

# ST. LUKE THE APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST



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**The Holy and Glorious Apostle and Evangelist St. Luke;  
St. Marinos the Elder and Holy Martyr**

Second Tone Ηχος β΄

*Click links for Scripture Readings*

Sixth Morning Gospel:

[St. John 20:11-18](#)

[Εωθινόν Η΄](#)

Epistle Reading:

[Colossians 4:5-11; 14-18](#)

[Ελληνικά](#)

Gospel Reading:

[St. Luke 10:16-21](#)

[Ελληνικά](#)

**Apolytikion of the Resurrection:** *“When You descended to the realm of death, You as Life immortal, rendered to Hades a mortal blow by Your all radiant divinity. And when You from internal depths and the darkness below did raise the dead all the hosts of heaven’s powers did proclaim and cry out O life-giving Christ and our God we give glory.”*

**Apolytikion of the Evangelist:** *“O Holy Apostle and Evangelist Luke, intercede with the merciful God that He grant our souls forgiveness of offences.”*

**Apolytikion of the Church:** *“Blessed are You, O Christ our Lord and God, You who made all wise the fishermen Your Apostles, sending down upon them Your Spirit, which is Holy and through their work drawing the world into Your net, glory to You Who loves mankind.”*

**Kontakion:** *“A protection of Christians unshamable,\* Intercessor to our Holy Maker, unwavering,\* please reject not\* the prayerful cries of those who are in sin.\* Instead, come to us for you are good;\* your loving help do bring to us,\* who are crying in faith to you:\* hasten to intercession\* and speed now to supplication,\* as a protection for all time,\* Theotokos, for those who honor you.”*

**Altar Donations**

**Altar Candles** in memory of Stamatiki and Antinios Skiadas†

**Vigil Light** for the health and well-being of Lisa Nakashian

**Sacraments and Rites**

**Baptism:** On Saturday, October 17, the baptism for Ella Roscoe, daughter of Joshua and Carolyn Navikonis, was celebrated. Sponsor is Michael Dimitrios Hoffman.

**Memorials:** Your prayers are requested this morning at the memorial service for Maria Petre†, Ioan Moldovan†, Ioana Moldovan†, Tudorina Donose†, Constantin Donose†, Florina Apostolescu†, Constantin Apostolescu†, Maria Marinov†. Eternal be their memories.

**40-Day Blessing:** Today we celebrate the churching of Luca Nicholas, son of Ioanna and Raczan Cojocar.

**Funeral:** On Monday, October 19, the funeral for Andrew (Andy) Bogeatzes will be held. Eternal be his memory.

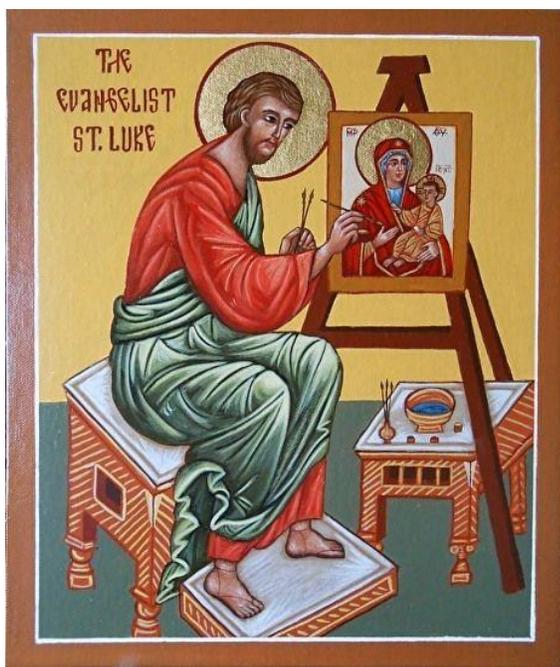
## *Liturgical Schedule*

Sunday, October 25, Orthros, 8:15 AM; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 AM

### **St. Luke the Apostle and Evangelist, October 18**

Luke, born in Antioch, excelled in his studies of Greek philosophy, medicine and art. He was a physician and a learned man. During the ministry of the Lord Jesus on earth, Luke came to Jerusalem, where he saw the Savior face to face, heard His saving

teaching and was witness to His miraculous works. Coming to belief in the Lord, St. Luke was numbered among the Seventy Apostles and was sent out to preach.



Together with Cleopas, St. Luke saw the resurrected Lord on the road to Emmaus (Luke 24). After the descent of the Holy Spirit, Luke returned to Antioch and there became a fellow worker of the Apostle Paul, traveling to Rome with him, and converting Jews and pagans to the Christian Faith. Luke, the beloved physician, ... greets you, writes the Apostle Paul to the Colossians (Colossians 4:14).

At the request of early Christians, St. Luke wrote his Gospel about the year 62 in Rome. Following the martyrdom of the great Apostle Paul, St. Luke preached the Gospel throughout Italy, Dalmatia, Macedonia and other regions. He painted three icons of the Most-Holy Theotokos, and those of the Holy Apostles Peter and Paul. *“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. Hence, with these portraits, St. Luke is considered to be the founder of Christian iconography.

In his old age, St. Luke visited Libya and Upper Egypt, returning to Greece, where he continued to preach and convert many with great zeal and passion. In addition to his Gospel, St. Luke wrote the Acts of the Apostles and dedicated both works to Theophilus, the governor of Achaia.

Luke was eighty-four years old when the wicked idolaters tortured him for the sake of Christ and hanged him from an olive tree in the town of Thebes, in Boethia. The miracle-working relics of this wonderful saint were transported to Constantinople in the reign of Emperor Constantius, the son of Constantine. 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.

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### Philoptochos

Philoptochos is collecting diapers, new/gently used children's clothes, sneakers/shoes (up to age of 14) to support the Hellenic Relief Foundation. Donations to be distributed to needy families in Greece for Christmas. Box is outside of office. Deadline is October 26. Thank you.

### Greek School Has Begun



Holy Trinity Greek School has begun. Because of current pandemic conditions, classes will begin online with the hope to move to in-class learning by mid-October. Please register your child/ren by clicking:

<https://forms.gle/e2Xm6kTydxZvUaVK7>

### 2020 Stewardship Commitment and Online Giving

The first half of this year has indeed been a struggle for each of us as we navigate both the intense storm caused by political division and the devastating effects of the Coronavirus. Our church is here to help us weather the storms of life and to help pilot us through the barren wilderness found in these tragic times. We are counting on all our parishioners to help the church financially. You are asked to make your Christian Stewardship Commitment today. Doing so will help Holy Trinity through these difficult times of Co-Vid and unrest. By offering your stewardship, you'll ensure that the Parish will have ample financial resources so as not to encounter any cash flow problems. Your attention is appreciated. Our Online Stewardship Giving Program is a convenient way to automate your offering. To sign up for online giving, visit [www.holytrinitywestfield.org](http://www.holytrinitywestfield.org), and look for the "Donate Now" button on the home page. [Or click here.](#)



## Intercessory Prayers

In and through Christ, Christians become able to intercede before God. The greatest intercessor is the Virgin Mary because she gave birth to the Saviour. The Theotokos became a tabernacle holding Christ within her womb. And because of this, she is in concord with her son, who is the Giver of life. As she shaped His physical body, He shaped and created within her a most pure soul who even now stands on guard to pray for us.

Similarly, in the name of Jesus, Christians are commanded and empowered to pray for each other and for all creation: *“on behalf of all and for all”*. - Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom

*“First of all I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions and thanksgivings be made for all men, for kings and all who are in high positions . . . This is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.”* - 1Tim 2.1-4

Intercessory prayers can be made for every “good gift” from God for the sake of the salvation of others. Such prayers can include petitions for every kind of blessing, both for the body and the soul. They can be made for the inspiration and instruction of men, as well as for their healing and salvation. Whatever one can ask for oneself, one can ask for all men. Whatever one does ask for oneself should be entreated for all. *“It is right to pray not only for one’s own purification, but for the purification of every man . . .”* St. Nilus of Sinai

Therefore, let us pray for all people and for those who have requested this holy act from us:

### Prayer List

Lisa, Margaret, Daniel, George, Ann, Dacia, Tonya, Robert, Susan, Chris, George, Eleni, Marina, Jim, Jean, Elliott, Priscilla, Maria, Vincent, Patricia, Harry, Andrea, Peter, Edward, Aristotelis, Anna, Elizabeth, Anna, Angela, John, Stephanie, Michael, Victor, Floarea, Andy, Ramon, Augusta, Donald, Gloria, Charles, Anastasia, Christine, Deborah, Fotini, Bill, Joan, Rose, Ashleigh, Tom, Andrea, Marc, Barbara, Brendon, Ryan, George, Vasili, Theodora, Linda, Camille, Georgia, Olga, Angela, Nancy, Chuck, Peter, Joan, Augusta, Anastasios, Dorka, Elisabeth, Paula, Katie, Marien, Elizabeth, Kathy, Patty, Cynthia, John, Gary, Josephine, Costa, Alicia, Charles, Stavroula, Maroulla

# Youth Page

**-SAINTS FUN FACTS** by John Sheppard

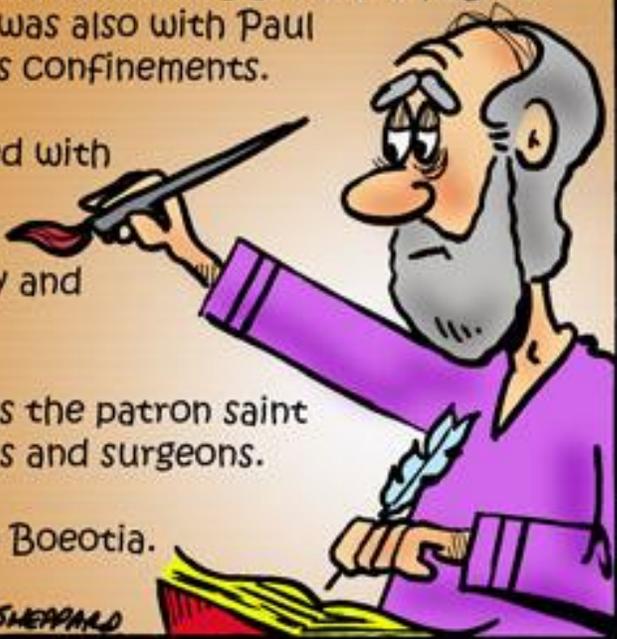
St. Luke was born in Syria and trained as a physician. He was also one of the most extensive writers of the New Testament. In addition to his gospels, he also wrote the 'Acts of the Apostles.'

He was one of 'the seventy' and worked with St. Paul, traveling to Rome and converting Jews and pagans to Christianity. He was also with Paul during several of his confinements.

Luke is also credited with being a prolific painter, creating many works of Mary and Jesus.

St. Luke is known as the patron saint of artists, physicians and surgeons.

He died at age 84 in Boeotia.



*SHEPPARD*

**St. Luke is celebrated today, Oct. 18  
Xronia Polla (Many Years) to those who have the  
names:**

**Luke, Loukas, Lucia, Lucy!!**

*“O Holy Apostle and Evangelist Luke, intercede with the merciful God that He grant our souls forgiveness of offences.”*

## Greek Dance

Greek Dance practice has begun but it's not too late to join! See email for registration link or send a message to [goya@htgocnj.org](mailto:goya@htgocnj.org). Next practice is today, Sunday, Oct 18: Joy/Hope, 11:45-12:45 PM, and Goya, 1-2:30 PM in the church parking lot. In case of inclement weather, we will be in the Bouras Center. Don't forget your mask and a water bottle.

## GOYA

Goya is open to students in grades 6-12. To be added to the GOYA email list, please send a message to [goya@htgocnj.org](mailto:goya@htgocnj.org).

The annual Christ Encounter Retreat is Friday-Sunday, October 23-25. Deadline to register is this Sunday 10/11. <https://tinyurl.com/2020GOYARetreat>. See weekly email for more info.

## Holy Trinity Reopening

*"My brethren, count it joyous when you fall into various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. Now let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing." – James 1:2-4*

The first half of the year has indeed tested us in ways unimaginable. Yet in Christ we always find victory. **Εν τούτῳ νικά!**

With the New Ecclesiastical Year and the coming of September, I invite you to attend church in person once again. If you've been to church recently, you'll see many controlled measures implemented to keep you safe. The Parish Council has implemented many measures to help assure this. Over the past six months, we've learned to circulate under the Corona Virus threat. We feel a bit more at ease going to the grocery store and attending school, and pursuing other activities. That is why I invite you back to church knowing that one of the safest places to be is at your spiritual home. While the church surroundings will be familiar when you attend, our behavior during worship and our interactions with each other is different.

There are still state restrictions in that we cannot open to full capacity (there is a limit ~90 people). But knowing that you want to be here, we are still asking the faithful to register with the church office. It is important that you **Register and wait for confirmation to attend services.**

**To Register**, simply check the Liturgical Schedule to see when a service is offered. Then either call the church office or email a request to: [HolyTrinity@htgocnj.org](mailto:HolyTrinity@htgocnj.org) In your request, please mention the specific date and the number of people to attend. A confirmation will be forwarded to you, if space is available. Priority will be given to

those who are attending a family memorial service. For your convenience, additional weekly Divine Liturgies have been added so that we can accommodate your desire to return to church.

When you receive a confirmation, you are asked to read the [“Parish Reopening Guidelines”](#). By attending the service, you affirm that you will adhere to these guidelines.

Asking for our Lord the Physician of our souls and bodies, to bless us and banish away this terrible and evil entity, I remain yours in Christ, - Fr Peter