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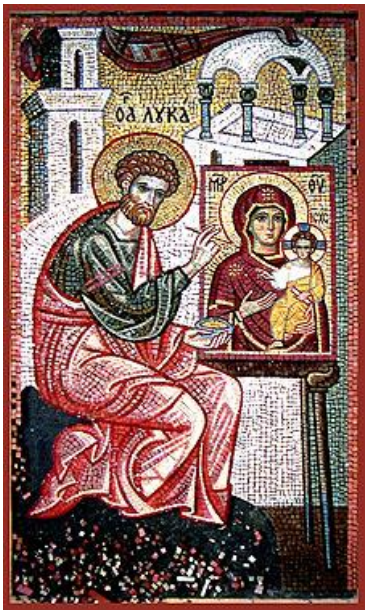
OCTOBER 18, 2026 – 20th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Holy Apostle and Evangelist Luke

Scripture Readings	Services
MONDAY, OCTOBER 19 Philippians 4:10-23 Luke 9:18-22 TUESDAY, 0CTOBER 20 Colossians 1:1-2, 7-11 Luke 9:23-27 5 WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21 Colossians 1:18-23 Luke 9:44-50 THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22 Colossians 1:24-29 Luke 9:49-56 FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23 Colossians 2:1-7 Luke 10:1-15 SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24 2 Corinthians 3:12-18 Luke 7:1-10 *All services will also be streamed online via Facebook Live as follows: https://www.facebook.com/Holy-Ghost-Russian-Orthodox-Greek-Catholic-Church-681248091936330/* **Reminder**: The schedule of services can be found on the front page of our website, https://holyghostbpt.com/ The schedule is recorded on the Google Calendar of the church's acct. You can add it to your own Google Calendar by clicking the + sign on the bottom right corner of the calendar window.	**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14** Bible Study……6:30 p.m. ~~**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16**~~ ~~Bonfire at Holy Ghost Park……6:00 p.m.~~ ***[Bonfire postponed to October 30th]*** **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17** Great Vespers……4:00 p.m. **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18, 20th Sunday after Pentecost** **Holy Apostle and Evangelist Luke** Divine Liturgy…….....9:00 a.m. Parish Council Meeting……...11:30 a.m. **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21** Bible Study……6:30 p.m. **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24** Reader's Vespers...……4:00 p.m. ***[Fr Mark attending Diocesan Assembly in Vermont]*** **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25, 21st Sunday after Pentecost** Divine Liturgy……...9:00 a.m. "*Ask the Priest*" coffee fellowship

HOLY APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST LUKE



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).

In Saint 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. **…**

…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 skelton. 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.

Continue reading: ***https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2026/10/18/102993-apostle-and-evangelist-luke***

Galatians 1:11-19 ***(Epistle)***

11 But I make known to you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached by me is not according to man.
12 For I neither received it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through the revelation of Jesus Christ.
13 For you have heard of my former conduct in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God beyond measure and tried to destroy it.
14 And I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my contemporaries in my own nation, being more exceedingly zealous for the traditions of my fathers.
15 But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb and called me through His grace,
16 to reveal His Son in me, that I might preach Him among the Gentiles, I did not immediately confer with flesh and blood,
17 nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me; but I went to Arabia, and returned again to Damascus.
18 Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to see Peter, and remained with him fifteen days.
19 But I saw none of the other apostles except James, the Lord's brother.

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

5 Walk 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)***

5 "A 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)***

16 He 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.

CANDLE DESK DUTY

October 18 – LoveAnn Curran
October 25 – Tim Savisky

Please be reminded: We need more council members to please sign up for candle desk duty, as it is part of the duties of being on the council. Parishioners that are not on the council have been assisting, of which we are grateful. Thank you.

COFFEE-HOUR CLEAN-UP CREW … This week's cleanup crew is P through Z. If this is your week to help, please see crew chief Daria Ploski-Slavin. If this is your crew, please be sure to help out. Thanks! ***IMPORTANT***: Please be reminded that coffee and rolls, etc., need to paid for, utilizing the basket provided. We find that there is insufficient funds for milk, butter, cream cheese, etc. Thank you!

BONFIRE NIGHT AT HOLY GHOST PARK … The bonfire this Friday is ***canceled*** due to inclement weather. Rain date is October 30, 6pm.

PARISH COUNCIL AND ANNUAL MEETINGS … The Parish Council is scheduled to meet today. ***Members are reminded to please submit their reports via email to Barbara Dulin by October 25th*** for the upcoming **Annual Parish Meeting scheduled for November 1st.** Members in good standing are expected to attend this very important meeting. Thank you!

ELIGIBLE VOTERS LIST for the Annual meeting is posted in the back of church and in the basement. Parishioners must be members in good standing in order to vote at the Annual meeting. Please check the list if you have any questions. Thank you.

FOCUS BRIDGEPORT is holding a Thanksgiving food drive. Please bring non-perishable items to church for donation **by November 15**. Volunteer spots are available also for the Thanksgiving party at Beardsley School on **November 19**. Please email FOCUS director Linda Kolton to sign up: Lkolton@focusna.org

Here are dates for people to get involved:
October 22 - Beardsley Family Night Meal
October 31 - Community Meal @ Holy Ghost
Nov, 12 - Beardsley Snack Bags
Nov. 19 - Beardsley Family Night, Thanksgiving Food Distr.
November 28 - Community Meal @ Holy Ghost

LCT HOME IMPROVEMENT … is the process of repairing the exterior to the building to stop leaks and enhance the beauty of our historic church.

FORCC BANQUET OCTOBER 4 … Three of our parish young adults joined Rich Kendall in attending the annual FORCC banquet at the Birchwood Country Club in Orange, CT. Featured speaker, Louis Zagami, of International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC) shared the tremendous humanitarian work the organization is accomplishing throughout the world, particularly in Orthodox Christian communities. IOCC provides material relief, educational assistance, and vocational support to victims of wars and natural disasters, especially in impoverished countries. Those interested in supporting this important ministry are encouraged to explore IOCC's many volunteer opportunities. The joy of this year's banquet was tempered by the recent passing of Nina Kosowsky, FORCC's longtime president, whose dedicated service will be greatly missed. *May her memory be eternal!*

Speaker, Louis Zagami of the IOCC

Congrats to the 3 Scholarship Winners!

DIVINE LITURGY AND CHRISMATION OF NINA SUTTON, OCTOBER 18

LoveAnn Curran was Nina's sponsor.

Nina's daughter, Lily, traveled from RI to attend her mom's Chrismation.

Thanks to all who cooked and brought goodies to Second Sunday! Going forward, if anyone is interested to help with coordinating Second Sunday coffee fellowship, please see Ruth Sencio. Thank you so much.

PARISH METRICS (OCTOBER 18 THRU OCTOBER 24)

BIRTHDAYS

Claudia M. Tabak, October 18th

God Grant her Many Years! ***Многая лета!***

ANNIVERSARIES

None Listed

DEPARTED FROM THE PARISH METRICS

OCTOBER 18 – John Vasiliev, 1910; Anna Santelik Mizek, 1979 (89); Anna Litvinas, 1993 (77); Pauline Kollar Wakelee, 1995 (97)
OCTOBER 19 – Michael Pletz, 1918 (60); Xenia Baida, 1918 (24); Helen LoPata, 1941 (48); Anna Horelick, 1951 (62); Henry Anna Scherback, 1960 (45); Susanna Semanchik Ratushnuk, 1974 (73); Barbara Zaveruha, 1988; Olga Mary Gallan, 1999 (91)
OCTOBER 20 – Stephen Kvoka, 1913 (3); Luke Kushel, 1923 (36); John Karpie, 1955 (70)
OCTOBER 21 – Vasily (William) Bloshuk, 1946; Paul Zenovchik ("Zeno"), 1947 (67); Anna Holovach Ryback, 1953 (80); Veronica Kasper, 1957 (86); Kyril Tanych, 1968 (80); John Bobko, 1969 (85)
OCTOBER 22 – Anna Poliakov, 1910; James Gerpach, 1915 (2 days); John Katrenich, 1944 (71); Andrew Habetz, 1952 (67); Stephen Mazanick, 1953 (59); Rose T. Graham, 2002 (83); Victor Ezepchik, 2003 (84); Anna Veronka, 2011 (87)
OCTOBER 23 – John Kosko, 1957 (67); Zoya Gilevich, 1983 (66); Ethel (Kotrady) Jankura, 2004 (92)
OCTOBER 24 – Theodosia Glowatsky Golub, 2005 (93); Anna Oleshkevich Super, 2010 (93)

Memory Eternal! ***Вечная память!***