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HOLY MYRRH-BEARER AND EQUAL TO THE APOSTLES
MARY MADGALENE
SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Epistle Readings

Romans 12:6-14
1Corinthians 9:2-12

Gospel Readings

Matthew 9:1-8
Luke 8:1-3

**Christ is in our midst!
He is and ever shall be!**

Troparion (Resurrection)

Let us, the faithful praise and worship the Word, co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit, born for our salvation from the Virgin; for He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the flesh, to endure death, and to raise the dead by His glorious Resurrection.

Troparion (St. Mary Magdalene)

You followed Christ Who was born of a virgin for our sake, O revered Mary Magdalene keeping His commandments and laws. Today, as we celebrate your most holy memory, we rejoice in faith, and by your prayers, we receive the forgiveness of our sins.

Kontakion (Resurrection)

Thou didst descend into hell, O my Savior, shattering its gates as Almighty, Resurrecting the dead as Creator, and destroying the sting of death. Thou hast delivered Adam from the curse, O Lover of Mankind, and we all cry to Thee: O Lord, save us!

Kontakion (St. Mary Magdalene)

Standing gloriously at the Cross of the Savior with many other women, and showing compassion for the Mother of the Lord, you shed tears and offered praise crying out: "What is this strange wonder? He Who holds all creation was pleased to suffer. Glory to Your 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!

Welcome

Welcome to all guests via livestream and those in person today. We invite you to join us 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 and Deacon Stefan. Please come again.

Memory Eternal † Večnaja Pamjat †

We pray for the soul of David Fouladi's uncle Homayoun 40 days since his repose, and for Protopresbyter Leonid Kishkovsky, Andrew Janos' father Archpriest Stephen Janos, Fr. John's mother Nadia, our Choir Director Alexia Koliass, Cindy Volosin's brother John, her daughter and Chris Little's sister Elizabeth, Zoran Stamenic's mother Prodana, and Colin Chung's grandfather Shiao-Ping Chung on the anniversaries of their falling asleep in the Lord. "Grant rest eternal with the Saints, O Lord, to the souls of the departed."

Orthodox Christian Prison Ministry – Thank You

Many thanks for the checks and online donations received on OCPM's Awareness Day.

First-Sunday-of-the-Month Potluck – Thank You

Every main dish, side dish, dessert and beverage shared today is greatly appreciated.

Faith in Action "Back to School Summer Initiative" – Today

We've partnered with FOCUS and United Community in Alexandria to provide backpacks and school supplies to low-income children. They are now stocked up but still need \$25 Target and Walmart gift cards for the teens. Donate cards, cash and checks at the display in the parish hall or online at <https://www.unitedcommunity.org/>.

Ethiopian Arts Festival – Today

The local Ethiopian community is hosting an Arts Festival here at St. Luke this afternoon. Join them today from 3pm-10pm. Information: 571-338-2830.

Orthodoxy 201 – Wednesday, August 7 on Zoom at 7PM

The study of Fr. Alexander Schmemmann's classic "For the Life of the World" continues this week focusing on the "Christian Year". Fr. John will email his notes and the link.

Men's Prayer Breakfast – Saturday, August 10 at 9AM

All men are invited to Saturday's fellowship and conversation on "30 Steps to Heaven".

August Fasting and Feastdays

- August 14 - 28 Fast for the Dormition of the Theotokos
- Sun., August 18 10:30AM Liturgy for Feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord
- Wed., August 28 10:30AM Liturgy for the Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos

God Grant You Many Years!

Grant, O Lord, a peaceful life, health, salvation and furtherance in all good things to Zachary Popovich on the 2nd anniversary of his Chrismation and to Sasha Vitko and Sofia Willis on their birthdays. Mnogaja ljeta!