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TRANSLATION OF THE RELICS OF THE HIEROMARTYR IGNATIUS THE GODBEARER

Epistle Reading

2 Corinthians 6:16-7:1

Gospel Reading

Matthew 15:21-28

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

Troparion (Resurrection)

Let the heavens rejoice! Let the earth be glad! For the Lord has shown strength with His arm. He has trampled down death by death. He has become the first born of the dead. He has delivered us from the depths of hell, and has granted to the world great mercy.

Troparion (Hieromartyr Ignatius)

Like a treasure of rich and abundant gifts your relics were carried reverently from Rome to your flock. While lovingly celebrating their return, we receive the grace of healing for our souls and bodies: and we always sing of your martyric contest, O glorious Hieromartyr Ignatius.

Kontakion (Hieromartyr Ignatius)

Today you shone forth from the East, enlightening all of creation with your teachings, and you were adorned with martyrdom, O godly Ignatius the God-bearer.

Kontakion (Resurrection)

On this day Thou didst rise from the tomb, O Merciful One, leading us from the gates of death. On this day Adam exults as Eve rejoices; with the Prophets and Patriarchs they unceasingly praise the divine majesty of Thy power.

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!

Memory Eternal + Večnaja Pamjat +

We pray for the blessed repose of the souls of the departed: Diane (friend of Fr. John and Popadija Kitty), Patrick (father of Dn. Patrick Gariano), and James (Ruth Schmidt's father) on the anniversaries of their falling asleep in the Lord.

Welcome to all guests via livestream and in person today. We invite you to stay for Coffee Hour. If you are interested in learning about the Orthodox Faith and St. Luke parish life, feel free to talk with Fr. John or Deacon Stefan. Please come again!

We may schedule our Home Blessings with Fr. John now through March 6.

St. Luke Faith in Action: Food for the Needy – SOUPER Bowl Sunday – Today

Thank you everyone for the donated food and financial gifts for needy families and the homeless. All will be delivered to the United Community Food Bank in Alexandria VA. Donations may still be made online at <https://www.unitedcommunity.org/>.

Sisterhood Monthly Meeting – Today

All women are invited to today's Sisters' meeting in the office after Coffee Hour.

Orthodoxy 201 – John 19:12-42 Wednesday, February 14 at 7PM on Zoom

Fr. John will email the link to join the discussion on Jesus' passion and crucifixion.

Feast of the Meeting of Our Lord in the Temple – Thursday, February 15

We will celebrate the Divine Liturgy for the Feast of the Meeting of Our Lord in the Temple at 10:30AM on Thursday. Bring a main dish, side or dessert to share afterwards.

The Lenten Spring and Pascha

Sunday, Feb. 25	Beginning of the 10-week Triodion
Monday, March 18	Great Lent begins
Sunday, April 28	Palm Sunday
Friday, May 3	Holy Friday
Sunday, May 5	Holy Pascha

St. Luke Event for Middle and High School Students – Saturday, March 2 – 4-8PM

Please use the link below to sign up for our upcoming MS/HS Night on Saturday, March 2nd! Come celebrate Vespers and enjoy pizza and fellowship. Dropoff will be between 4 and 4:15PM, when we will start learning about Vespers and helping to prepare for the service. Vespers will start at 5PM, with the middle/high schoolers joining in the choir and serving in the altar. After Vespers, we will enjoy pizza and fellowship. Pick up will be between 7:45 and 8:15PM. RSVP by Feb 28th: <https://forms.gle/48nUt3gE4mSoWByg8>

Ascetic Practices and the Mind: Mental Healing in Eastern Christianity – March 1-2

The Institute for the Study of Eastern Christianity at The Catholic University of America is hosting a two-day conference on Friday-Saturday, March 1-2 to explore early Christian and Byzantine traditions of monastic training in dialogue with current medical therapies. Athonite monks, theologians, and psychologists will speak on theology and science. There will also be prayer and iconography clinics. Registration is free and required: <https://trs.catholic.edu/lectures-and-events/ascetic-practices-and-the-mind/index.html>

God Grant You Many Years!

May God bless Stella Pehlivanova for her birthday this past week. Mnogaja Ljeta!