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MARTYR ARETHAS AND THOSE WITH HIM

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Epistle Reading

Galatians 2:16-20

Gospel Reading

Luke 16:19-31

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

Troparion (Resurrection)

When the women disciples of the Lord learned from the angel the joyous message of Thy Resurrection, they cast away the ancestral curse and elatedly told the apostles: “Death is overthrown! Christ God is risen, granting the world great mercy!”

Troparion (Arethas)

Through the sufferings which Your holy martyrs Arethas and his companions endured for Your sake, O Lord, we beseech You, O Lover of mankind: heal all of our infirmities.

Kontakion (Resurrection)

My Savior and Redeemer as God rose from the tomb and delivered the earth-born from their chains. He has shattered the gates of hell, and as Master, He has risen on the third day!

Kontakion (Arethas)

Today the radiant feast of the passion-bearers Arethas and his companions comes to us as a herald of joy; as we celebrate it we glorify the Lord on high.

Slava Celebration

Our St. Luke parish family shared a blessed Patron Saint Day - Slava last Sunday. We thank Fr. John, Deacon Stefan, the Choir, and the Kumovi John, Elizabeth and George Minahan for making it a beautiful celebration. We compliment the Sisterhood and many volunteers, including our youth volunteers, for the festive buffet luncheon. We extend gratitude to all who contributed financial gifts to our Building Fund and General Fund. Many Years to all!

Deacon Stefan will lead the Reader's Service on November 13 while Fr. John is on travel.

Welcome to all guests with us by livestream and in person. We invite you to stay for Coffee Hour for refreshments and to get acquainted with us. If you are interested in learning more about the Orthodox Faith and St. Luke parish life, feel free to talk with Fr. John.

FOCUS DC Family Care Drive – Final Day

We join with Orthodox Christians of FOCUS DC in support of the charity work of Grace Episcopal Church (Alexandria) to help local immigrant families. Thank you for cash/checks made payable to “FOCUS NA-DC Drive” or online at <https://focusnorthamerica.org/dc/>.

St. Mark's Ethnic Food Festival and Bazaar – Today 12–4PM

St. Mark Orthodox Church, 7124 River Rd., Bethesda, MD, hosts the final day of their annual Festival featuring Eastern European foods, breads and baked goods for dine-in or carry-out, plus religious gift items. See <https://stmarkoca.org/food-festival-bazaar/>

Sisterhood Holiday Bake Sale Preparations – Today

Volunteers worked yesterday cooking and baking for the December 10 Holiday Bake Sale. Today after Coffee Hour, extra hands are needed to package the food. Help if you can.

Orthodoxy 201 – Schedule Change

Gospel of Luke class will not meet this week. Join on Zoom: Wednesday, Nov. 16 at 7PM.

Veterans Day Prayers – Sunday, November 13

All military veterans are asked to sign the list at the Candle Table for special recognition next Sunday. A second list is for the names of departed veterans.

Faith in Action Christmas Outreach – November 13, 20 & 27

Our parish will partner with the ministry of “Women Giving Back” to collect Christmas gift items for teen girls. Items or gift cards in the \$20-\$25 range are requested in November so mothers, grandmothers, aunts or sisters can shop for their teens in December. Suggestions: Anything with Adidas, Nike, etc. logos, graphic t-shirts, socks with designs or graphics, new make-up and manicure kits, gift cards to Amazon, Target, Walmart, Sephora. (Please no stocking stuffers.) See Louise Romanchak if you have questions.

Metropolitan Tikhon's [Archpastoral Message](#) - OCA “Stewards Sunday” – November 20

“I encourage all of our parishes and faithful to support the central administration of our Church ... While our parishes are on the frontline of spreading the Gospel and sharing the Orthodox Christian faith with the world, the members of the central administration of the OCA labor tirelessly to support you ... I offer my heartfelt appeal to all of our parishes and faithful to contribute to the work of the Orthodox Church in America by becoming Stewards of the OCA.” (Excerpt) Donate at Coffee Hour by cash or check to OCA, or [online](#).

God grant many years to George Popovich and John Costello (16th) on their birthdays!