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NOVEMBER 28, 2021
MARTYRS GURIAS, SAMONAS, AND ABIBUS
TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Epistle Reading
Ephesians 2:4-10

Gospel Reading
Luke 10:25-37

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

Troparion (Resurrection)
The Angelic Powers were at Your tomb; the guards became as dead men. Mary stood by Your grave, seeking Your most pure body. You captured hell, not being tempted by it. You came to the Virgin, granting life. O Lord, Who rose from the dead, glory to You.

Troparion (Holy Martyrs and Confessors)
Christ our God, You have granted us the miracles of Your holy martyrs Gurias, Samonas and Abibas, as a stronghold and protection. Through their prayers, strengthen those in authority in every good deed, for You alone are merciful and the Lover of mankind!

Kontakion (Resurrection)
When Christ God, the Giver of Life, raised all of the dead from the valleys of misery with His mighty hand, He bestowed resurrection on the human race. He is the Savior of all, the Resurrection, the Life, and the God of all.

Kontakion (Holy Martyrs and Confessors)
You received grace from on high, all-praised martyrs, and you intercede for those in the midst of temptations! Therefore, holy ones, you freed a young woman from bitter death. You are indeed the glory of Edessa and the joy of the world!

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!

Prokeimenon
O Lord, save Your people, and bless Your inheritance!

Nativity Fast and Feastday

Today we enter into the six-week Fasting period that precedes the Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ celebrated on Friday, January 7. It is a season of prayer, fasting and charitable giving in spiritual preparation for the birth of our Savior.

Fr. John invites us to prepare for the Sacrament of Confession and to schedule a time to meet with him in the coming weeks.



Welcome to all guests with us today in person and by livestream as we celebrate the Divine Liturgy. Join us for Coffee Hour following Liturgy. If you are interested in learning more about the Orthodox Faith and St. Luke parish life, feel free to talk with Fr. John and us.

Prison Ministry Clothing Drive – Today

All new/used men's and women's coats, hats, gloves and scarves donated today are greatly appreciated. Louise Romanchak will deliver the much-needed outerwear to OAR, who provide services to inmates who are being released. Many are jobless, homeless and have little support. "Thank you and God bless!"

"Giving Tuesday" – November 30 – Consider Donations to Orthodox Charities

International Orthodox Christian Charities <https://iocc.org/>
Orthodox Christian Mission Center <https://ocmc.org/>
FOCUS North America <https://focusnorthamerica.org/>
Orthodox Christian Prison Ministry <https://theocpm.org/>
Ancient Faith Ministries <https://www.ancientfaith.com/>
OCA Seminaries: St. Herman's <https://www.sthermanseminary.org/>
St. Tikhon's <https://stots.edu/>
St. Vladimir's <https://www.svots.edu/givingtuesday/>

Orthodoxy 201 – Wednesday, December 1 at 7PM on Zoom

Join us this week when our class resumes with the start of a new book by Fr. Lawrence Farley, *The Gospel of St. Luke – Good News for the Poor*. Fr. John will email the link.

First-Saturday-of-the-Month Great Vespers - December 4 at 5PM

Festal Divine Liturgy for the Entrance of the Theotokos - Sunday, December 5 – 10:30AM

Sisterhood Annual Holiday Bake Sale ~ Saturday, December 11 ~ 9AM–2PM

The Holiday Bake Sale is just two weeks away. The Sisterhood has prepared nutrolls, plus poppyseed, cherry and apricot rolls, and frozen unbaked or fresh-baked apple strudels. Gibanica, breads, donuts, cookies and more will also be available. Invite family and friends!

God Grant You Many Years!

We extend warm greetings to Sue Mezines and Ruth Stock who are celebrating their birthdays. May God grant them blessings and many years!