



THE ST. ELIZABETH'S PARISH NEWS



St. Elizabeth's Orthodox Mission

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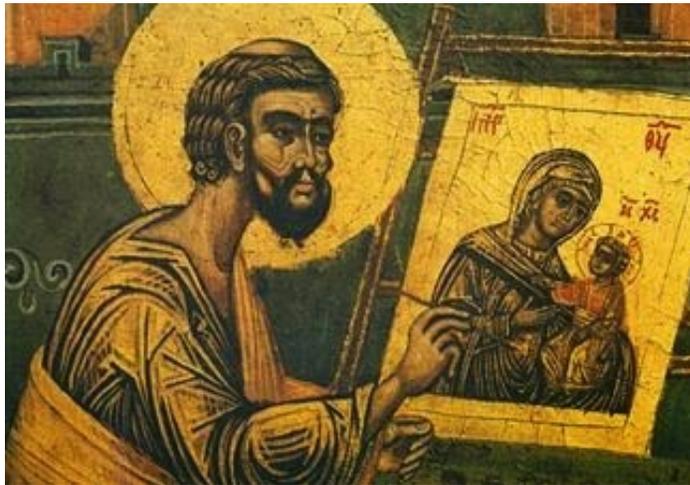
20th Sunday After Pentecost

Epistle: Colossians 4:5-9,14,18

Gospel: Luke 10:16-21

Glory be to Jesus Christ

Icon of St. Luke painting the first Icon



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Feast Day of St. Luke

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Now and Ever...

O unashamed Intercessor of Christians,* ever loyal advocate before the Creator,* do not disregard the prayerful voice of sinners* but in your goodness* hasten to assist us who trustfully cry out to you:* Intercede always O Mother of God in behalf of those who honor you.

Weekly Schedule of Divine Services

Wednesday 10/21 7:20PM– Parastas (Prayer Service for the De-
parted)– *Please let me know of anyone whom you would like to be
prayed for– written down or in an email.*

Thursday 9AM 10/22– Divine Liturgy for the Departed

Saturday 10/24– Community Garage Sale (setup at 7AM)- fol-
lowed by **Jr. ACRY Great Pumpkin party** (around 1) and **Great
Vespers** at 6PM

Sunday 10/25– Divine Liturgy 10AM

St. Luke-Apostle, Evangelist, Iconographer, and Martyr

The Holy Apostle and Evangelist Luke, was a native of Syr-
ian Antioch, a companion of the holy Apostle Paul
(Phil.1:24, 2 Tim. 4:10-11), and a physician enlightened in

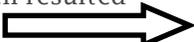
the Greek medical arts. Hearing about Christ, Luke arrived in Palestine and fervently accepted the preaching of salvation from the Lord Himself. As one of the Seventy Apostles, St Luke was sent by the Lord with the others to preach the Kingdom of Heaven during the Savior's earthly life (Luke 10:1-3). After the Resurrection, the Lord Jesus Christ appeared to Sts Luke and Cleopas on the road to Emmaus.

Luke accompanied St Paul on his second missionary journey, and from that time they were inseparable. When Paul's coworkers had forsaken him, only Luke remained to assist him in his ministry (2 Tim. 4:10-11). After the martyric death of the First-Ranked Apostles Peter and Paul, St Luke left Rome to preach in Achaia, Libya, Egypt and the Thebaid. He ended his life by suffering martyrdom in the city of Thebes.

Tradition credits St Luke with painting the first icons of the Mother of God. "Let the grace of Him Who was born of Me and My mercy be with these Icons," said the All-Pure Virgin after seeing the icons. St Luke also painted icons of the First-Ranked Apostles Peter and Paul. St Luke's Gospel was written in the years 62-63 at Rome, under the guidance of the Apostle Paul. In the preliminary verses (1:1-3), St Luke precisely sets forth the purpose of his work. He proposes to record, in chronological order, everything known by Christians about Jesus Christ and His teachings. By doing this, he provided a firmer historical basis for Christian teaching (1:4). He carefully investigated the facts, and made generous use of the oral tradition of the Church and of what the All-Pure Virgin Mary Herself had told him (2:19, 51).

In St Luke's Gospel, the message of the salvation made possible by the Lord Jesus Christ, and the preaching of the Gospel, are of primary importance.

St Luke also wrote the Acts of the Holy Apostles at Rome around 62-63 A.D. The Book of Acts, which is a continuation of the four Gospels, speaks about the works and the fruits of the holy Apostles after the Ascension of the Savior. At the center of the narrative is the Council of the holy Apostles at Jerusalem in the year 51, a Church event of great significance, which resulted in the separation of Christianity from Judaism and its independent dissemination into the world (Acts 15:6-29).



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The theological focus of the Book of Acts is the coming of the Holy Spirit, Who will guide the Church "into all truth" John 16:13) until the Second Coming of Christ.

The holy relics of St Luke were taken from Constantinople and brought to Padua, Italy at some point in history. Perhaps this was during the infamous Crusade of 1204. In 1992, Metropolitan Hieronymus (Jerome) of Thebes requested the Roman Catholic bishop in Thebes to obtain a portion of St Luke's relics for the saint's empty sepulchre in the Orthodox cathedral in Thebes. The Roman Catholic bishop Antonio Mattiazzo of Padua, noting that Orthodox pilgrims came to Padua to venerate the relics while many Catholics did not even know that the relics were there, appointed a committee to investigate the relics in Padua, and the skull of St Luke in the Catholic Cathedral of St Vico in Prague.

The skeleton was determined to be that of an elderly man of strong build. In 2001, a tooth found in the coffin was judged to be consistent with the DNA of Syrians living near the area of Antioch dating from 72-416 A.D. The skull in Prague perfectly fit the neck bone of the skelton. The tooth found in the coffin in Padua was also found to fit the jawbone of the skull.

Bishop Mattiazzo sent a rib from the relics to Metropolitan Hieronymus to be venerated in St Luke's original tomb in the Orthodox cathedral at Thebes. <http://oca.org/saints/lives/2015/10/18/102993-apostle-and-evangelist-luke>

Announcements and Upcoming Events

- **Sunday School**– After Liturgy in the council meeting room.
- **Council Meeting**– Tuesday 10/27 (Next Week) at 7PM.
- **Trip to Cagle's Family Farm**– The trip to Cagle's has been postponed to Sunday, November 8th. Please RSVP!
- **Our Annual Dinner, Wine Tasting, and Silent Auction**- Was a great success! Thank you to everyone who worked so hard in putting this fantastic event together and to all those who participated in this annual fellowship and fundraising event. A great time was had by all!
- **Community Garage Sale Next Saturday, October 24th– Volunteers Needed!!!** Please tells your friends, family and neighbors! Remind them that it's a great place to set up a booth and enjoy a day of searching for hidden treasures! Make reservations before August 31,2015 email SEOCGA@yahoo.com for registration forms and information OR call 770-485-0504.
- **JR ACRY Coat (Warm Clothes) and Food Drive**– The colder months are rapidly approaching and people in our community need your help! If you have any gently used winter clothing (things you would wear!) please bring them in and support the youth of St. Elizabeth's in their first Winter Coat Drive! Along with the coats please consider bringing in some good non-perishable food items for the Thanksgiving Season. The youth of St. Elizabeth's will meet at the Church on **Saturday, November 21st** at 9AM for the Feast day of the Entrance of Mary into the Temple and then pass out the clothes and food and to those who are in need in the local community. This is a great opportunity to teach our kids to be good stewards of the Church and the local community. Please support them and the less fortunate in the Woodstock area by participating in this outreach effort to the very best of your abilities. Most of us have more than we need, think of those who do not, and make a concerted effort to give what you can to this cause. God Bless you and thank you for your support!

Prayer List

Evelyn Melnikoff, Fr. John and Pani Betty Jean Baranek, Fr. James Gleason, The Paccio Family, Johanna, James, Herbert and Mary Schleining , Patricia James, Anna, Basil, David, Dianna, Denise, Alex, Jason, Athanasia, Ethel, Kathy, Lester, Sally, Jack, Angela , Tyler, Maria, Bezerra Family, Jeff, Lesley, Page Family, Stephen (Blessed Repose), The Blanar Family, Anna (Blessed Repose), Louise, Emma Rae , Carey, The Floyd Family, Phillip (Blessed Repose), Zachary, George Szapka Family, Fred and Helen Milesenko, Robin

