

# Holy Trinity Hellenic Orthodox Church

Lowell, Massachusetts

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October 7, 2018

## National Church Music Sunday

*3<sup>rd</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

- Food Drive begins today and continues until November 11.
- Parish Council Members on duty: John Grillakis, Charles Hondros, Paris Karahalios, Joan Metropolis

### This Week

**Thursday, October 11 – Parish Council Meeting – 6:30 pm – Hellenic Cultural Center**

**Friday, October 12 – Bingo Night – 6:00 pm – Lowell Senior Center**

**Saturday, October 13 – Hellenic College Holy Cross Admissions Open House – 8:30 am until 2:00 pm**

### 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. National Church Music Sunday always occurs on or the Sunday following the Feast Day of St. Romanos (October 1), the Patron Saint of Church Musicians.

#### Fall Family Day

Next Sunday, October 14, 1:00 pm, the Sunday School is hosting Fall Family Day at Canobie Lake Park in Salem, NH. There will be rides for all ages, petting zoo, pumpkin decorating, pony rides and much more. To attend this wonderful event, please call Jennifer Hardy at (978) 551-6306.

#### 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.