind Generosity!

Please Keep In Your Prayers the Servants of God,

Newly Departed: Archbishop Nikon (Oct 10)

Ill Servants: Archpriest John Chupeck, Archpriest Herman Shick, Mother Onuphria, Irene Bashta, Claudia Bashta Ann Bandas, Alexander Wasilenko, Christian Lupo, Kelly Lupo, Rocco Lupo, Olga Melnick, Clement John Wick, Helen Milliman, Michelle Pavylak, Michael Topichak, Tanya Kohut, Anthony Lupo, William Acker, Michael Panek, Karen Donch, Suzanne Schumacher, David Lupo, Elizabeth Hryvko, Ludmilla Smart, , Damian Donch, Amanda Donch Margaret Flurschutz, Elizabeth Peters, Wesley Clymer, Walter, Charity, Michael, Natalie, Teresa, James, Dale, and Brendi

Venerable Romanus the Melodist, “Sweet-Singer”



Commemorated on October 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. (OCA Lives of the Saints)