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OCTOBER 17, 2021  
**BAPTISMAL DIVINE LITURGY**  
SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

**Epistle Reading**  
Romans 6:3-11

**Gospel Reading**  
Matthew 28:16-20

**CHRIST IS IN OUR MIDST!  
HE IS AND EVER SHALL BE!**

**Baptismal Divine Liturgy**

Today we celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Chrismation and the Eucharist for the infant, Juliana Irais Bragulla, daughter of Paul and Magdalene Bragulla, and sister of Elizabeth. Her godmother - sponsor is Alexia Koliias. May the Lord bless Juliana as she enters the Orthodox Faith, and bless her family and godmother. God grant them Many Years!

**Troparion of Holy Baptism**

Grant unto me the robe of light, O Most Merciful Christ our God,  
You clothe Yourself with Light as with a garment.  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

† As many as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. †

**Prokiemenon**

The Lord is my light and my salvation; Whom then shall I fear?

Grant, O Lord, a peaceful life health, salvation and furtherance in all good things to the handmaiden of God, Juliana, keep and preserve her for many years!

“The true Light has appeared ... Christ, Who is above all purity, is baptized with us; He sanctifies the water and it becomes a cleansing for our souls. The outward sign is earthly, the inward grace is higher than the heavens; Salvation comes through washing, and through water the Spirit: Descending into the water we ascend to God. Wonderful are Thy works, O Lord: Glory to Thee!”



**Welcome** to all guests with us today as we celebrate the Baptismal Divine Liturgy. Join us for light refreshments at Coffee Hour immediately following Liturgy. If you are interested in learning more about the Orthodox Faith and St. Luke parish life, feel free to talk with us and Fr. John. Come again for prayer, study and fellowship.

**Thank You for Supporting the FOCUS Family Care Drive**

Our donations of diapers and infant care items along with \$430 in financial gifts were delivered to the FOCUS DC leaders gathered at Grace Episcopal Church in Alexandria, VA. These gifts plus the St. Luke members' online donations will benefit families in the Arlandria, VA area who are living in poverty. God bless all who gave and all the recipients.

**St. Luke Gift Shop**

Visit the Gift Shop today to see the new icons, handcrafted prayer wristlets, crosses and gift items. St. Tikhon's Monastery Prayer Books and many faith-building books are available.

**Orthodoxy 201 – Schedule Change**

We will not meet for class this Wednesday. Plan to join next week's Zoom discussion on Elder Thaddeus' *Our Thoughts Determine Our Lives*. Fr. John will send out the Zoom link.

**Holy Apostle and Evangelist Luke Patron Saint Day/Slava - Sunday, October 31**

We joyfully resume our annual Slava celebration with Mark and Maria Damjan as the Kumovi. The 10:30AM Divine Liturgy will be followed by the Slava Prayers and a Luncheon.

**St. Mark Orthodox Church Food Festival – Saturday & Sunday, November 6 & 7**

The annual Food Festival resumes this year at St. Mark Orthodox Church, 7124 River Road in Bethesda, MD featuring their well-known Russian and other European food specialties and pastries, dine-in or carry out. See <https://stmarkoca.org/food-festival-bazaar/>.

**Orthodox Church of St. Matthew Icon Raffle – November 16** (See the flyer)

St. Matthew's iconographer, Wayne Hajos, has hand written and donated a beautiful icon of the "Three Holy Youths" for a Raffle on November 16. See it [here](#) and in the flyer on our bulletin board (9.5"x12" valued at \$400). Tickets: \$2/each, 3/\$5. Make checks payable to "Orthodox Church of St. Matthew" with "Icon Raffle" on memo line and mail to: The Orthodox Church of St. Matthew, P.O. Box 2003, Columbia, MD 21045, attention DR

**Sisterhood Holiday Bake Sale – Saturday, December 11**

Our Sisters are pleased to announce the 2021 Holiday Bake Sale. Volunteers are preparing the famous breads, baked goods and savory foods. In addition to in-person shopping, patrons may [Pre-order](#) specialty items like Nutrolls, Poppysed Rolls and Strudels.

**God Grant You Many Years!**

God bless Jim and Michele Karabin on their shared birthday this week. Belated greetings go to Ron Kecman, our parish Board President, for his October 8<sup>th</sup> birthday. Mnogaja ljeta!