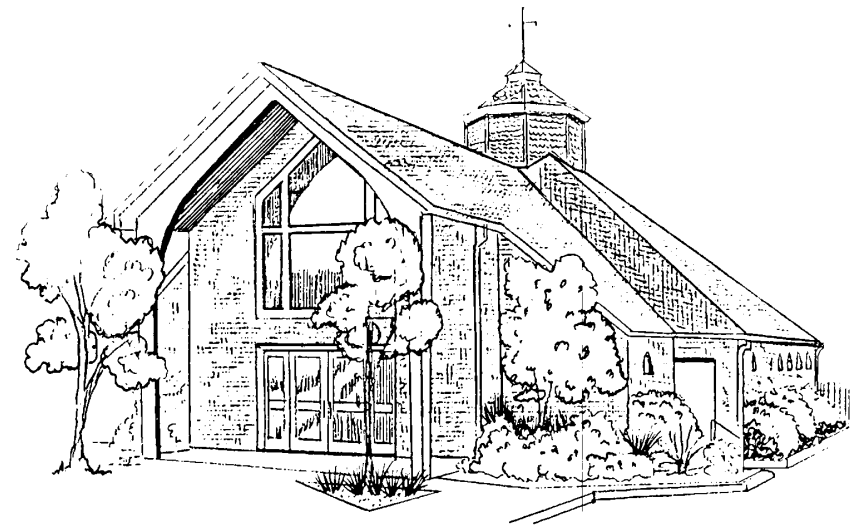


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The Venerable Romanus the Melodist

Romanus was born in the Syrian town of Emesa. He was, at first, a sexton in Beirut, and later served in the cathedral church in Constantinople in the time of Patriarch Euthymius (490-504). Romanus was not well educated and was untrained in chanting, for which he was ridiculed by some of the more educated clergy. St. Romanus tearfully prayed to the Most-holy Theotokos, and she appeared to him in a dream, gave him a scroll, and told him to swallow it. The following day was the Feast of the Nativity. Romanus took his place as a chanter at the ambo, and with an angelic voice sang the hymn "Today the Virgin..." All were amazed at both the content of this hymn and at the magnificent singing of the chanter. Having received the poetic gift from the Theotokos, Romanus composed over a thousand Kontakia. Romanus entered into rest as a deacon of the Great Church, Hagia Sophia, in Constantinople. He joined the angelic choirs in the year 510.

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October 1, 2023
2nd Sunday of Luke

Welcome!

To Our Guests:

While we are not yet in formal inter-communion with other faith traditions, we have much respect for their rites of worship and sanctuaries of prayer. In our tradition, **Holy Communion is open only to those Orthodox Christians who are in good standing with the Church and have prepared themselves by prayer, fasting and a recent confession.** Please do not be offended by this if you are not an Orthodox Christian or in good standing with the Church. We welcome you to our church and invite you to receive a blessing and partake of the blessed bread at the end of the Divine Liturgy.

In our tradition... *the church temple is a house of prayer. Upon entering it, please refrain from unnecessary conversation before, during and after church services, most especially during the Divine Liturgy from the time of the consecration of the Gifts until the last person has received the Eucharist. At the end of the Divine Liturgy, please come quietly forward to receive a piece of the antidoron and exit the church temple without talking. During coffee hour in the Church Hall is the appropriate place to exchange personal greetings and converse with one another. May God bless your reverence and piety.*

Epistle Reading: 2 Cor 6:16-18; 7:1

Gospel Reading: Luke 6:31-36

Saints of the Day

The Protection of the Theotokos; Apostle Ananias of the Seventy, first bishop of Damascus; Righteous Father Romanos the Melodist; Martyr Domninos of Thessalonica; Venerable John Koukouzelis; Gregory the Domestikos of the Great Lavra on Athos; Venerable Sabbas of Vishera in Russia; Venerable Balai of Beroea in Syria.

A Message from the Parish Council

Dear Parishioners, as we anticipated in the budget, our new property insurance premiums are going to exceed \$40,000 during the next 12 months. The premiums are paid quarterly and will put a strain on our ability to pay for the regular monthly expenses of approximately \$10,000. As we enter the summer months, when our income is generally less, please assist us by keeping up your regular pledge payments. Thank you for your generous support of the Parish. We are confident that the Lord will provide for our needs with your assistance, as always--Rob Booms.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturday, Sept. 30th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, Oct. 1st – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.
Saturday, Oct. 7th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, Oct. 8th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.
Saturday, Oct. 14th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, Oct. 15th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.
Saturday, Oct. 21st – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, Oct. 22nd – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.
Saturday, Oct. 28th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, Oct. 29th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Orthodox Thoughts from Theo, the Parish Possum



A bearded St. Basil looks upon us from his icon in the iconostasis and from another icon behind the altar. Our patron saint lived during the fourth century in Cappadocia, now in Turkey. St. Basil became a monk in 356 A.D. and later a Bishop. He wrote extensively, including the Divine Liturgy which we use on feast days, Sundays in Great Lent and on his commemoration day, January 1. St. Basil was a famous preacher, known for his care of the needy. He is referred to as St. Basil “the Great” because of his authoritative teaching of the doctrines of the Church. Much of his life was spent fighting the Arian heresy, which contended that Christ was not divine. He was known for his strong defense of the theology reflected in the Nicene Creed. Always in poor health and depicted as very serious in his icons, yet he was optimistic, tender, and even playful. However, he did not waver in his commitment to the poor: “At this very moment, what prevents you from giving? Are not the needy near at hand? Are your barns not already full? Is not your heavenly reward waiting? Is not the commandment crystal clear? The hungry are perishing, the naked are freezing to death, the debtors cannot breathe, and will you put off showing mercy until tomorrow? Make your brothers and sisters sharers of your wealth; give to the needy today what rots away tomorrow.” --- Theo

Spiritual Counsels...

“A false witness will not go unpunished, and he who utters lies will perish.” Proverbs 19:9

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Parents and teachers, please note that **Church School** began on Sunday, Sept. 10.

The **Ladies Guild** is scheduled to hold their October meeting next Sunday after Divine Liturgy. All ladies of the parish are invited to attend.

On Sunday, Oct. 15, we, God willing, will have our annual, Archdiocese-wide, **second collection** for our seminaries.

The Ladies Guild will have a **Spaghetti Dinner** on Nov. 5th. The dinners are \$10 age 6 & up and free for 5 & under, and will consist of spaghetti and meatballs, bread, salad and a dessert. Tickets are on sale now! For tickets and more information, please see Tania Russell.

With God's help, we will have a **mini-retreat** after Divine Liturgy on Sunday, Nov. 19. Fr. Peter will speak in-depth on the Church's teachings on personhood and what it is to be male and female. Everyone is invited to participate.

Today's Coffee Hour: Team 1. Thank you. **Next Week:** Team 2.

The Ladies Guild will be collecting donations for Love Moved First during the year of 2023. Love Moved First is a home for woman in crisis to recover and heal. We will have a collection bin set out and a list of needs next to it. There is much needed so even a little is a big help. If you have any questions about Love Moved First, please see Cheryl Pituch or Tania Russell. Thank you for your support.