Each year on this Sunday, we pause to honor the gifts and contributions of St. Romanos. St. Romanos is also said to have composed the Akathist Hymn, a hymn celebrating the Nativity of our Lord, “Today the Virgin gives birth...” He was a master of music and a gifted composer. His Akathist Hymn is still sung by Orthodox Christians around the world. 

St. Romanos died on October 1st in 510 AD. He was a productive genius and artist, writing and accenting thousands of kontakia. He has been called the patron saint of all who sing for the Church. Others say he is the leader in the world of religious hymnology. Surely, he has made a profound contribution to divine worship and liturgical services throughout the year. Our parishioners who contribute to our year-round music program and who deserve our thanks for a job well done include:

- Daniel Blain, Aaron Blain, Nick Billis, Jonathan Troop, Ben Pratt, Nick Belessis, Thomas Troop (Chanters);
- John Scanlon (Choir Director);
- Lula Yelagotes (Organist);
- Tena Blain (Children’s Music); and all our devoted choir members.

Thank you! And God bless you!

### 2020 Bazaar Prep Schedule

**Saturday, October 10th**

- 9:00 AM - 5PM **Bazaar Prep** - Koulourakia
- 1:00 PM - 3PM **GOYA gathering at Country Barn & Barnyard Kingdom, 21 Donoville Rd Hayrides & Fall Activities**
- 7:00 PM **Vespers**

**Sunday, October 4th**

**Memorials:**
- Vasa Simpson (40 day), George Nicozisis (1 yr), Vasilios Zougias, Andrew Valavanes, Irini Hazatones, Christofilia & Haralambos Grgoraiades, Effthia Georgallis, Esther Moshos, Nicholas Moshos, Stylianos Gerovasilis, Katina Gerovasilis, Michael A. Karpouzis, Anastasios Chronis, William Ioannidis, Mark Benos, Eleini Mountis, Stamatia Madonis.

- 8:15 AM **Orthros**
- 9:30 AM **Divine Liturgy**
- 10:35 AM **Sunday School (9-12 Grades)**
- 11:30 AM **ZHTO Dance Practice**

**Tuesday, October 6th**

- 7:00 PM **OCF & YoPro (Young Adults)**

**Wednesday, October 7th**

- 5:00 PM **Elinopoula Zoom Tutorial**
- 6:00 PM **Live Stream Book Study**
- 7:00 PM **Paraklesis to St. Nikiforos**

**Thursday, October 8th**

- 9:30 - 11:30 AM **Crisis Relief Box Distribution**

**Friday, October 9th**

- 9:00 AM **Paraklesis to The Theotokos**

**Centennial Spirit Wear**

Selling masks, t-shirts & aprons to be ready for the Bazaar. The link is: https://ssppartners.tuosystems.com/stores/ssppartners-sep22-150254

Order deadline is October 7th

For more information contact Tina Georges at tineli79@gmail.com

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**ZHTO Dance Practice**

*Today* after Sunday School (11:30AM) Please meet at the outside entrance of the Phioptohos Hall Breezeway.

All GOYAns welcome!

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**GOYA FUNdraiser**

- “Kouloura” - $3.00 each
- **Pre-orders only October 4th - 15th**
- **Pick up October 18th**

The link is: https://forms.gle/kWxlhTrTu6KxqEAX6

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**Saint Romanos the Melodist**

The first Sunday on or after the Feast of St. Romanos (October 1st) has been designated by the Archdiocese as NATIONAL CHURCH MUSIC SUNDAY. Each year on this Sunday, we pause to honor the gifts and contributions of our church musicians — choir directors, chanters, choir members, organists, and Church School music educators. We thank them for their devotion to our Church through their Ministry of Music.

St. Romanos was a Syrian Christian who lived in the beginning of the 6th century. A convert to Orthodoxy from Judaism, he was ordained a deacon and served in the Church of Beirut. His talent was great. Unlike others, he wrote his hymns in simple language and produced a pleasant meter in the verse by the way he accented words.

St. Romanos wrote hundreds of hymns celebrating the mystery of the Incarnation, the Crucifixion, the Resurrection, and the living of a Christian life. One of his most famous compositions is the hymn celebrating the Nativity of our Lord, ”Today the Virgin gives birth...” (I Parthenos Simeron). St. Romanos is also said to have composed the Akathist Hymn, a kontakion which we still chant during the Salutations services during Great Lent.

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http://www.churchmusic.goarch.org/events/churchmusicsunday/stromanos

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**Welcome to all Visitors**

We welcome our non-Orthodox friends and neighbors at all the liturgical services with a reminder that Holy Communion may be received only by prepared Orthodox Christians. Please sign the Visitor’s Registry in the Narthex if you wish to be contacted by the priest.

Father Hector Firoglanis, Pastor
Father Theodosios Palis, Assistant Pastor; Father Alexander Veronis, Pastor Emeritus

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Come, let us worship and bow down before Christ. Save us, O Son of God, who are risen from the dead. We sing to You, Alleluia.

1. RESURRECTION APOLYTIKION
   (Fourth Mode)
You descended from on high, O compassionate One, and condescended to be buried for three days, so that from the passions You might set us free. Our life and resurrection, O Lord, glory be to You.

2. HYMN OF OUR CHURCH (Fourth Mode)
Today is the beginning of our salvation, and the revelation of the mystery of ages. The Son of God becomes the Son of the Virgin and Gabriel proclaims this gift from God. Together with him we cry out to You, O Theotokos: “Hail thou full of grace, the Lord is with you.”

3. KONTAKION (Second Mode)
O Protection of Christians unshamable, Intercessor to our Holy Maker, unwavering, Please reject not the prayerful cries of those who are in sin. Instead, come to us, for you are good; Your loving help bring unto us, Who are crying in faith to you: Hasten to intercede and speed now to supplicate, As a protection for all time, Theotokos, for those who honor you.

The Lord said, “And as you wish that men would do to you, do so to them. If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the selfish. Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful.”