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**HOLY APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST LUKE**  
NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

**Epistle Readings**

II Corinthians 11:31-12:9  
Colossians 4:5-9, 14, 18

**Gospel Readings**

Luke 8:5-15  
Luke 10:16-21

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

**Troparion** (Resurrection)

When You descended to death, O Life Immortal, You slew hell with the splendor of Your Godhead. And when from the depths You raised the dead, all the powers of heaven cried out: “O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to You!”

**Troparion** (St. Luke)

Let us praise with sacred songs the holy Apostle Luke, the recorder of the joyous Gospel of Christ and the scribe of the Acts of the Apostles, for his writings are a testimony of the Church of Christ: He is the physician of human weaknesses and infirmities. He heals the wounds of our souls, and constantly intercedes for our salvation!

**Kontakion** (Resurrection)

Hell became afraid, O almighty Savior, seeing the miracle of Your Resurrection from the tomb! The dead arose! Creation, with Adam, beheld this and rejoiced with You, and the world, my Savior, praises You forever.

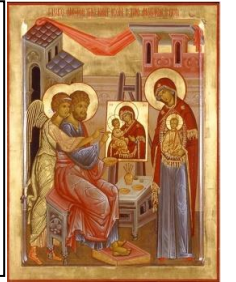
**Kontakion** (St. Luke)

Let us praise the godly Luke: he is the true preacher of piety, the orator of ineffable mysteries and the star of the Church; for the Word, Who alone knows the hearts of men, chose him, together with wise Paul, to be a teacher of the gentiles!

**God Grant You Many Years!**

This past week marked the tenth anniversary of David Lumovich’s tonsuring as a Reader. God bless him for his faithful chanting. Grant, O Lord, a peaceful life, health, salvation and furtherance in all good things to Your servant, keep and preserve him for many years!

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. Saint Luke’s Gospel was written in the years 62-63 at Rome, under the guidance of the Apostle Paul. He recorded, in chronological order, everything known by Christians about Jesus Christ and His teachings. He investigated the facts, used the oral tradition of the Church, and wrote all that the All-Pure Virgin Mary Herself told him (2:19, 51). Oca.org



**Welcome** to all guests with us today in person and by livestream as we celebrate the Divine Liturgy. Join us for refreshments 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.

**Holy Apostle and Evangelist Luke Patron Saint Day/Slava**

With grateful hearts we resume our annual Slava celebration today. After the Divine Liturgy, the Slava Prayers and Cutting of the Kolach will take place with Mark and Maria Damjan, and Danielle, Dianna, Maximus and Marcus as the honored Kumovi (Hosts) for the day. A luncheon will follow thanks to the hospitality of our Sisterhood. Donations to the St. Luke General Fund and to the St. Luke Building Campaign will be gratefully received.

**St. Luke Gift Shop Celebrates Fifth Anniversary**

Our thanks go to Louise Romanchak for providing beautiful religious and folk-art items along with books and greeting cards for our personal and gift buying needs.

**Orthodoxy 201 – Wednesday, November 3 – 7PM on Zoom**

Join this week’s discussion on Elder Thaddeus’ teaching “On the Spiritual Realm” from *Our Thoughts Determine Our Lives*. Fr. John will email the link and notes.

**Upcoming Orthodox Events**

- Nov. 6-7 St. Mark Orthodox Church sponsors their [Food Festival](#) in Bethesda, MD
- Nov. 11-12 St. Vladimir’s Seminary welcomes Metropolitan Hilarion Alfeyev; in person and online. Register for ["Search the Scriptures"](#).
- Nov. 26 “Where Saints Have Walked” - Virtual National Youth Retreat and Tour of St. Tikhon’s Monastery, 1PM - 4PM for Youth K-12 via Zoom. Register by November 21 at FOCA [Orthodox Fellowship](#).

**Sisterhood Holiday Bake Sale – Saturday, December 11 – 9AM to 2PM**

Our Sisters invite everyone plus family and friends to 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.