

HOLY TRINITY GREEK ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL

SUNDAY LITURGICAL GUIDE FOR

October 1, 2017 2nd Sunday of Luke
4th Plagal Eothinon Gospel 6

Romanos the Melodist

Saint Romanos flourished during the reign of Anastasius (491-518). He was from Emesa of Syria, and apparently was born of Jewish parents, for a hymn written in his honour in Greek says he was "of Hebrew stock," and it has furthermore been noted that he uses many Semitic idioms in his writings. He was baptized an Orthodox Christian, and at some time became a deacon in the Church of Beirut. He was the first composer of the kontakia, the foremost of which is that of the feast of Christ's Nativity, On this day the Virgin In composing many of his kontakia. Saint Romanos was inspired by the hymns of Saint Ephraim of Syria.

Ananias, Apostle of the 70

Saint Ananias, whose name means "God is gracious," was from Damascus, where by divine revelation he was commanded to baptize the Apostle Paul (Acts 9: 10-17). He completed the course of martyrdom when he was stoned to death during the proconsulate of Lucian.

The Children's Word

Have you ever taken a test? Sometimes you might have some hard questions to answer. Some of them might be kind of easy. And on a test, sometimes the hard ones and the easy ones might be all mixed up together. The gospel reading today tells us about the hard things and the easy thing we must do if we want to be good followers of Christ. The gospel says, "If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them...But love your enemies, do good, and lend, hoping for nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High." So the easy thing is to love people who love us! The easy thing is to do good to those who do good to us. The easy thing is to give to people who give things back to us. That's the easy thing. We can do that! The hard thing is to love our enemies, to do good to people who are mean to us, to give to people who might not give us anything back. God wants us to do the easy things, of course. (You're nice to your friends, aren't you?) But God wants us to do the hard things, too. God wants us to be nice to our enemies and to people who aren't so nice to us. You can show you are a Christian by doing the hard things! - Presbyteria Houck (myocn.net)

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SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Orthros at 8:45 a.m. Liturgy at 10:00 a.m.

Fellowship Coffee Hour will follow Divine Liturgy

The Second Antiphon

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Save us, O Son of God, who are risen from the dead, save us who sing to You: Alleluia.

Only begotten Son and Word of God, though immortal for our salvation You deigned to be incarnate of the Holy Theotokos and ever Virgin Mary, without change becoming man, and were crucified Christ our God, trampling death by death; being one of the Holy Trinity, glorified with the Father and Holy Spirit: save us.

Resurrection Dismissal Hymn

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From on High did You descend, O merciful Lord, for us did You endure, three days in the tomb that we may be, released from passions in this world, You who are our resurrection and our life Glory unto You O Lord.

The Small Entrance

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Come, let us worship and bow before Christ. Save us, O Son of God, who rose from the dead, to You we sing: Alleluia.

Apolytikion for Ananias of the 70

O Holy Apostle Ananias, make intercession to our merciful God, that He grant our souls forgiveness of offenses.

Apolytikion for Romanos the Melodist

In you, O Father, is preserved undistorted what was made in the image of God; for taking up the cross, you followed Christ and by example taught, that we should overlook the flesh, since it passes away, and instead look after the soul, since it is immortal. And therefore, O devout Romanos, your spirit rejoices with the angels.

Holy Trinity Dismissal Hymn

Ev-lo-gi-tos i Chri-ste o The-os i-mon, o pan-so-fus tus a-li-is a-na-thi-xas, ka-ta-pem-psas af-tis to pnev-ma to a-gi-on, ke thi af-ton tin i-ku-me-nin sa-gi-nef-sas, fi-lan-thro-pe tho-xa Si!

Blessed are You, O Christ our God, You made the fishermen all-wise by sending down upon them the Holy Spirit, and through them You drew the world into Your net. O Lover of mankind, glory to You.

Kontakion

A Protection of Christians unshamable, Intercessor to our Holy Maker, unwavering, 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.

Hymn

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Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us.

The Readings - Not in Liturgy Book

Epistle: Acts 9:10-19

Brethren, you are the temple of the living God; as God said, "I will live in them and move among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. Therefore come out from them, and be separate from them, says the Lord, and touch nothing unclean; then I will welcome you, and I will be a father to you, and you shall be My sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty."

Since we have these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit, and make holiness perfect in the fear of God.

Page 96 - Gospel: Luke 6:31-36

The Lord said, "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."

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Communion Hymn

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest. Alleluia.

Holy Communion: Orthodox Christians prepared to receive Holy Communion should come forward, quietly and reverently, at the direction of the ushers.

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Hymn: Blessed be the name of the Lord, from now and to the ages.

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE OF SERVICES & EVENTS

Tuesday, October 3	Breakfast Fellowship	7:30 AM
	Adult Fellowship	11:00 AM
Wednesday, October 4	Paraclesis	5:30 PM
Saturday, October 7	Great Vespers	6:00 PM

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Today** - 40 memorial service for Sophia Gregory. May her memory be eternal.
- **Today** please join us for refreshments in the coffee hour room right after church.
- **Festival Pastry Sale** - We will be selling the remaining festival pastries after church today at reduced prices during coffee hour. We will take cash, checks, and hopefully debit/credit cards.
- **Welcome New Altar Servers** - the Church offers a wonderful opportunity for the boys of our Cathedral to participate and serve in the altar during Liturgical services. All boys in the third grade and higher are invited to serve. We ask the parents of all interested boys to contact Chrysostom Mitchell, pastoral assistant, at ChrysostomSC@gmail.com or 803-200-2559.
- **Adult Choir** practice this Thursday, at 6:00 pm.
- **Philoptochos General Meeting** - St. Katherine's Philoptochos will have a General Meeting Tuesday, October 10 with social time at 6:00 and the meeting will begin at 6:30 in the Coffee Hour Room. All women of the parish are welcome to attend. Please contact Elizabeth Render if you need a ride or have any questions, 783-8826.