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NOVEMBER 20, 2022
MARTYRS OF MELITENE
TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Epistle Reading
Ephesians 2:4-10

Gospel Reading
Luke 8:41-56

**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 (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!

Troparion (Martyrs)
Your thirty-three holy martyrs, O Lord, through their sufferings have received incorruptible crowns from You, our God. For having Your strength, they laid low their adversaries, and shattered the powerless boldness of demons. Through their intercessions, save our souls!

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 (Martyrs)
The radiant choir of martyrs, the light-bearing company, spiritually descends to us, enlightening the Church with brilliant rays. Therefore as we celebrate their honored memory, we ask You, our Savior: through their prayers deliver us from misfortunes so that we may sing to You: "Alleluia."

Welcome to all guests with us by livestream and in person. We invite you to stay for Coffee Hour and 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 and Deacon Stefan.

Metropolitan Tikhon's [Archpastoral Message](#) - OCA "Stewards Sunday" – Today
"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. 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." Donate today by cash/check to OCA (memo: Stewards) or [online](#).

Faith in Action Christmas Outreach – Today - November 27
We have one more week to collect Christmas gifts for teen girls and boys to donate to the "Women Giving Back" holiday outreach program. Items or gift cards in the \$20-\$25 range are requested: 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. See Louise Romanchak for more details.

 **Gift Shop Arrivals: St. Tikhon's "Burning Bush" Coffee Beans & 2023 Julian Calendars.**

Addictions Workshop Support Network – Monday, November 21 – 7-8:15PM
The Addictions Support Network is free and open to all individuals interested in listening to ongoing support presentations/lectures and Q/A hosted by St. Nicholas Cathedral.
<https://zoom.us/j/2100687480> Meeting ID: 210 068 7480, Password: 208156

Orthodoxy 201 – Schedule Change
Class will not meet this week. It resumes on Wednesday, November 30 at 7PM on Zoom.

Men's Symposium – Wed., Nov. 30, 6:30-9PM RSVP at <https://bit.ly/3g3kusi> by the 23rd
The Greek Orthodox parishes in the Greater Washington, DC area are hosting the Men's Symposium at SS Constantine & Helen Church, 701 Norwood Rd., Silver Spring, MD on the 30th. Join them for networking, inspiration, food and cash bar. Cover charge is \$30.

St. Luke Sisterhood Holiday Bake Sale – Saturday, December 10, 9AM-2PM
Save the Date! Invite family, friends and neighbors for famous Christmas breads & pastries.

God Grant You Many Years!
Congratulations to Popadija Kitty who was awarded the St. Innocent medal last week by Metropolitan Tikhon for her years of service to the church. Many Years!

May God bless Hunter Fancovic on his 3rd birthday, Bryce Kecman on his 4th birthday and Ellie Bragulla on her 6th birthday. We extend birthday greetings also to Katarina Fancovic, Deacon Stefan, Serge Romanchak, Linda Marie Sepelak, and Helene Watts. Mnogaja ljeta!

 **Have a blessed Thanksgiving holiday. The Nativity Fast begins on November 28.** 