

ST. JOHN'S WEEKLY BULLETIN

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October 2, 2016
2nd Sunday of Luke
Cyprian and Justina
Eleutherios and Roustikos

-EPISTLE READING - II Corinthians 4:6-15

Brethren, it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ. But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, to show that the transcendent power belongs to God and not to us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies. For while we live we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be manifested in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in you. Since we have the same spirit of faith as he had who wrote, "I believed, and so I spoke," we too believed, and so we speak, knowing that He who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into His presence. For it is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

Epistle Reader: Maria Halfhill

RELIGIOUS SERVICES, MEETINGS AND EVENTS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 2, 2016

Sun. October 2, 2016
2nd Sunday of Luke
Orthros 9am, Divine Liturgy 10am

Tues. October 4, 2016
- Greek Language School, 4pm

Wed. October 5, 2016
- Philoptochos General Mtg., 6:30pm

ACOLYTES SERVING TODAY - TEAM B

PROSFORO

October 2	Voula Kitsigianis
October 2	Katerina Tseheridis
October 9	Elefteria Konstantarakis
October 16	Lela Bonorris
October 23	Maria Tambouris

+ MEMORIAL - +
 Ioanna Joan Christofer 40 Days
**Coffee hour will be sponsored
 by the Christofer Family*
 +May her memory be eternal+



THE ORTHODOX
 BOOKMOBILE
 IS AVAILABLE EVERY SUNDAY

after service! We have beautiful icons, and a variety of religious articles and Christian books, as well as books and Bibles.

WELCOME VISITORS

are not Orthodox and are interested in learning who we are and what our beliefs and practices are, we invite you to any of our Bible Study classes and of course the Class of Orthodox Faith. On the other hand if you are an Orthodox Christian and are not a member in another Orthodox Church we invite you (and your family) to join our parish. While all may receive the Antidoron, the bread which is given at the conclusion of services which of course is not consecrated only Orthodox Christians in good standing can receive Holy Communion and other Sacraments.)

FRIENDLY REMINDER

If you would like to have your name appear in the Stewardship list in the Vineyard, please remember to submit your 2016 Stewardship/Pledge forms with your payment! *THANK YOU!!!*

GREEK DANCE BAKE SALE
(and Pizza)
Next Sunday, October 9, 2016

Stop by the Fellowship Hall after Divine Liturgy next Sunday to purchase some delicious Pastries, Pizza and Drinks!
See you there!

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Today, October 2nd, our Archdiocese
observes,

NATIONAL CHURCH MUSIC SUNDAY

Congratulations to all adult choir and youth choir singers,
cantors, organists, chanters, youth choir leaders,
church school music teachers and choir directors.

Saint Romanos the Melodist

The hymnologists of the Orthodox Church are Christians of virtue and great faith, having been endowed with musical talent as well as the power of religious inspiration. Their creations enrich our worship services and help turn our souls towards God. Perhaps the greatest of all hymnologists is **St. Romanos the Melodist**. Many other hymnologists wrote ecclesiastical hymns, but none of them inspired the Christians as much as St. Romanos.



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. The hymns he composed appealed to the hearts of the people, and are still sung today.

Romanos has been called "Sweet Singer" (*Glykophonos*), "Melodist" (*Melodhos*), and "Righteous Chanter" (*Psaltis Dhikeosinis*). He 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 to One who is above all living things..." (*I Parthenos Simeron*). St. Romanos is also said to have composed the Akathist Hymn, a *kontakion* that we still chant during the Friday evening *Heretismoi* services of Great Lent.

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 deserves to be recognized by all who sing and by all who listen to the hymnology of our services.

St. John the Baptist
55th Anniversary Luncheon
Sunday, October 16, 2016
Immediately Following Divine Liturgy

Honoring Past and Present
Ministry Leaders

Luncheon Tickets \$15 Person
Children under 12 Free

Tickets will go on sale today, October 2, 2016



Patriarch Athenagoras Orthodox Institute
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Presents

The Magic and Art of Chanting

Featuring

Mario Lazaridis, Chanter

Moderated by

His Eminence Metropolitan Nikitas

Sunday, October 23, 2016 at 3pm

Boghosian Residence

625 North Arden Drive

Beverly Hills, California 90210

\$100 per person, space is limited

For Information please call

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