

**Luke the Evangelist - October 18, 2020**  
**St. John the Baptist Greek Orthodox Church**



**SYNAXARION:** St Luke the Evangelist; Marinos the Martyr

**Resurrectional Apolytikion (2nd Mode):** When you descended to the realm of death, You as Life immortal, rendered to Hades a mortal blow, through Your Divine Radiance. And when You, from the depths of Hades and the darkness below, did raise the dead all the powers of heaven did proclaim and cry out: O life-giving Christ and our God we give glory.

**Apolytikion For St Luke the Evangelist:** O holy Apostle and Evangelist Luke, make intercession to our merciful God, that He grant our souls forgiveness of offenses.

**Apolytikion of St. John the Baptist can be found on page 24 of the [Divine Liturgy Book](#).**

**Kontakion:** A protection of Christians unshameable, intercessor to our Holy Maker unwavering, reject not, the prayerful cries of those who are in sin. Instead, come to us for you are good, your loving help bring unto us, who are crying in faith to you. Hasten to intercede and speed now to supplicate, as a protection for all time, Theotokos for those who honor you.

**Trisagion Service:** Christos Koumparakis (5 years)

# Readings for St Luke the Evangelist

## Epistle Reading is from Colossians 4:5-11, 14-18

Brethren, conduct yourselves wisely toward outsiders, making the most of the time. Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer every one. Tychicos will tell you all about my affairs; he is a beloved brother and faithful minister and fellow servant in the Lord. I have sent him to you for this very purpose, that you may know how we are and that he may encourage your hearts, and with him Onesimos, the faithful and beloved brother, who is one of yourselves. They will tell you of everything that has taken place. Aristarchos my fellow prisoner greets you, and Mark the cousin of Barnabas (concerning whom you have received instructions if he comes to you, receive him), and Jesus who is called Justos. These are the only men of the circumcision among my fellow workers for the kingdom of God, and they have been a comfort to me. Luke the beloved physician and Demas greet you. Give my greetings to the brethren at Laodicea, and to Nympha and the church in her house. And when this letter has been read among you, have it read also in the church of the Laodiceans; and see that you read also the letter from Laodicea. And say to Archippos, "See that you fulfill the ministry which you have received in the Lord." I, Paul, write this greeting with my own hand. Remember my fetters. Grace be with you. Amen.

## Gospel Reading is from Luke 10:16-21

The Lord said to his disciples, "He who hears you hears me, and he who rejects you rejects me, and he who rejects me rejects him who sent me." The seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in your name!" And he said to them, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. Behold, I have given you authority to tread upon serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing shall hurt you. Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you; but rejoice that your names are written in heaven." In that same hour he rejoiced in the Holy Spirit and said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to babes; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will."

*Answer these thought provoking questions about today's Gospel Reading in the adult and teen Sunday school lesson.*

*Click [HERE](#).*

*[Click here to Download this Week's Children's Word from MyOCN.](#)*

### Happy Birthday!

This month we will begin publishing those who are celebrating their birthdays. We will continue to do this every month. If you want to make sure we have your birthdate on file, please call the office.

Dominic Garcia—October 18

Thomas Ivey—October 18

Evangeline Xeroteris—October 18

Constantinos Matassini—October 19

Perseus Papadopoulos—October 19

Andrew Patrascoiu—October 19

Jonah Blankenbaker—October 20

Peter Chandler—October 20

Georgia Christopoulos—October 20

Michael Galin—October 23

Julianne Katsamakias—October 23

Alexandra Korakis—October 23

## Upcoming Services & Events

<b>Sunday, October 18</b>	<b>St. Luke the Evangelist</b>	
	Orthros 8:45 a.m.	Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.
	Prayer for Medical Professionals at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy	
Monday, October 19	Bible Study	6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, October 20	Women's Bible Study	10:00 a.m.
<b>Wednesday, October 21</b>	<b>Paraklesis</b>	
		10:00 a.m.
Thursday, October 22	<b>St James</b>	
	Orthros 5:00 p.m.	Liturgy of St. James 6:00 p.m.
	Griefshare	6:30 p.m.
<b>Saturday, October 24</b>	<b>Saturday of the 6th Week</b>	
	Orthros 9:00 a.m.	Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.
	7-12th grade—GOYA service project after Liturgy	
<b>Sunday, October 25</b>	<b>6th Sunday of Luke</b>	
	Orthros 8:45 a.m. Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.	
<b>Monday, October 26</b>	<b>St. Demetrios</b>	
	Orthros 9:00 a.m.	Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.
	Bible Study 6:30p.m.	

### In Person Sunday School each Saturday for a few classes

We will have an in person Sunday School class for a few grades of our Sunday School on the Saturdays of October and will continue in November. Kids and parents of each grade are encouraged to sign up for Liturgy that Saturday, and then there will be a short lesson after the Divine Liturgy. The schedule will be as follows:

Saturday, October 24	7-12th grade--GOYA will attend Liturgy and do a service project (gift baskets for college students) following the Divine Liturgy
Saturday, November 7	Toddlers--Pre-K Kindergarten
Saturday, November 14	1st, 2nd, and 3rd grade
Saturday, November 21	4th, 5th, and 6th grade

### Fifty-Two Verses in Fifty-Two Weeks: The Bible Project

**October 18-24**

*By By there are also many other things which Jesus did; were every one of them to be written, I supposed that the world itself could not contain the books that would be written. John 21:25*

This is a verse that one of our parishioners asked me to write on, as it is one of his favorite verses. When I reflect on this verse, two things come to mind. First, God is incomprehensible. We can learn and learn and learn, and never fully comprehend God. Just like the Bible is not an inexhaustible book about the works of God. Jesus did many other things which were not written in the Bible. What is written in the Bible is enough for us to “believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.” (John 20:31) It is certainly a good thing to read the Bible, and to learn as much as we can about the Lord and His call for our lives. However, and this is the second thing I take from this verse, it is not an exhaustive knowledge of Scripture that makes one a good Christian. It is faith in the words of Scripture, and a willingness to obediently live by them which makes us a Christian. That is the whole point of having a Bible verse each week, and not a Bible chapter or an entire book. Because even small pieces of Scripture can hold great value when applied to our lives. So, keep reading the Bible, not only for a deeper level of knowledge, but a deeper commitment of application. And even if you read only small pieces at a time, it is the application of what we read that matters the most.

# Update and Announcements

**Sunday School has begun.** - Please do this with your children. There will be a video presentation for pre-school through sixth grade. There is a sheet of questions for teens and adults.

**[Click here for the video presentation!](#)**

**[Click here for the lesson and challenge for today!](#)**

**Blessing for Medical Personnel--**In conjunction with St. Luke's feast day this Sunday, we are going to offer a prayer for everyone in the medical field. All doctors, nurses, dentists, researchers, students, and anyone connected to the medical field is encouraged to attend.

**Liturgy of St. James--**The Liturgy of St. James is among the oldest Eucharistic services in continuous use, and is celebrated once a year on the feast day of St. James, October 23rd. The Divine Liturgy begins not in the altar, but in the Narthex of the church, as was the custom of the early church. The priest and faithful enter the church together from the narthex, and the next part of the service is conducted on the solea, with the priest facing the people. The most unique part of this service comes at the reception of Holy Communion. This the only Divine Liturgy that has become the custom for the faithful to receive Holy Communion in separate elements, in similar fashion with how the clergy commune. The communicants first receive the Holy Body of Christ in their hands and consume it, and then drink from the Holy Chalice. This is a special beautiful tradition which will be continued at St. John the Baptist, and it is encouraged that all who attend this service fast beforehand and prepare to receive Holy Communion at this Divine Liturgy. The Divine Liturgy of St. James is October 22 at 6:00 p.m. (Orthros at 5:00 p.m.)

**GOYA Service Project--**All GOYAns and parents are invited to come to Divine Liturgy this Saturday, October 24. Following Divine Liturgy, we are going to be assembling gift boxes for our college students, and also writing notes of encouragement to them. Please bring snacks for TWELVE (12) people, i.e. buy a pack of 12 snacks, and we will be putting those in boxes to send our college students. We'll also put on some music and have some fellowship time.

**Men's Group to meet in person on October 25--**The Men's Group will have its monthly meeting on Sunday, October 25. We will meet at 5:00 p.m., walk to a local restaurant for dinner, and then return for discussion in the hall.

**"Mostly Greek Liturgy" on October 28 for The Holy Protection of the Theotokos--**We will be having a mostly Greek Liturgy on October 28 in celebration of the Holy Protection of the Theotokos. This feast commemorates the appearance of the most holy Theotokos in the Church of Blachernae in Constantinople in the tenth century. October 28th also happens to be Οχι Day, where we remember the courage of Greece to say "no" to Benito Mussolini during World War II.

## Update and Announcements continued...

**GriefShare continues** - GriefShare groups meet weekly to help you face these challenges and move toward rebuilding your life. Each GriefShare session has three distinct elements: Video seminar with experts, support group discussion with focus and personal study and reflection. We will meet from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. initially via zoom on Tuesdays beginning September 3, for 13 weeks, ending on Thursday, December 10. For more information please contact Donna Hambos at 813-843-8412 or [dhambos@msn.com](mailto:dhambos@msn.com). Books for the program will be provided. Donation for the book suggested but not required. Open to all family and friends. ***Griefshare remains open enrollment with support towards healing and hope. You can begin at any time. If you attended last semester and missed a day or two, you can come for those days or repeat the whole thing.***

**Women's Bible Study** - We will meet on Tuesday mornings at 10:00 a.m. via Zoom. If you would like to join our women's Bible study group, please contact Fr. Stavros at [frstav@gmail.com](mailto:frstav@gmail.com) and he will add you. Also, each participant will receive a link to purchase a book for this year. We will be studying the Epistle of James.

**Monday Night Bible Study** will continue via Zoom. The Monday night Bible study with Charlie will be held October 19 and 26 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. If you are not currently part of the Monday night Bible study and would like to join in, please contact Charlie at [chambos@stjohntpa.org](mailto:chambos@stjohntpa.org) and he will add you.

**Parish Assembly to be held on November 1 after Divine Liturgy**--Our Fall Parish Assembly will be held on Sunday, November 1, following the Divine Liturgy, beginning at approximately 12:30 p.m. We will be offering the meeting both in-person and via Zoom. For those who come to worship with us on Sunday, November 1, you are more than welcome to join us in the Kourmolis Center. For those who would like to participate from home, a Zoom link will be mailed with the Parish Assembly Notice as well as emailed only to those who are eligible to attend the meeting. Please call the office if you have a question about your eligibility. The agenda for the assembly as well as the 2021 Proposed Budget will be mailed out with the Notice. The principle agenda item for this meeting is the 2021 Budget. As you have heard, Parish Council Elections for 2020 are suspended, and everyone currently serving will have one extra year added to their term, as well as to their term limit.

**Prayer List:** Lord Jesus Christ, Physician of our Souls and Bodies, visit and heal your servants: Kathy & Andrew Bouzinekis; Anastasia; Amanda, Andrew, Colton, Miranda, Charlotte Elizabeth, Nuha, Nabeel, Michael, Amal, John, Elaine, Olga, Virginia Georgiou, Ron Myer, Toulia Tsaros, Fr. Pat Legato, Nellie Pringle, Robert Calbi, Yolanda Webb, Angela Bougas, Tony Ekonomou, Ron, Jason Vickers, Rex Garrison, Tina Chakonas, Ann Demas, Alex Martinez, Adriana Martinez, Aaron Martinez, Christina Noel Kouzes Houck, Evangeline Xeroteris, Nichole Ross, Daniel Ross, Daniella Ross, Ashley Henderson, Natalie Henderson, Chris, Debbie, James, Avery, Lily, Jacob, Jesse, Ann, Rosario, Antonia Caffentzis, Alissa, John, Angela, Joey, Christine Scourtes, Steven, Matthew & Family, Phyllis, John Zelatis, Reagan, Peter Zaharis, Alexandra Ferrarolis, Leon & Despina Botham, Cindy Xenick, Mary Ellen Evdemon, Marie Sofia Panagopoulos, Maria Hursey, Chris Vamvakias, John Myer, Mike Trimis, Robert and Alice Stoccardo, John Alexander, Michael Romero, George Hambos, Dean Kondilis and Family, Bill and Nancy Manikas, Patricia Costello, Anastasia Smyrnakis, Ekaterina & Anna Shushaalykova, Dora Koudouna, Ana Mourer, Debbie Phelps, Mary Voykin, David Voykin, Anne Sakellaris, Denise Badrane, Sia Blankenship, Don Payne, Zhana Temelkova, Stanislava Terzieva, James, Jude and all victims of war, terrorism, crime, natural disaster, and all of whom we are unaware.