DAY	EVENT	TIME
Sunday	Orthros	9:15AM
Sunday	Divine Liturgy	`10:00AM

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3RD SUNDAY AFTER THE HOLY CROSS

October 18, 2026

Antiphon (1st)
1: Shout joyfully to the Lord, all the earth, and sing praise to His Name.
R:Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, save us.
2: Say to God: How awesome are Your deeds! So great is Your power that Your enemies cringe before You.
R:Be shafa'ati Walidatil Eelah, ya Mukhallisu, khallisna.
3: Let all the earth worship You and sing praises to You; let it sing praises to Your Name, O Most High!
R:Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, save us.

Entrance Hymn
P: Come, let us worship and bow down before Christ,
All: O Son of God, who are risen from the dead, save us who sing to You: Alleluia!

Troparion of the Resurrection (Tone 3, Pg. 40)
The women disciples of the Lord, having learned from the angel the joyful announcement of the resurrection, and having rejected the ancestral sentence, proudly told the apostles: * Death is despoiled. Christ God is risen, bestowing to the world great mercy."

Troparion of St. Luke: (Tone 3)
O Holy Apostle Luke, intercede with God all-merciful that He may grant us the remission of our sins.

Patronal Troparion (Tone 1, Pg. 15)
In giving birth, you have preserved your virginity, and in falling asleep, you did not forsake the word, O Mother of God. You have passed to life, being the Mother of Life. Through your intercession, save our souls from death.

K**ontakion (Tone 2, Pg. 16)**
O never failing Protectress of Christians and their ever-present intercessor before the Creator, despise not the petitions of us sinners, but in your goodness extend your help to us who call upon you with confidence. Hasten, O Mother of God, to intercede for us, for you have always protected those who honor you.

DIVINE LITURGY INTENTIONS

Today Our friends and families, living and deceased, especially Diaconissa Susan Bailey
+Fr. Alam Alam, Dcn. John Fleshman

Next Sunday

This morning's Coffee Hr. is hosted by
Next Sunday's Coffee Hr. will be hosted by

Please remember in your prayers: Zenon Tencza, Robert Ghiz, Sadie Mirante, Richard Abraham, Sr., Frank Boyda, Carol Boyda, Bob Lynch, Michael Mooradian, Dennis Desplaines, Thomas Houde, Ken Jordan, Mary Rizk, Michael McNeil, Jeff McNeil, Jeannine McNeil, Joyce Kfoury, Neil Gartner, Linda Gartner, Arthur Hill, Houda Daou, Lauren Abraham, Nicholas Haddad, Elaine Foley, David Ahlin, Elio Kanaan, Susan Bailey, Jacqueline Ventriglia, those affected by the natural disasters throughout the world, the people of Gaza, and for peace in Ukraine & the Middle East. Let us also pray for the repose of the souls of Zakeya Assaf, Genvieve Hatem, Hanna Francis, Saddalh Alkateb. If there are people for whom you would like me to pray, please reach out and give me their names. Part of our vocation as Christians is to pray for each other, especially when someone is sick or suffering in any way.

Last Week's Collection
Weekly $
Candles $
Coffee Hr. $
Flowers $
Picnic $
TOTAL $
God bless you for your generosity!
As a reminder, we need $2,000 per week to meet our expenses.



AFTER THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS (September 14) we begin the Cycle of St Luke. Selections from his Gospel are appointed to be read every day at the Divine Liturgy. About one month later, on October 18, we keep the remembrance of St Luke himself.
Aside from a few bits of information in the Scriptures we knew little about St. Luke, even though he composed a substantial part of the New Testament itself. Besides the Gospel St Luke composed the Acts of the Apostles as the second part of the story of Christ and the early Church (cf., Acts 1:1). Some commentators think that St Luke also had a part in writing the Epistle to the Hebrews.
Luke was a companion of St Paul, probably since his stay at Troas, on the coast of Asia Minor. It is here that St Luke begins speaking of Paul and his companions as "we" (Acts 16:10). Luke is mentioned as St Paul's companion in two epistles, Colossians and Philemon, both written towards the end of Paul's life. When St Paul appealed to Caesar, St Luke accompanied him from Caesarea to Rome (cf., Acts 28:16). Towards the end of St Paul's life, it seem that Luke was his only companion (cf., 2 Tim 4:11).
Luke and Antioch
Ancient authors speak of Antioch as Luke's birthplace (Eusebius' Church History III and Gospel Questions IV) while St Paul says that he was a physician (Col 4:14). It seems that he was not a Jew. In the same passage others are mentioned as Jews but Luke is not. "Aristarchus, my fellow prisoner greets you with Mark, the cousin of Barnabas, about whom you received instructions (if he comes to you, welcome him), and Jesus, who is called Justus. These are my only fellow workers for the kingdom of God who are of the circumcision" (Colossians 4:10-11).
As a native of Antioch Luke was likely a Greek but he may have been one of the many Greek proselytes to Judaism in the city, which also had a notable Jewish population. In the first-century AD proselytes to Judaism were generally pagans (Greeks and Romans) who had come to believe in one God, worshipped in the synagogue and observed the morality of the Jews. They had not accepted circumcision, nor did they observe ceremonial laws. Many of them came to accept Jesus as the Christ.
Did St. Luke See Christ?
One tradition, first mentioned in the Panarion of Epiphanius, says that St. Luke was one of the Seventy, the second circle of disciples called by Christ. He is often mentioned in commentaries as the unnamed companion of Cleopas who encountered the risen Christ on the road to Emmaus. This idea is even found in our Menologion, the liturgical book containing the service for his feast.
Others, however, say that there was no evidence that Luke, an educated Greek from Antioch, had been in Galilee or Judea during Christ's ministry, although it cannot be ruled out. In the first verses of the Gospel Luke describes himself as having investigated everything carefully, which is why he wrote this narrative for Theophilos. This suggests to many that Luke was not recording first-hand impressions but compiling the reminiscences of others.
Perhaps the liturgical designation of Luke as an apostle and as one of the Seventy resembles calling St Paul one of the Twelve. "Twelve" and "Seventy" were understood in the early Church as designations of office rather than as historical references.
Luke as an Iconographer
In the sixth century Theodore, a reader at Hagia Sophia in Constantinople, compiled a history from various sources. In it he describes an image of the Theotokos which Empress Eudoxia found in Jerusalem and sent to Constantinople. This may have given rise to the belief, first recorded in the ninth century, that St Luke had painted the first icon of the Theotokos. The Hodigitria icon (she who shows the way), which was prized in the capital until it was lost in the Ottoman invasion, was attributed to him.
A Byzantine icon of the Theotokos revered in Rome was long held to be by St. Luke, but has been shown to be no earlier than the fifth century in origin. Called "Salus Populi Romani" (the salvation of the Roman people), it is enshrined in the Basilica of St. Mary Major and has been visited frequently by Pope Benedict XVI and Pope Francis.

Prokimenon
Reader: Through all the earth their voice resounds and to the ends of the world their message.
People: Through all the earth their voice resounds and to the ends of the world their message.
Reader: The heavens declare God's glory and the firmament proclaims the work of his hands.
People: Through all the earth their voice resounds and to the ends of the world their message.
Reader: Through all the earth their voice resounds
People: And to the ends of the world their message.

Epistle: Col 4:5-11 & 14-18

Alleluia
The heavens shall proclaim your wonders, O Lord, and your truth in the assembly of the saints.
Verse: God is glorified in the council of his saints, great and awesome to all those around him.

Gospel: Luke 10:16-21

