

PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR ...

The health and salvation of –

Metropolitan Theodosius	John
Bishop Neofitos of Nyeri	Vivian
Archbishop David	Jung Sook
Protopresbyter Leonid	Thomas
Mitered Archpriest Alexander	Randall
Hieroschemonk Ambrose	Don
Archpriest Eugene	Norma
Archpriest Michael	James
Priest John • Priest Benjamin	Matthew
Reader Aleksei	infant Maximiliano
Monk Philaret	Keith
Matushka Ioanna	Michael
Elizabeth • Virginia	Dan
Joshua • Phoebe • Kyra	Barbara
Kyra • Ignatius	
Anne • Anna • Iraida	
David • Thomas • John	
Theodore Roman • Kira	
John • Ephrosynos • Bede	
Dorothy • John • Monika	
Catechumens Rebecca, Dea, and William	

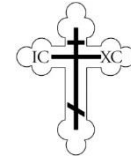
The repose and salvation of –

Lydia (September 15)
Victor (October 13)

Please let Father know if there are any names you would like added to the list.

Services are being streamed via Zoom & Facebook Live

*A mission parish under the omophorion of His Eminence Benjamin,
Archbishop of San Francisco and the Diocese of the West,
Orthodox Church in America*



**ST TIKHON ORTHODOX
CHRISTIAN CHURCH**

Sunday, October 18, 2020

Holy Apostle & Evangelist Luke



Sundays at 9:00 AM – Hours & Divine Liturgy
Saturdays at 6:30 PM – Great Vespers (virtual)
Other services as announced

Priest Alexander Vallens, *Rector*

priest@sttikhonparker.org • (720) 295-7715

Deacon John Manutes

19035 East Plaza Drive, Parker, Colorado 80134

www.sttikhonparker.org

Holy Apostle and Evangelist Luke

Saint Luke was a native of Syrian Antioch, a companion of the holy Apostle Paul, 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. After the Resurrection, the Lord Jesus Christ appeared to Saints 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. After the martyr deaths of 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; he 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, 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. 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.

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. The theological focus of the Book of Acts is the coming of the Holy Spirit, Who will guide the Church "into all truth" 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 of Thebes requested the Roman Catholic bishop in Thebes to obtain a portion of St Luke's relics for the saint's empty sepulcher in the Orthodox cathedral in Thebes. The Roman Catholic bishop of Padua noted that Orthodox pilgrims came to Padua to venerate the relics while many Catholics did not even know that the relics were there.

Also this week: Prophet Joel (October 19); Greatmartyr Artemius of Antioch (October 20); Ven. Hilarion the Great (October 21); Holy Equal-to-the-Apostles Abercius, Bp and Wonderworker of Hieropolis (October 22); HOLY APOSTLE JAMES, BROTHER OF THE LORD (October 23); ICON OF THE MOST-HOLY THEOTOKOS "THE JOY OF ALL WHO SORROW" (OCTOBER 24).

** regular fasting this week **

Epistles: II Corinth. 11:31-12:9 (Sunday) / Colossians 4:5-9,14,18 (Apostle)

Gospels: Luke 8:5-15 (Sunday) / Luke 10:16-21 (Apostle)

Troparion – Tone 2 (Resurrection)

When Thou didst descend to death, O Life Immortal, /
Thou didst slay hades with the splendor of Thy Godhead! /
And when from the depths Thou didst raise the dead, /
All the powers of heaven cried out: ///
O Giver of Life! Christ our God! Glory to Thee!

Troparion – Tone 5 (Apostle)

Let us exalt the holy and glorious apostle Luke, /
With sacred hymns of praise, /
Who wrote down for the Church the Acts of the Apostles /
And was the author of the splendid Gospel of Christ. /
For he is a physician of our human illnesses /
And he heals our spiritual infirmities /// Praying ceaselessly for our souls.

Kontakion – Tone 2 (Resurrection)

Hades became afraid, O Almighty Savior, /
Seeing the miracle of Thy Resurrection from the tomb! /
The dead arose! Creation, with Adam, beheld this and
rejoiced with Thee, ///
And the world, O my Savior, praises Thee forever.

Kontakion – Tone 2 (Apostle)

Let us praise the divine Apostle Luke / As a preacher of true piety, /
A teacher of the ineffable mysteries / And a star of the Church. /
For the Word who alone knoweth the secret hearts of men ///
Chose him with the wise Paul, to be a teacher of the Gentiles.