

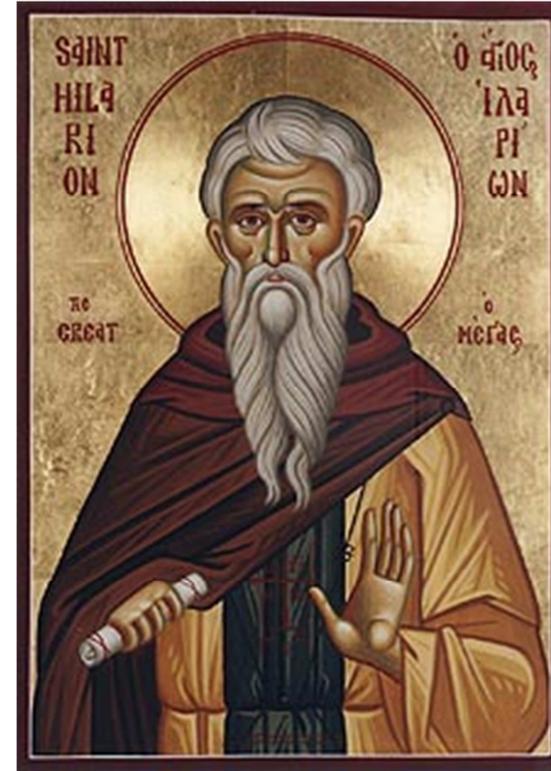
# Weekly Calendar

\*\* Strict Fast – Wed. and Fri. (Wine/Oil Allowed) \*\*

<b>Sunday, Oct 21</b>	<b>6<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF LUKE</b> †Orthros 8:00am †Divine Liturgy 9:15am Stewardship Kick Off after Liturgy Philoptochos General Meeting after Liturgy Children’s Ministry Trip to Patterson Farm
<b>Wednesday, Oct 24</b>	Bible Study (Psalms 24-30) 7:00pm
<b>Saturday, Oct 27</b>	IOCC’s Orthodoxy’s Got Talent 6:00pm
<b>Sunday, Oct 28</b>	<b>7<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF LUKE</b> †Orthros 8:00am †Divine Liturgy 9:15am St. Luke Gala at <i>On The Nines</i> at the Mooresville Golf Course 6:00 pm

**TODAY’S FELLOWSHIP HOSTS: Me through R**  
**NEXT SUNDAY’S FELLOWSHIP HOSTS: S through Z**  
**ALTAR TEAM ST. MATTHEW:** Acolyte Captain: TBD, Acolytes: Alex Arnold, Nick Arnold, Josiah Dow and Gabriel Dunn. Acolyte Coordinator(s): Greg Arnold

- Oct. 29 – Nov 3 – FR. ROBERT OUT OF TOWN
- Nov. 8 – GREAT VESPERS (St. Nektarios) at St. Nektarios in Charlotte, 7pm
- Nov 10 – HOME FOR OUR HEROES 5K, 8:00am
- Nov. 11 – FALL GENERAL ASSEMBLY, after Liturgy
- Nov. 11 – STEWARDSHIP THANKSGIVING LUNCHEON, after Liturgy
- Nov. 15 – NATIVITY FAST BEGINS
- Nov. 17 – PHILOPTOCHOS GREEK PASTRY SALE, 2:00-6:00pm
- Nov. 18 – PHILOPTOCHOS GREEK PASTRY SALE, 11:00-3:00pm



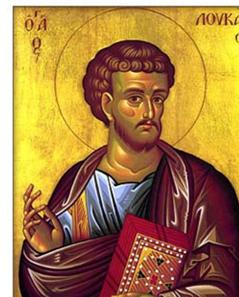
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METROPOLIS OF ATLANTA

# St. Luke Greek Orthodox Church Bulletin

## A NOTE TO OUR VISITORS

Welcome to our Parish! We are honored and pleased that you are joining us in worship this morning. If you are interested in learning more about Orthodox Christianity or would like information about joining our parish family, please see any Parish Council member or remain after Liturgy to speak with our priest, Fr. Robert.

If this is your first visit to an Orthodox Church, our ancient worship may not be familiar to you. Any Parish Council member or Greeter can help you get situated and show you how to follow along in the Liturgy book. You are warmly encouraged to join in our prayers and participate as much as you would like. Orthodox Worship, however, understands the Eucharist (also known as "Communion" or the "Lord's Supper") to truly be the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. Such a sacred and powerful gift is held in high esteem by our parish family and only those faithful who have properly prepared to receive the Eucharist should come forward at the appointed time. ***We respectfully ask that, as a visitor, you refrain from coming forward for the Eucharist until you have first spoken with our priest.***

***Please do accept a portion of the blessed bread (called "Antidoron," a remembrance of the ancient Agape Feast) at the close of Liturgy as our offering of warm welcome and gratitude for your presence in worship with us this morning.***

We hope you will also join us for our Fellowship Hour in the social hall after the conclusion of the Liturgy. Again...thank you for the gift of your presence this morning.

*May our loving and merciful God watch over you always.*

## OUR ONGOING MINISTRIES

**ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION** – Bible Study will continue on Wednesdays at 7:00pm. This year we will explore the Psalms. Check out St. Luke Greek Orthodox Church Ministries on YouTube for archived studies you can watch anytime!

**COMMUNITY OUTREACH MINISTRIES** – Stop by the Community Outreach table in the Fellowship Hall for ideas on how you can help and support our broader community. This month's Food for Days is: **Complete Meals**

*St. Luke Greek Orthodox Church is dedicated to continuing the ministry of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ through the proclamation and teaching of the Gospel; and Baptism in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We seek to live as a community of worship, shared faith and service, accepting of all, in loving service to God and mankind, where each member shares freely the gifts and talents received from God.*

# St. Luke Parish Announcements

*October 21 2018*

**PHILOPTOCHOS ANNOUNCEMENTS** – Taking pre-orders for our Greek Pastry Sale. Sold out last year so order early! Now *online* at [www.GreekPastries.org](http://www.GreekPastries.org) (order online or print out form). Fabulous selection baked by our own amazing Philoptochos Ladies. Perfect for home, holidays, and gifts that everyone will love! Orders due Nov. 11<sup>th</sup>.

**IOCC** – With all the turmoil of weather and international conflict, IOCC has been stretched thin responding to all the needs of those affected. They are helping with hurricane relief, the wildfires in Greece, and with refugees in Syria (and many others). Please mark your calendars for Oct. 27<sup>th</sup> at 6pm for an evening of *Orthodoxy's Got Talent* in support of IOCC's humanitarian efforts.

**ST. LUKE GALA** – Mark your Calendars! **NEXT SUNDAY** at 6:00pm we'll celebrate together at our Gala. Tickets are \$50 and includes appetizers and a buffet at *On The Nines* at the Mooresville Golf Course. We need help with Silent Auction items if you have any creative ideas or connections.

**BELK CHARITY SALE** - The Fall Belk Charity sale is the perfect opportunity to support Philoptochos and get a jump on your holiday shopping! Tickets are \$5 and are good for admission to the sale November 3rd as well as \$5 off your purchase. Proceeds from this fundraiser are going directly towards Hurricane Relief. Please see any Philoptochos member to purchase tickets.

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## *Parishioner Profiles*



**Maria Josefa Richiusa ("Mary Jo")**

**Patron Saint:** St. Mary of Egypt

- ✚ Joined the church on February 28, 2016 (Sunday of the Prodigal Son)
- ✚ Member of Philoptochos and coordinator for Yiayia's Blankets ministry
- ✚ Part of the Hospitality Team

**Fun Facts:**

- ✚ Loves spending time in bookstores, fabric stores or thrift stores
- ✚ Is from a Spanish (Andalusian) background on her dad's side and Slovak on her mom's side
- ✚ Enjoys movie nights, game nights and watching football games

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## *The Bottom Line*

**YTD Financials:**

Ministry Income: \$147,385.03

Expenses: \$171,609.39

*Our Venerable Father Hilarion the Great*

2 Cor. 9:6-11; Luke 6:17-23

*Hilarion was born in Gaza and educated in both secular and divine wisdom in Alexandria. Coming to know Christ the Lord and receiving baptism, he visited St. Anthony the Great and became his disciple. Later he returned to Gaza and became for Palestine what St. Anthony was for Egypt. He died at age eighty in 372.*



**Don't Overpress**

Branch Rickey, famous baseball player and manager, once said to his team, "The secret is to love the game. Go out and do the best you can, but don't try to get your name in the headlines. Don't overpress. Just do your best!"

After spending much time and effort to do a job well, a person was asked, "Why are you wasting your time doing all that?" Who will ever know?" He replied, "But the Lord will know – and I will have the satisfaction of knowing that I did my best."

St. Isaac the Syrian wrote:

*If you cannot labor with your body, at least make efforts in your mind.*

*If you cannot fast for two days, fast at least till evening: if you cannot fast till evening, be careful not to overeat.*

*If you are not a peacemaker, at least do not be addicted to strife.*

*If you cannot close the mouth of a man who is judging his brother, at least refrain from joining him in this.*

**For Pondering**

"The seed of God is in us. Given an intelligent and hard-working farmer, it will thrive and grow up to God, whose seed it is; and accordingly its fruits will be God-nature. Pear seeds grow into pear trees, nut seeds into nut trees and God seed into God. – Meister Eckhart

**Scripture Speaks**

"There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear" (1 John 4:18).

(Taken from *Daily Vitamins for Spiritual Growth*, Vol. 3, by Fr. Anthony Coniaris)

*6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Luke*

**Hymn of the Day**

When the women Disciples of the Lord had learned from the Angel the joyful message of the Resurrection and rejected the ancestral decision, they cried aloud to the Apostles triumphantly: Death has been despoiled, Christ God has risen, granting His great mercy to the world.

**Hymn for the Devout Man**

With the rivers of your tears you made the barren desert bloom; and with your sighs from deep within, you made your labors bear their fruits a hundredfold; and you became a star, illuminating the world by your miracles, O Hilarion, our devout father. Intercede with Christ our God, for the salvation of our souls.

**Hymn of the Church**

O holy Apostle and Evangelist Luke, make intercession to our merciful God, that He grant our souls remission of offenses.

**Kontakion**

O Protection of Christians that never falls, intercession with the Creator that never fails, we sinners beg you, do not ignore the voices of our prayers. O good Lady, we implore you, quickly come unto our aid, when we cry out to you with faith. Hurry to intercession, and hasten to supplication, O Theotokos who protect now and ever those who honor you.

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**FEASTS/SAINTS COMMEMORATED TODAY**

Hilarion the Great; Relics of Christodoulos of Patmos.

**FEASTS/SAINTS COMMEMORATED THIS WEEK**

Averkios of Hierapolis; James the Apostel; Arethas the Great Martyr; Marcianos & Martirios; Great Earthquake Constantinople; Nestor of Thessaloniki

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**Parish Prayer Corner**

*Please contact the office to have your prayer needs remembered in the bulletin.*

Please Pray for:  
Stella Metalas

**Andrew Karres**  
**Kathy Papas**

**Koula Litchos**  
**Jayne Lachlan-Savage**

**Caitlin Loiko**

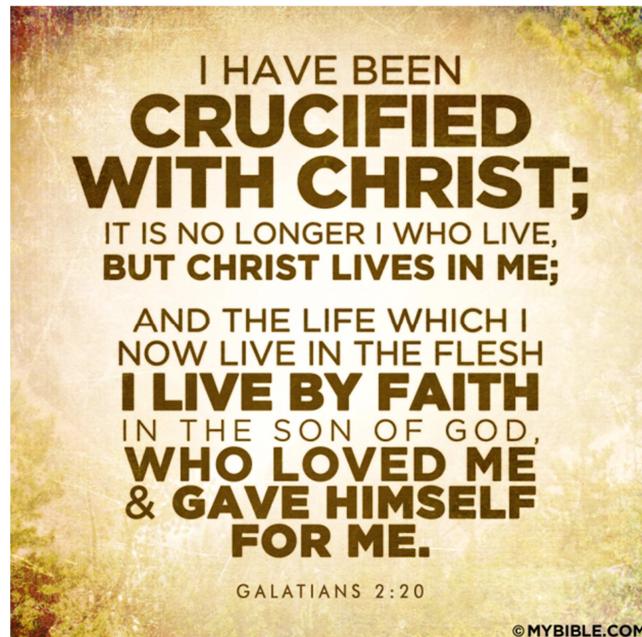


## EPISTLE READING

**GALATIANS 2:16-20**

(Reader : Andre Pollard)

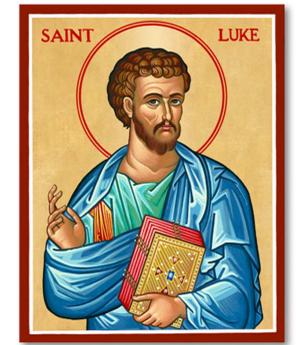
BRETHREN, you know that a man is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ, and not by works of the law, because by works of the law shall no one be justified. But if, in our endeavor to be justified in Christ, we ourselves were found to be sinners, is Christ then an agent of sin? Certainly not! But if I build up again those things which I tore down, then I prove myself a transgressor. For I through the law died to the law, that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me; and the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.



## GOSPEL READING

**LUKE 8:26-39**

**6<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF LUKE**



AT THAT TIME, as Jesus arrived at the country of the Gadarenes, there met him a man from the city who had demons; for a long time he had worn no clothes and he lived not in a house but among the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him, and said with a loud voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beseech you, do not torment me." For he had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many a time it had seized him; he was kept under guard, and bound with chains and fetters, but he broke the bonds and was driven by the demon into the desert.) Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. And they begged him not to command them to depart into the abyss. Now a large herd of swine was feeding there on the hillside; and they begged him to let them enter these. So he gave them leave. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and were drowned. When the herdsmen saw what happened, they fled, and told it in the city and in the country. Then people went out to see what had happened, and they came to Jesus, and found the man from whom the demons had gone, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind; and they were afraid. And those who had seen it told them how he who had been possessed with demons was healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gadarenes asked him to depart from them; for they were seized with great fear; so he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but he sent him away, saying, "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." And he went away, proclaiming throughout the whole city how much Jesus had done for him.