

# Holy Trinity Hellenic Orthodox Church

Lowell, Massachusetts

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October 2, 2016

## National Church Music Sunday

*2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Luke*

### 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.**

### Today's Calendar

- **Memorials: 1-year for Bessie E. Natsios; 3-year for Andrew Mihos**
- **The HAA PTA is hosting today's Coffee Hour.**
- **Fall Family Day at Canobie Lake Park – 1:00 pm**
- **Parish Council Members on duty: Lew Demetroulakos, Athena Hayes, Nick Stathopoulos, Tom Themeles**

### This Week

**Monday, October 3 – AHEPA Golf Tournament at Four Oaks Country Club in Dracut**

**Monday, October 3 - 6:30 pm – Philoptochos Meeting - Church Hall**

**Wednesday, October 5 – Religious Education begins – 5:30 pm – Church Hall**

### For Our Edification

#### National Church Music Sunday

Today the Archdiocese of America celebrates National Church Music Sunday. Let us recognize the stewardship of our choir members, who Sunday after Sunday, serve our

parish and enhance our services. Their dedication is an inspiration to us all. Thank you to them all.

Please consider becoming a member of this unique group by volunteering your time and talent.

#### Hunger/Homeless Month

. Beginning today and continuing until Sunday, November 13, we will be collecting non-perishable food items for those in need. The food may be left in the vestibule.

#### Chess Instructor Needed

Hellenic American Academy is looking for an individual to volunteer to teach students chess in an after school program. Please call the school at (978) 453-5422 and speak to Principal Dave Conway.

#### Holiday Event Coming November 5

On Saturday, November 5, the Philoptochos is presenting a Holiday Event featuring 14 holiday themed tablescapes and Christmas trees. Admissions will be \$10 for tree viewing only. A boxed lunch for \$30 prepared by Panera's will be available for purchase. Greek pastry items will be for sale. Look for your letter and raffle tickets in the mail for more details.

#### Hellenic College Holy Cross Open House

This Friday, October 7, is the last day to register to attend the Fall Open House at Hellenic College Holy Cross on Saturday, October 15. Register online at [www.hchc.edu/openhouse](http://www.hchc.edu/openhouse) or by phone at (617) 850-1345.

#### St. Romanos the Melodist

St. Romanos, whose feast day is October 1<sup>st</sup>, had an inspirational musical gift of composition, but his voice was, unfortunately, quite harsh.

Born in Syria in the latter part of the 5<sup>th</sup> century, Romanos entered the service of the Lord as deacon in Beirut. His voice was rasping and he could not carry a tune. He made up for this with his gift of composing sacred songs, which stamped him a hymnographer without equal. He was transferred to Constantinople on the merits of his creative ability and his steadfastness to glorify our Lord.

One night in a dream, the Virgin Mary appeared before him. She blessed him and gave him a scroll. In thanksgiving for this wondrous dream, he went to church and sang a song of praise. Romanos could not believe what he heard. His voice was lyrical!

From that day on, he was known as the "melodious one," not only for his compositions, but also for his singing. He died on October 1, 1510.