

A NOURISHER OF THE SOUL



Apostle Luke is one of the saints that might be described as being “larger than life.” Born in Antioch, Luke was a great student of philosophy, medicine and art. Luke’s life changed one day when he came to Jerusalem and encountered Jesus Christ face to face. After hearing the Savior’s teachings and witnessing His miraculous works, Luke became a devoted disciple of the Lord. According to the Tradition of the Church, Luke, together with Cleopas, saw the Risen Christ on the road to Emmaus immediately after His Resurrection.

Luke accompanied the Apostle Paul on his second missionary journey. He chronicles their travels to Philippi, Rome, Caesarea and Jerusalem in the Book of Acts. It is thought that he authored the Gospel that bears his name in 60 A.D.

After Paul’s death, Luke preached the Gospel in Italy, Dalmatia and Macedonia. He ultimately suffered martyrdom at the age of 84 when he was hanged from an olive tree in the town of Thebes.

In addition to his other accomplishments and achievements, the Apostle Luke is widely accepted as being the first iconographer of the Church. His works include three icons of the Mother of God as well as icons of the Apostles Peter and Paul.

Luke is also referred to as a historian for his Gospel dates biblical events by reference to secular history. Since his Gospel was directed mainly at Christians with a Gentile background, it greatly emphasizes the challenge of evangelization for the Church.

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Commemoration of: Luke the Evangelist; Marinos the Martyr

Apolytikia - Entrance Hymns

Ote katilthes (Resurrection Hymn) Tone 2
When You descended to death, O Life immortal, rendered to Hades a mortal blow by Your radiant Divinity, and when from the depths of darkness You raised the dead, all the power of Haven were crying out to You, O Giver of Life, Christ our God, glory to You.

Apostole Ayie Luka (St. Luke the Evangelist) Tone 3
O holy Apostle and Evangelist Luke, make intercession to our merciful God, that He grant our souls forgiveness of offenses. (AgesInitiatives.com)

Tu Stavru Su (Hymn of the Church) Tone 8
Having seen in the sky the form of Your Cross and, like Paul, having received his calling not from men, Your apostle among Kings, Lord, placed his reigning city in Your hand, which forever you guard in peace, by the intercessions of the Theotokos, for You alone are the lover of mankind.

Kontakion

Prostasia ton Hristianon Tone 2
O protection of Christians that can not be put to shame, mediation to the Creator immovable. Do not over look, the pleading voices of those in sin, but be in time as a kind one to our help, who in faith cry out to You: Hasten to intercede and be quick to beseech. You who always protect, Theotokos, those who honor You.

Epistle Reading Colossians 4:5-11,14-18
BRETHREN, conduct yourselves wisely toward outsiders, making the most of the time. Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer every one. Tychicos will tell you all about my affairs; he is a beloved brother and faithful minister and fellow servant in the Lord. I have sent him to you for this very purpose, that you may know how we are and that he may encourage your hearts, and with him Onesimos, the faithful and beloved brother, who is one of yourselves. They will tell you of everything that has taken place. Aristarchos my fellow prisoner greets you, and Mark the cousin of Barnabas (concerning whom you have received instructions if he comes to you, receive him), and Jesus who is called Justos. These are the only men of the circumcision among my fellow workers for the kingdom of God, and they have been a comfort to me. Luke the beloved physician and Demas greet you. Give my greetings to the brethren at Laodicea, and to Nympha and the church in her house. 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. And say to Archippos, "See that you fulfill the ministry which you have received in the Lord." I, Paul, write this greeting with my own hand. Remember my feters. Grace be with you. Amen.

Gospel Reading

Luke 10:16-21

The Lord said to his disciples, "He who hears you hears me, and he who rejects you rejects me, and he who rejects me rejects him who sent me." The seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in your name!" And he said to them, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. Behold, I have given you authority to tread upon serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing shall hurt you. Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you; but rejoice that your names are written in heaven." In that same hour he rejoiced in the Holy Spirit and said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to babes; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will."

Activities & Announcements

Today

This Week

- ✘ **SUN, 10/18**– *St. Luke the Apostle; Trisagion for Spyridon Kanakis, Beloved Father of Roubina; Philoptochos Meeting 12:30 p.m. via Zoom. If anyone is interested in becoming a new Philoptochos member, please email Anita Higashi at holoholomom@gmail.com; Adult Religious Education via Zoom: "The Fruit of the Spirit– Joy" Session 1 @ 1:35 p.m.; Greek Dance via Zoom 3 p.m.*
- ✘ **WED. 10/21**– *Young Adult Fellowship via Zoom on "The Fruit of the Spirit– Love" Session 2, 7 p.m.*
- ✘ **THU, 10/22**– *Prayer Ministry 11 a.m.*
- ✘ **FRI, 10/23**– *Adult Religious Education Class: Orthodoxy And World Religions 7-8:30 p.m. via Zoom. First in a series of 8 classes. Free. If you're interested in attending, contact Father Alexander, fralexanderleong@yahoo.com.*
- ✘ **SAT, 10/24**– *Great Vespers via Zoom 5:30 p.m.*
- ✘ **SUN, 10/25**– *6th Sunday of Luke; Adult Religious Education via Zoom: "The Fruit of the Spirit– Joy" Session 2 @ 1:35 p.m.; Greek Dance via Zoom 3 p.m.*

Our Adult Religious Education Ministry is offering a special 8-week course, **Orthodoxy and World Religions**, presented by Robert Arakaki, Ph.D. Fridays, 7-8:30 p.m., through December 11 via Zoom. No charge. The goals of the course are to learn about other world religions and to prepare Orthodox Christians to share the Good News of Jesus Christ in a pluralistic, post-Christian society. Detailed information is available at greekorthodoxhawaii.org. If you're interested in attending the classes, please contact Father Alexander, fralexanderleong@yahoo.com.

Wisdom of the Holy Fathers

"We think we know a lot, but what we know is very little. Even all those who have striven all their life to bring progress to mankind — learned scientists and highly educated people — all realize in the end that all their knowledge is but a grain of sand on the seashore. All our achievements are insufficient."

~Elder Thaddeus of Vitovnica