



**Sunday, October 18, 2020**



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## Liturgical Guide for Sunday, October 18, 2020

ON THIS DAY, THE CHURCH COMMEMORATES St. Luke the Apostle & Evangelist (1<sup>st</sup> cent.) and Holy Martyr Marinos the Martyr. *Through their holy intercessions, O God, have mercy on us and save us. Amen.*

### Thank You for Your Understanding

We welcome our parishioners who pre-registered and are attending services in person today and we also welcome those who are viewing our online video streaming at home. Let us comply with the guidelines we have provided everyone. We appreciate your kind understanding that our church is beginning phase one of the re-opening of our doors. Fr. George is deeply appreciative to you and all who are assisting during worship services.

*Please consider that only baptized and chrismated Orthodox Christians in canonical good standing may approach for Holy Communion. All are invited to partake of the Antidoron ("instead of the gifts") distributed at the conclusion of today's Divine Liturgy.*

## **SPECIAL HYMNS SUNG BEFORE/AFTER SMALL ENTRANCE**

### **1./2. Resurrectional Hymn (Second Tone) – (Hymnal-pp.102-105):**

It is sung *before* and *after* the Small Entrance: When You descended into death, Life immortal, You vanquished the power of hell by your resplendent divinity, and when You raised the dead from the depths of darkness, all the heavenly powers cried out triumphantly: O giver of life, Christ our God, glory to You.

### **3. Hymn Commemorating St. Luke – (see handout):**

It is sung *after* the Small Entrance. O holy Apostle and Evangelist Luke, make intercession to our merciful God, that He grant our souls forgiveness of offenses.

### **4. Hymn Commemorating St. Christopher – (see handout):**

It is sung *after* the Small Entrance. Made comely with garments woven from your venerable blood, you stand before the Lord, the King of Heaven and earth, O famed Martyr Christopher. With the choirs of Angels and the Martyrs you chant, singing the thrice-holy hymn and most awesome praises. Thus, by your intercessions with God, save us, your servants.

### **5. Kontakion – (Hymnal-pp.224-227):**

It is sung *after* the Small Entrance: O unfailing protection of Christians, and our faithful advocate before the Creator: though we are sinners, do not ignore our entreaty; but in your goodness, grant your timely help to us who appeal to you in faith. Quickly make intercession; on our behalf make speedy supplication, O Theotokos, for you always protect those who honor you.

## **SCRIPTURAL PASSAGES FROM TODAY'S ORTHROS & DIVINE LITURGY**

*The Scriptures were not given us for this only, that we might have them in books, but that we might engrave them on our hearts.* – St. John Chrysostom

### **Gospel Reading During Orthros Service (John 20:11-18)**

“But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, ‘Woman, why are you weeping?’ She said to them, ‘They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid Him.’ When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, ‘Woman, why are you weeping? Who are you looking for?’ Supposing Him to be the gardener, she said to Him, ‘Sir, if you have carried Him away, tell me where you have laid Him, and I will take Him away.’ Jesus said to her, ‘Mary!’ She turned and said to Him in Hebrew, ‘Rabbouni!’ (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, ‘Do not hold on to Me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to My brothers and say to them, I am ascending to My Father and Your Father, to My God and Your God.’ Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, ‘I have seen the Lord’; and she told them that He had said these things to her.”

### **Epistle Reading During Divine Liturgy (Col. 4:5-11, 14-18)**

<sup>5</sup>*Conduct yourselves wisely toward outsiders, making the most of the time.* <sup>6</sup>*Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer everyone.* <sup>7</sup>*Tychicus will tell you all the news about me; he is a beloved brother, a faithful minister, and a fellow servant in the Lord.* <sup>8</sup>*I have sent him to you for this very purpose, so that you may know how we are and that he may encourage your hearts;* <sup>9</sup>*he is coming with Onesimus, the faithful and beloved brother, who is one of you. They will tell you about everything here.* <sup>10</sup>*Aristarchus*

my fellow prisoner greets you, as does Mark the cousin of Barnabas, concerning whom you have received instructions—if he comes to you, welcome him. <sup>11</sup>And Jesus who is called Justus greets you. These are the only ones of the circumcision among my co-workers for the kingdom of God, and they have been a comfort to me. <sup>14</sup>Luke, the beloved physician, and Demas greet you. <sup>15</sup>Give my greetings to the brothers and sisters in Laodicea, and to Nympha and the church in her house. <sup>16</sup>And when this letter has been read among you, have it read also in the church of the Laodiceans; and see that you read also the letter from Laodicea. <sup>17</sup>And say to Archippus, “See that you complete the task that you have received in the Lord.” <sup>18</sup>I, Paul, write this greeting with my own hand. Remember my chains. Grace be with you.

### **Gospel Reading During Divine Liturgy (Luke 10:16-21)**

<sup>16</sup>“Whoever listens to you listens to Me, and whoever rejects you rejects Me, and whoever rejects Me rejects the One Who sent Me.”<sup>17</sup>The seventy returned with joy, saying, “Lord, in Your Name even the demons submit to us!”<sup>18</sup>He said to them, “I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. <sup>19</sup>See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. <sup>20</sup>Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.” <sup>21</sup>At that same hour Jesus rejoiced in the Holy Spirit and said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because You have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was Your gracious will.

### **THIS WEEK’S MEMORY VERSE**

*(TRY TO COMMIT TO MEMORY):*

*“This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.” (Psalm 118-24)*

## PASTORAL REFLECTION FROM FR. GEORGE:

Perhaps Daniel Defoe gave us some good advice through his fictitious character Robinson Crusoe. The first thing that Crusoe did when he found himself on a deserted island was to make out a list. On one side of the list he wrote down all of his problems. On the other side of the list he wrote down all of his blessings. On one side he wrote: I do not have any clothes. On the other side he wrote: But it's warm and I don't really need any. On one side he wrote: All of the provisions were lost. On the other side he wrote: But there's plenty of fresh fruit and water on the island. And on down the list he went. In this fashion he discovered that for every negative aspect about his situation, there was a positive aspect, something to be thankful for. It is easy to find ourselves on an island of despair. What if we were to sit down and take an inventory of our blessings?

Why wait until the American tradition of Thanksgiving to express our thanks to God? Perhaps we're overdue in doing so. Notwithstanding, today and every day is a day the Lord has made, let us *"thank the LORD for His steadfast love, for His wonderful works to humankind."* (Psalm 107.8)



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On this *the 828<sup>th</sup>* Sunday of our St. Christopher's parish community, we continue to thank each of you for your presence and support. Although it may seem like we are just a handful of men, women and children, if we commit ourselves to serving our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, we will experience the miracle of growth as the Holy Spirit brings others into His service to help us build His new church in the Peachtree City, Georgia area for the glory of God!

## **COMMUNITY SCHEDULE** (CHECK WEB CALENDAR FOR MORE...)

### **Sunday, October 18 (St. Luke the Apostle & Evangelist):**

**7:45 am** Orthros Service

**9:00 am** Divine Liturgy

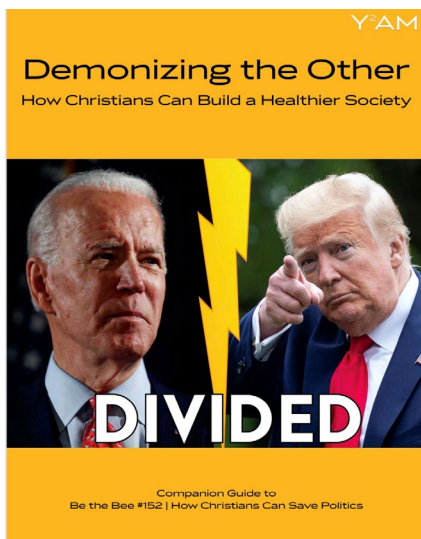
**1:30 pm** Virtual Religious Education Lesson for 3 year old's - 2nd grade

**2:00 pm** Virtual Religious Education Lesson for 3<sup>rd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> Grades

**2:30 pm** Virtual Religious Education Lesson for Middle & High School

**3:00 pm** Virtual Adult Religious Education Discussion

### **Adult Religious Education Lesson for Sunday, October 18**



On Sunday, October 18, our Adult Religious Education Class will discuss [the video "How Christians Can Save Politics"](#) and [its Companion Guide, "Demonizing the Other: How Christians Can Build A Healthier Society"](#)

[Click here to join Zoom Conference Call](#)

***Your continued support and mutual encouragement  
are essential and appreciated!***

# Holy Apostle & Evangelist Luke, celebrated October 18

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## Notes:

\* There is a disagreement among historians and writers regarding the Apostle Luke. Some say that Luke went to Jerusalem while the Lord was alive on the earth and served Him as one of His seventy disciples, and it was he who accompanied Cleopas on the road to Emmaus following the resurrection of the Lord and became an eye-witness of the resurrection of the Lord. However, the present Synaxarion follows the tradition of John Chrysostom who says that Luke never met the Lord while He was alive on the earth, but instead he was a disciple of the Apostle Paul. The latter view is most likely true, as testified by Luke himself in his Gospel: "Many have undertaken to draw up an account of the things that have been fulfilled among us, just as they were handed down to us by those who from the first were eyewitnesses and servants of the word" (Lk. 1:1-2). This information he probably received when he accompanied Paul to Jerusalem, as mentioned in Acts 21:17-18.

\*\* According to one tradition, Luke wrote his Gospel fifteen years after the Ascension of the Lord, while residing in the cave now known as Great Cave Monastery in Kalavryta. Another tradition says he wrote it while in Alexandria, while another says it was in Rome, and another says in Jerusalem.

\*\*\* While writers such as Gregory the Theologian and Nikephoros Kallistos say Luke was martyred by being crucified to an olive tree in Thebes, others such as Elias of Crete and Nikephoros Gregoras say he reposed in peace, either at the age of eighty or eighty-four.

\*\*\*\* Collyrium is an antique term for a lotion or liquid wash used as a cleanser for the eyes, particularly in diseases of the eye. The word *collyrium* comes from the Greek *κολλύριον*, which means "eye-salve". Pre-modern medicine distinguished two kinds of collyriums: the one liquid, the other dry. Liquid collyriums were composed of ophthalmic powders, or waters, such as rose-water, plantain-water, that of fennel, eyebright, etc, in which was dissolved tutty, white vitriol, or some other proper powder. Dry collyriums were pastilles of Rhasis, sugar-candy, iris, tutty prepared and blown into the eye with a little pipe. Saint Luke became especially known for curing eye diseases.

\*\*\*\*\* One of these three icons, known as the Hodegetria, was sent from Palestine to Constantinople by the Empress Eudocia as a gift to her sister-in-law Pulcheria, who placed it in the Monastery of the Hodegon that she founded. It became the source of many miracles for the people of Constantinople, though it was likely destroyed after the fall of Constantinople to the Ottomans in 1453. There are approximately seventy icons of the Theotokos attributed to the hand of the Apostle Luke. Among these are the ones located at the Monastery of the Great Cave in Kalavryta, the Monastery of Kykkos in Cyprus, and the Monastery of Soumela in Pontus.  
paint holy icons.\*\*\*\*\*



## **Holy Apostle & Evangelist Luke, celebrated October 18**

In honor of today's Feast Day of St. Luke, I share the following Synaxarion reprinted from [www.johnsanidopoulos.com](http://www.johnsanidopoulos.com). **+Fr. George Tsahakis**

Luke the divine Evangelist was from the great Antioch, where he was a physician and most skillful in the art of painting. He was highly trained with well-rounded external wisdom, and educated in the Hebrew and Syriac dialect. Having gone to Thebes in Boetia as a physician during the reign of Emperor Titus Claudius in the year 42, he encountered the Holy Apostle Paul.\* Accepting faith in Christ, he turned away from the error of his fathers. Wherefore from that moment he abandoned being a physician of the body, and became employed in treating the soul. At the suggestion of the Apostle Paul, he wrote his own holy Gospel and sent it to Governor Theophilos of Achaia, who believed in Christ.\*\* Then he wrote the Acts of the Apostles, which he again sent to the same Theophilos. Having separated from Paul, he traveled throughout Greece, proclaiming the gospel of Christ. Returning once again to Thebes in Boetia, it is said that he reposed there in peace, at the old age of eighty.\*\*\*

Following his death, God wanted to glorify His healer and servant Luke, so He rained upon his tomb collyrium, as a sign of his artistry as a physician.\*\*\*\* For this reason, the tomb of the divine Apostle became known to all people. Constantius, the son of Constantine the Great, transferred the relic of this Apostle from Thebes to Constantinople, by means of Saint Artemios the great duke of Egypt and Martyr. It was treasured in the Church of the Holy Apostles beneath the Holy Altar, together with the honorable relics of Andrew and Timothy the Apostles. This placement of the relic is celebrated on the twentieth of June.

It is said that this Luke was the first to depict in three icons the Lady Theotokos, bearing our Lord Jesus Christ on her lap, made from wax and mastich and paints. These he offered to her while she was alive on the earth, to see if she approved of them. The Mother of the Lord received them, and said: "May the grace of the one born from me be with them through me." He also painted the icons of the Holy Chief Apostles. And from that time, he gave to the world this good and pious and all-honorable work, which is to paint holy icons.\*\*\*\*\*

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