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Pastoral Message from Fr. George, October 3, 2025

A Reflection of Gratitude for Our Church Musicians

Sunday, October 5th is National Church Music Sunday. We will pause to honor the choirs and chantors of our Greek Orthodox parishes—those faithful servants whose voices lift our hearts and souls toward heaven. Their ministry is not confined to the liturgy alone; it is shaped in quiet hours of preparation, rehearsals, and prayerful study.



Though often unseen, their dedication transforms our worship into a living hymn of praise. Through their voices, the beauty of Orthodox hymnology becomes not just heard, but felt—stirring the soul, inspiring reverence, and drawing us closer to Christ.

We invite all parishioners to join us on Sunday, October 5th as we honor these devoted musicians who make singing praises to the Lord both inspiring and heartfelt.

On a personal note, I recall how my parents insisted I learn piano and organ as a child. At the time, I didn't fully understand their insistence—but those music lessons became invaluable. They helped me internalize the hymns and melodies of our Church and ultimately prepared me to serve as a Greek Orthodox Priest. Music was not just an art—it was a spiritual foundation.

To all parents who encourage their children to learn music: thank you. Your efforts plant seeds that will blossom into service for the Church. Whether in the choir, at the chantor's stand, or in the sanctuary, these musical gifts enrich our worship and strengthen our faith community.

To our church musicians: thank you for your tireless devotion, your love of sacred music, and your commitment to making every

service a heartfelt offering to the Lord. Your work is a blessing to us all.

A Final Note of Inspiration – Let us remember St. Romanos the Melodist, the patron saint of church musicians. Once mocked for his lack of musical talent, Romanos received a divine gift through a vision of the Theotokos, who gave him a scroll to eat. Upon awakening, he sang his first hymn—"On the Nativity"—with profound beauty and grace. From that moment, he composed hundreds of hymns that still echo through our liturgical life today.



Some people resemble the honeybee and some resemble the fly. Those who resemble the fly seek to find evil in every circumstance and are preoccupied with it; they see no good anywhere. But those who resemble the honeybee only see the good in everything they see.

St. Paisios of Mount Athos

Join Us Often with Your Family

Saturday, October 4th – Philoptochos Fall Pastry Sale

8:30 Koulourakia



Sunday, October 5 – 2nd Sunday of St. Luke & National Church Music Sunday

8:00 Orthros

9:00 Divine Liturgy, Memorial Service, Artoklasia,
& October Commemorations [We thank Dedee & Kirk Panayis
& Maria Panayi for offering the five loaves for this month.]

11:00 Religious Education Classes

*[Our Adult Religious Education will begin discussing
Chapter 2, pages 62-80 of our textbook.]*

Sunday, October 12th – Sunday of the 2nd Ecumenical Council

8:00 Orthros

9:00 Divine Liturgy

10:45 Religious Education Classes

12:00 Joint Finance Committee & Parish Council Meeting