

The Holy Apostle and Evangelist Luke (October 18)

The Holy Apostle and Evangelist Luke, was a native of Syrian Antioch, a companion of the holy Apostle Paul (Phil.1:24, 2 Tim. 4:10-11), and a physician enlightened in the Greek medical arts. Hearing about Christ, Luke arrived in Palestine and fervently accepted the preaching of salvation from the Lord Himself. As one of the Seventy Apostles, Saint Luke was sent by the Lord with the others to preach the Kingdom of Heaven during the Savior's earthly life (Luke 10:1-3). After the Resurrection, the Lord Jesus Christ appeared to Saints Luke and Cleopas on the road to Emmaus.

Luke accompanied Saint Paul on his second missionary journey, and from that time they were inseparable. When Paul's coworkers had forsaken him, only Luke remained to assist him in his ministry (2 Tim. 4:10-11). After the martyric death of the First-Ranked Apostles Peter and Paul, Saint Luke left Rome to preach in Achaia, Libya, Egypt and the Thebaid. He ended his life by suffering martyrdom in the city of Thebes.



Tradition credits Saint Luke with painting the first icons of the Mother of God. "Let the grace of Him Who was born of Me and My mercy be with these Icons," said the All-Pure Virgin after seeing the icons. Saint Luke also painted icons of the First-Ranked Apostles Peter and Paul. Saint Luke's Gospel was written in the years 62-63 at Rome, under the guidance of the Apostle Paul. In the preliminary verses (1:1-3), Saint Luke precisely sets forth the purpose of his work. He proposes to record, in chronological order, everything known by Christians about Jesus Christ and His teachings. By doing this, he provided a firmer historical basis for Christian teaching (1:4). He carefully investigated the facts, and made generous use of the oral tradition of the Church and of what the All-Pure Virgin Mary Herself had told him (2:19, 51).

The holy relics of Saint Luke were taken from Constantinople and brought to Padua, Italy at some point in history. Perhaps this was during the infamous Crusade of 1204. In 1992, Metropolitan Hieronymus (Jerome) of Thebes requested the Roman Catholic bishop in Thebes to obtain a portion of Saint Luke's relics for the saint's empty sepulcher in the Orthodox cathedral in Thebes.

The Roman Catholic bishop Antonio Mattiazzo of Padua, noting that Orthodox pilgrims came to Padua to venerate the relics while many Catholics did not even know that the relics were there, appointed a committee to investigate the relics in Padua, and the skull of Saint Luke in the Catholic Cathedral of Saint Vico in Prague. The skeleton was determined to be that of an elderly man of strong build. In 2001, a tooth found in the coffin was judged to be consistent with the DNA of Syrians living near the area of Antioch dating from 72-416 A.D. The skull in Prague perfectly fit the neck bone of the skeleton. The tooth found in the coffin in Padua was also found to fit the jawbone of the skull.

Bishop Mattiazzo sent a rib from the relics to Metropolitan Hieronymus to be venerated in Saint Luke's original tomb in the Orthodox cathedral at Thebes.

Saint Luke is also commemorated on April 22.

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**THE HOLY APOSTLE AND
EVANGELIST LUKE**

COMMEMORATIONS:

MARTYR MARINOS THE ELDER AT ANAZARBOS
VENERABLE THEODORE, SIMEON AND EUPHROSYNE
NEW-MARTYRS GABRIEL AND KYRMI DOLES OF EGYPT
VENERABLE PETER OF CETINJE

Tone 2 - Eothion 8

Orthros Gospel: St. John 20:11-18

Epistle: Colossians 4:5-11, 14-18

Liturgy Gospel: St. Luke 10:16-21

RESURRECTION TROPARION - Tone 2 - When Thou didst submit Thyself unto death, O Thou deathless and immortal One, then Thou didst destroy hell with Thy godly power. And when Thou didst raise the dead from beneath the earth, all the powers of heaven did cry aloud unto Thee: O Thou who art risen from the dead, O Lord, glory to Thee!

APOLYTIKION OF ST. LUKE THE EVANGELIST - Tone 3 - O holy Apostle and Evangelist Luke, intercede with the merciful God, to grant our souls forgiveness of sins.

TODAY: ORTHROS & Confession 8:45 a.m.

Divine LITURGY 10 a.m.

Outdoor Sunday School, Teens, & Catechism

Stewardship Presentation

Parish Council, 12:45 p.m.

40 Days of Growth in Stewardship continues!
Theme: "The Seal of the Gift of the Holy Spirit"

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Office Hours: Monday through Thursday 10:00 - 3:00

Fr Noah & Fr James are available for hospital visits. If you or anyone you know is in the hospital or homebound and would like a visit, please call the church office.

Weekly Ministries & Stewards:

	This Week:	Next Week (Oct 25):
PROSPHORA BREAD:	Gabi & Catalin Tinjala	MaryLynne Black
USHERS:	Dan M. & Sdn. Nick Muz.	Rdr. Nathan & Steve K.
ALTAR CANDLES:	----	Louise Shaheen Memory Eternal, Larry!
ALTAR BOYS:	“Archangel Michael”	“Archangel Gabriel”
CLEANING TEAM:	Rdr. Jordan & Natalie G.	Jamil & Nicole Kyriakos family

Mark Your Calendar:

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING –
October 24-25

Vigil for St. Raphael

Friday, November 6 – Starting at 6:30 pm
Vespers, Orthros, Liturgy

Virtual Fall Retreat & Meetings 2020 for
Eastern Dioceses
November 12-15

Feast of St. Philip

Friday, November 13
Vespers & Artoklasia 6:30 pm
Orthros 7:30 pm
Saturday, November 14
Divine Liturgy 10 am

Nativity Fast

November 15-December 24

Entrance of the Theotokos

Friday, November 20
Vespers 6:30 pm; Orthros 7:30 pm
Saturday, November 21
Liturgy, 10 am

Feast of the Nativity of Christ

Thursday, December 24
Royal Hours, 8 am
Vespers Liturgy of St. Basil, 9 am
Festal Orthros, 9:30 pm
Divine Liturgy, 11 pm
Friday, December 25
Vespers for the Synaxis
of the Theotokos, 12 pm
Saturday, December 26
Orthros 9 am; Liturgy 10 am

OFFERINGS: Candles, \$63. Collections, \$539.20. Youth, \$1. Library, \$5. Pastoral Discretion, \$1,000. OCMC, \$12.47. Stewardship, \$2,387. Total received: \$4,007.67.

GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR FAITHFULNESS & GENEROSITY!

Pray For:

Living	Departed
N.I. Genevieve	+Margaret
N.I. Serafina	+Michael Y
Doris & John	+Mat. Linda (D)
APr. Gregory & Family	+Robert Joseph
Vasiliki	+Timothy (B)
Aristidis	+Helen (T)
James	+Felicia-Ekna
Lasha B	+Vadim
Otari B	
Daniel H	
John	
Peter	
Stavroula	
Anesia	
Child Joshua	
Svetlana & Family	
Bogdana	
	<u>Catechumens</u>
All who are suffering, serving and rebuilding from the pandemic	Matthew, Michael, Shaun, Tina, Asena
For the repentance, healing & unity of our country	Dn. Thomas, Elizabeth, Elaine & all Missionaries
The faithful of Beirut	New & Expectant Mothers & children
For those suffering from natural disasters in California and Gulf States	

40 Days of Growth in Stewardship continues! Don't forget to pick up a pledge card in the narthex and return it by St. Philip Day (Nov 14)!

This Week:

Monday, Oct 19:	6th Hour, 12 noon
Tuesday, Oct 20:	Matushka Olga Sewing Club, 11 a.m. 6th Hour, 12 noon
Wednesday, Oct 21:	6th Hour, 12 noon Little Compline 6:30 p.m. Patristic Reading Group 7 p.m.
Thursday, Oct 22:	6th Hour, 12 noon COF Vespers, 6 p.m.
Friday, Oct 23:	Divine Liturgy for St. James, 10 a.m. Paraklesis, 6:30 p.m.
Saturday, Oct 24:	Divine Liturgy (Mask Required), 10 a.m. 1-Year Trisagion for Larry Shaheen Great VESPERS 6:30 p.m.
Sunday, Oct 25:	ORTHROS 8:45 a.m. Divine LITURGY, 10 a.m. Sunday School, Teens, & Catechism Coffee Hour ANNUAL PARISH MEETING, 12:45 p.m.



About Receiving Communion from Father Boniface of blessed memory



- ✦ If you have not been to confession in over a month, go to confession before receiving the Holy Gifts.
- ✦ Fasting is necessary for all over eight years of age [confession age].
- ✦ We fast from all food and drink [including water] from bedtime until we receive the Holy Gifts on Sunday morning. Also, we observe the Wednesday and Friday abstinence, in addition keeping the total fast from bedtime on Saturday night to be properly prepared.
- ✦ If you have a medical problem [hypoglycemia, need medication, etc.], see your Spiritual Father for instructions about the fast.
- ✦ If you plan to receive Communion, then part of our preparation is being on time. If you are not in Church in time for the Gospel Reading, do not receive Communion that day.
- ✦ Be sure to pray the “Prayers before Communion” and the “Prayers after Communion,” that are available in all prayer books.
- ✦ Wear modest clothing in the Lord’s Temple.

