



Protection of the Virgin Mary Orthodox Church

OUR SUNDAY BULLETIN

SUNDAY OCTOBER 18, 2009



Protection of the Virgin Mary

19th Sunday after Pentecost/Tone 2 Holy Apostle and Evangelist Luke

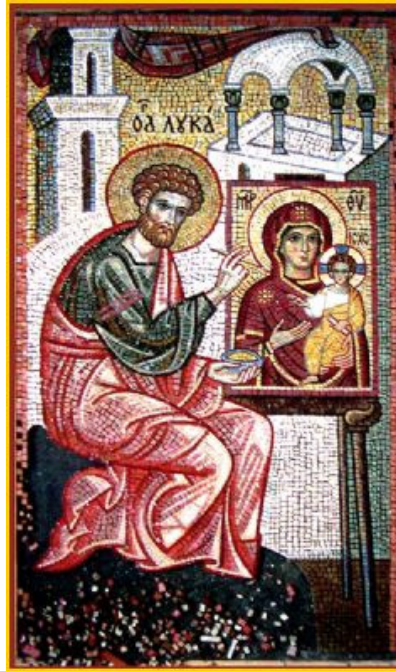
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Great Vespers
Saturday - 4 PM
Feast Days - 7 PM
Divine Liturgy
Sunday - 9:45 AM
Feast Days - 9 AM
Sunday Adult class 9Am
Children's classes after liturgy

Fr. Peter Bodnar, Rector

Fr. Christopher Sarafin

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Today's commemorated
feasts and saints...

**19th SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST — Tone
2 (4th of Luke). Holy
Apostle and
Evangelist Luke (1st
c.).** Martyr Marinus the
Elder at Anazarbus (4th
c.). Ven. Julian the
Hermit, of Mesopotamia
(4th c.).

Tone 2 Troparion (*Resurrection*)

When You descended to death, O Life Immortal,
You destroyed hell with the splendor of Your
Godhead.

And when from the depths You raised the dead,
all the powers of heaven cried out://

“O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to You!”

Tone 3 *Troparion (*Apostle Luke*)

Holy Apostle and Evangelist Luke,
entreat the merciful God
to grant our souls forgiveness of transgressions!

Tone 2 Kontakion (*Resurrection*)

Hell became afraid, O almighty Savior,
seeing the miracle of Your Resurrection from the
tomb!

The dead arose! Creation, with Adam, beheld this
and rejoiced with
You, //

and the world, my Savior, praises You forever.

Tone 2 Kontakion

(*Apostle Luke*)

Let us praise the godly Luke;
he is the true preacher of piety,
the orator of ineffable mysteries
and the star of the Church,
for the Word, Who alone knows the hearts of
men, //

chose him, with the wise Paul, to be a teacher
of the Gentiles!

Tone 2 Prokeimenon

The Lord is my strength and my song; He has
become my salvation.

(Ps 117/118:4)

v: The Lord has chastened me sorely, but He
has not given me over to death.

(Ps 117/118:18)

Tone 8 Prokeimenon

Their proclamation has gone out into all the
earth, and their words to the
ends of the universe! (Ps 63/64:10)

2 Corinthians 11:31-12:9 (Epistle)

31The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is blessed forever, knows that I am not lying.**32**In Damascus the governor, under Aretas the king, was guarding the city of the Damascenes with a garrison, desiring to arrest me;**33**but I was let down in a basket through a window in the wall, and escaped from his hands.**1**It is doubtless not profitable for me to boast. I will come to visions and revelations of the Lord:**2**I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago-whether in the body I do not know, or whether out of the body I do not know, God knows-such a one was caught up to the third heaven.**3**And I know such a man-whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows-**4**how he was caught up into Paradise and heard inexpressible words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter.**5**Of such a one I will boast; yet of myself I will not boast, except in my infirmities.**6**For though I might desire to boast, I will not be a fool; for I will speak the truth. But I refrain, lest anyone should think of me above what he sees me to be or hears from me.**7**And lest I should be exalted above measure by the abundance of the revelations, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, a messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I be exalted above measure.**8**Concerning this thing I pleaded with the Lord three times that it might depart from me.**9**And He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness." Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon

Colossians 4:5-9, 14, 18 (Epistle, St. Luke)

5Walk in wisdom toward those who are outside, redeeming the time.**6**Let your speech always be with grace, seasoned with salt, that you may know how you ought to answer each one.**7**Tychicus, a beloved brother, faithful minister, and fellow servant in the Lord, will tell you all the news about me.**8**I am sending him to you for this very purpose, that he may know your circumstances and comfort your hearts,**9**with Onesimus, a faithful and beloved brother, who is one of you. They will make known to you all things which are happening here.**14**Luke the beloved physician and Demas greet you.**18**This salutation by my own hand-Paul. Remember my chains. Grace be with you. Amen.

Luke 8:5-15 (Gospel)

5A sower went out to sow his seed. And as he sowed, some fell by the wayside; and it was trampled down, and the birds of the air devoured it.**6**Some fell on rock; and as soon as it sprang up, it withered away because it lacked moisture.**7**And some fell among thorns, and the thorns sprang up with it and choked it.**8**But others fell on good ground, sprang up, and yielded a crop a hundredfold. When He had said these things He cried, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear!"**9**Then His disciples asked Him, saying, "What does this parable mean?"**10**And He said, "To you it has been given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God, but to the rest it is given in parables, that 'Seeing they may not see, And hearing they may not understand.'" **11**Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God.**12**Those by the wayside are the ones who hear; then the devil comes and takes away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved.**13**But the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no root, who believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away.**14**Now the ones that fell among thorns are those who, when they have heard, go out and are choked with cares, riches, and pleasures of life, and bring no fruit to maturity.**15**But the ones that fell on the good ground are those who, having heard the word with a noble and good heart, keep it and bear fruit with patience

Luke 10:16-21 (Gospel, St. Luke)

16He who hears you hears Me, he who rejects you rejects Me, and he who rejects Me rejects Him who sent Me.**17**Then the seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your name."**18**And He said to them, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven."**19**Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you.**20**Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rather rejoice because your names are written in heaven.**21**In that hour Jesus rejoiced in the Spirit and said, "I thank You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that You have hidden these things from the wise and prudent and revealed them to babes. Even so, Father, for so it seemed good in Your sight.

Commemorated on 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, St 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 Sts Luke and Cleopas on the road to Emmaus.

Luke accompanied St 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 martyr's death of the First-Ranked Apostles Peter and Paul, St 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 St 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. St Luke also painted icons of the First-Ranked Apostles Peter and Paul. St 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), St 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).

In St Luke's Gospel, the message of the salvation made possible by the Lord Jesus Christ, and the preaching of the Gospel, are of primary importance.

St Luke also wrote the Acts of the Holy Apostles at Rome around 62-63 A.D. The Book of Acts, which is a continuation of the four Gospels, speaks about the works and the fruits of the holy Apostles after the Ascension of the Savior. At the center of the narrative is the Council of the holy Apostles at Jerusalem in the year 51, a Church event of great significance, which resulted in the separation of Christianity from Judaism and its independent dissemination into the world (Acts 15:6-29). The theological focus of the Book of Acts is the coming of the Holy Spirit, Who will guide the Church "into all truth" (John 16:13) until the Second Coming of Christ.

The holy relics of St 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 St Luke's relics for the saint's empty sepulchre 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 St Luke in the Catholic Cathedral of St 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 St Luke's original tomb in the Orthodox cathedral at Thebes.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY.....OCTOBER 18, 2009

SUNDAY 18 9:45 3rd Hour 10:00 Divine Liturgy
Church school , O Club mtg
TUESDAY 6pm Prayer Service, Council Mtg
THURSDAY Choir Practice
FRIDAY 23 Fish Fry 4 to 7:30pm
SATURDAY 4pm Great Vespers

check your monthly bulletin for more dates and information

THE MUSLIM CALENDAR STARTS
IN THE YEAR 622AD,
A YEAR WHEN MOHAMMED
A WAS BORN IN MECCA
B FLED FROM MECCA TO MEDINA B
C DIED IN MEDINA
D NONE OF THE ABOVE



Come join us !!

Family Fish Fry
Friday October 23
Friday October 30
Friday November 6
4:00pm-7:30 pm



\$8 Per plate adults / \$4 per plate children
Dinner includes: Tilapia, Homemade Soup, Fries,
Cole Slaw and Dessert.

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