

SAINT LUKE SERBIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH
ORTHODOX CHURCH IN AMERICA - ARCHDIOCESE OF WASHINGTON
6801 GEORGETOWN PIKE, MC LEAN, VIRGINIA 22101
www.oca.org www.wdcoca.org www.stlukemclean.org
REV. JOHN VITKO – 925-667-6451 (c), 703-893-1759 (Church office)
REV. DEACON PATRICK GARIANO - 703-298-2609 (c)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2017

Afterfeast of the Exaltation of the Cross

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Epistle Readings

Galatians 2:16-20
2 Corinthians 6:16-7:1

Gospel Readings

Mark 8:34-9:1
Matthew 15: 21-28

*Christ is in our midst!
He is and ever shall be!*

Troparion for the Exaltation of the Precious and Life-giving Cross

O Lord, save Your people, and bless Your inheritance. Grant victories to the Orthodox Christians over their adversaries. And by virtue of Your Cross, preserve Your habitation.

Kontakion As You were voluntarily raised upon the cross for our sake, grant mercy to those who are called by Your Name, O Christ God; make all Orthodox Christians glad by Your power, granting them victories over their adversaries, by bestowing on them the Invincible trophy, Your weapon of Peace.

Welcome to Rev. Chterion Zaprianov

We offer our thanks to Fr. Chterion for celebrating the Divine Liturgy with us while Fr. John is away on travel. He is the pastor of St. John of Rila Bulgarian Orthodox Church (OCA), the parish community we are pleased to have with us often on Sunday afternoons. We pray the Lord's blessings upon all.

Sisterhood Meeting – Today

All women are welcome to join the Sisters' meeting after Coffee Hour. The upcoming Slava and Holiday Bake Sale will be discussed. May the Lord bless the officers elected at last month's Annual Meeting: President-Helene Watts, VP-JoAnne de la Riva, Secretary - Rosita Asawa and Treasurer - Louise Romanchak.

Welcome to Our Guests

We offer a warm welcome to all guests with us today, Orthodox Christians and seekers alike. Please join us for Coffee Hour in the Parish Hall. We look forward to seeing you again at Liturgy and other parish life activities.

Vespers and Orthodoxy 201 – Wednesday, October 4

Vespers begins at 7PM this Wednesday. Come join in the prayers and the adult discussion group on "The Heavenly Banquet" by Fr. Emanuel Hatzidakis.

St. Nicholas Cathedral Fall Bazaar – Saturday-Sunday, October 7-8

The Cathedral is sponsoring the 54th annual Fall Bazaar with an extensive menu of Eastern European foods, ethnic music and dancing, books and gifts, and Cathedral tours. Saturday: 11AM-7PM, Sunday: 11AM-5PM. See www.stnicholasdc.org.

"First Saturday" of the Month ~ Great Vespers – October 7

Our Great Vespers will be served here at 5PM this coming Saturday. Come join in the evening prayers, Old Testament readings and Resurrectional chants.

IOCC Special Guest - Sunday, October 8

Lou Zagami of International Orthodox Christian Charities will be joining us for worship next Sunday and then will give a short IOCC presentation during Coffee Hour highlighting some of IOCC's activities in Serbia. This is an important opportunity to learn of their past and current humanitarian efforts.

St. Luke Annual Patron Saint Day/Slava Celebration – Sunday, October 29

We will be celebrating our St. Luke Slava at the end of the month. Metropolitan Tikhon will be joining us for the Hierarchical Divine Liturgy and will grant special awards at the Slava celebration. Don't miss this milestone event.

Upcoming Events

- "Jump Start Russian" – Learn the Russian language from zero to intermediate level by Pascha with Marina Koker, PhD. Classes start October 23 in Reston, VA M-W-F evenings. Contact marina@RussianMobileAcademy.com.
- Fr. Chad Hatfield, President of St. Vladimir's Seminary, will be leading a retreat at Holy Archangels Orthodox Mission in Annapolis, MD on Saturday, Nov. 4 titled, "Three Ways to Know the Body of Christ: Incarnation, Mission, Sacrament".

God Grant You Many Years!

May God bless Nevenka Milosevich on her birthday! Mnogaja ljeta!