

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  
ARCHPRIEST JOHN VITKO – 925-667-6451 (c), 703-893-1759 (Church office)  
REV. DEACON PATRICK GARIANO - 703-298-2609 (c)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2018

***PROTOMARTYR, EQUAL-TO-THE APOSTLES THEKLA***  
NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

**Epistle Reading**

2 Corinthians 11:31-12:9

**Gospel Reading**

Luke 6:31-36

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

**Troparion for Protomartyr and Equal of the Apostles Thekla**

You were enlightened by the words of Paul, O Bride of God, Thekla, and your faith was confirmed by Peter, O Chosen One of God. You became the first sufferer and martyr among women, by entering into the flames as into a place of gladness. For when you accepted the Cross of Christ, the demonic powers were frightened away. O all-praised One, intercede before Christ God that our souls may be saved.

**Kontakion**

O glorious Thekla, virginity was your splendor, the crown of martyrdom your adornment and the faith your trust! You turned a burning fire into refreshing dew, and with your prayers appeased pagan fury, O First Woman Martyr!

**College Student Sunday - Sunday, October 7**

The Assembly of Bishops has designated the first Sunday of October as “College Student Sunday” in conjunction with Orthodox Awareness Month, sponsored by Orthodox Christian Fellowship (OCF). Pray for the college students in our parish: Rosita Asawa, Matthew Kassaye, Cristiana Milosevich and Theodore Schneider. Also consider a donation to OCF. Send checks to: OCF; 50 Goddard Avenue, Brookline, MA 02445 or online at: <http://www.ocf.net/parents-parishes/college-student-sunday/>

**Welcome to Our Guests**

We offer a warm welcome to all guests who are with us today. Please sign the guest book at the entrance and pick up a welcome folder. Join us for Coffee Hour after Divine Liturgy. We look forward to meeting you and answering any questions you may have about the Orthodox Faith and St. Luke parish life. You are always welcome in our worship, fellowship, study and charity outreach.

**October Construction Project**

Our social hall has a major project underway with the replacement of the ceiling. It should be completed by our St. Luke Slava on Sunday, October 28.

**“First Sunday of the Month”**

**Potluck Coffee Hour** ~ The hospitality of everyone who brought food to share at Coffee Hour is appreciated.

**Faith in Action Food for the Needy** ~ Thank you for today’s donations of food for the SERVE Emergency Food Pantry. Cash and checks will be accepted as well.

**Vespers and Orthodoxy 201 – Wednesday, October 10 – 7:00-8:30PM**

Everyone is invited to come to Wednesday Vespers at 7PM for a mid-week time of prayer and a discussion on the Divine Liturgy as the “Heavenly Banquet”.

**Men’s Prayer Breakfast – No Meeting This Month**

**Kastalsky’s Requiem for Fallen Brothers**

A concert honoring the 100th anniversary of the 1918 Armistice ending WWI will be performed at the Washington National Cathedral on Sunday, October 21 at 6PM. The St. Tikhon’s Monastery Chamber Choir and director, Benedict Sheehan, have been involved in the production of Kastalsky’s “Bratskoe Pominovenie”. It has solemn funeral melodies from the Orthodox, Roman Catholic, Anglican, and American Protestant traditions. Benedict Sheehan says:

“This is a historic event, bringing together some of the world’s top musicians with church and government leaders to honor the sacrifices of veterans. Furthermore, it will introduce to the world a significant Orthodox composer whose work stands as a symbol of brotherhood and unity between nations.” Ticket information may be found here: <http://www.cathedralchoralsociety.org/events/armistice-1918-0>.

**God Grant You Many Years!**

God bless Nick Antich and Ron Kecman on their birthdays! Mnogaja ljeta!