

Holy Trinity Hellenic Orthodox Church
Lowell, Massachusetts
Rev. Fr. Nikolaos D. Pelekoudas, Presbyter

October 1, 2017
National Church Music Sunday
2nd Sunday of Luke

SUNDAY READINGS

Epistle Reading	Acts 9:10-19	
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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: 40-day for Stella Niarhos; 6-month for Spiros P. Flomp; 1-year for Costas Niarhos; 10-year for Catherine N. Flomp, Queena Flomp Traggis, Christos Argrionopoulos and John Goumas.**
- **The Alexis and Kyranos families are hosting today's Coffee Hour in memory of their beloved family members.**
- **Parish Council Members on duty: Tom Themeles, Greg Curtis, John**

Grillakis, Athena Hayes

This Week

Monday, October 2 – AHEPA Golf Tournament at Four Oaks Country Club in Dracut – 9:00 am Tee Time
Monday, October 2 - 6:30 pm – Philoptochos Meeting - Church Hall

For Our Edification

National Church Music Sunday

Today is the day parishes across our Archdiocese honor the gifts and stewardship of the church musicians of our parish – our clergy, the choir, our chanters, and those who teach the hymns of our Church to our youth. Their contributions enhance our worship and assure that the glorious treasury of our hymnography continues to edify us and future generations.

Hunger/Homeless Month

Beginning today and continuing until Sunday, November 12, we will be collecting non-perishable food items for those in need. The food may be left in the vestibule.

Hellenic College Holy Cross Open House

This Friday, October 6, is the last day to register to attend the Fall Open House at Hellenic College Holy Cross on Saturday, October 14 from 8:30 am until 2:00 pm. Register online at www.hchc.edu/openhouse or by phone at (617) 850-1345.

Fall Family Outing

The Fall Family Outing at Canobie Lake Park in Salem, NH takes place on Sunday, October 15. There will be rides for all ages, petting zoo, pumpkin decorating, pony rides and much more. Please RSVP Jennifer Hardy at (978) 551-6306 no later than October 7.

Membership Applications Available

The Daughters of Penelope and the Maids of Athena are looking for new members. Please find their applications at the Pagari.

Upcoming Events

Monday, October 16 – 6:00 pm – Bingo Fundraiser at the Lowell Senior Center.
Saturday, November 4- Philoptochos Greek Food Fair – 11:00 am to 4:00 pm at the Hellenic Cultural Center.

St. Romanos the Melodist

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

Born in Syria in the latter part of the 5th 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.