

## October 18, 2015 ~ Luke the Evangelist

### Reading:

This Apostle was an Antiochean, a physician by trade, and a disciple and companion of Paul. He wrote his Gospel in Greek after Matthew and Mark, after which he wrote the Acts of the Apostles, and dedicated both works to Theophilus, who, according to some, was Governor of Achaia. He lived some eighty-six years and died in Achaia, perhaps in Patras, the capital of this district. His emblem is the calf, the third symbolical beast mentioned by Ezekiel (1:10), which is a symbol of Christ's sacrificial and priestly office, as Saint Irenaeus says.

### Epistle Reading ~

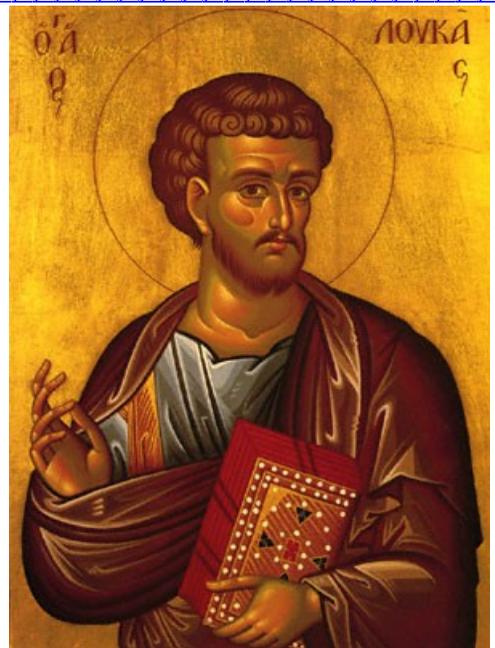
#### St. Paul's Letter to the Colossians 4:5-11, 14-18

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 ~ The Gospel of 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."



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## October 18, 2015

*Coffee hour is being sponsored in loving memory of +Sophia Manolis by her family.*

Memorials    Sophia Manolis    11 years  
                  Bernadette Landis    20 years  
                  John Hagelios        33 years

*Monday*        6:30pm Paraclesis/Bible Study

*Tuesday*       8:45am Golden Club Outing  
                      7pm GOYA Meeting

*Wednesday*    4:30pm Greek School  
                      7pm Parish Council

*Thursday*       7pm Chant class  
                      7pm Building Committee

*Friday*

*Saturday*

Veteran's Day Celebration: On Sunday, November 8, 2015, Philoptochos will co-sponsor a coffee hour honoring all military veterans who are or were members or related to members of our Holy Cross community. Please bring memorabilia or mementos such as a photo or photos, letters, stories, tributes, and/or military awards to display in the social hall during coffee hour. We will collect these cherished items in the narthex on November 8th until communion. Upon leaving coffee hour, you may take the items with you or we will return them to your home that afternoon. If you have any questions please contact Cynthia Henry (412-561-5682).

## The Church - A Holy Place

When you enter the church building as the "House of Worship," you are entering into the Great Throne Room of the "King of Kings" as His subjects and His soldiers. The "King of Kings," Jesus Christ, is enthroned on the Holy Altar and all the angels, prophets, saints and the Most Holy Mother of God are present. His soldiers should be attentive and standing at attention. No one in the presence of the "king of Kings" would sit with his legs crossed, or his hands in his pockets, or chewing gum, or looking at his watch because to do any of these things would be disrespectful. The only proper disposition a soldier can have before his commander is that of reverence which is indicated by a bowed head, a submissive heart and prayer.

Tea Time with Gerontissa

## At the Johnston House

A time to enjoy each other with a touch of elegance!

Saturday, November 14th

11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Come enjoy the beautiful ambiance decorated for the holidays,  
talk with Gerontissa, & shop for Christmas gifts!

Home-Made Apple Butter &  
Special Tea Blend by Gerontissa!

*A Ladies Only, High Tea will be served with savory selections: Cucumber &  
Herbed Boursin Cheese Tea Sandwiches, Roasted Red Pepper Cheese  
Quiche, Smoked Turkey with Mango Chutney, and Chicken Salad Croissant;  
Scenes with clotted cream and jam; Seasonal Pastries; Coffee & Tea.*

Please **RSVP** by November 6th  
as seating is limited.

Contact: Diane Davliakos at  
nativitytea@gmail.com

Cost per person: \$45 payable in advance. *Make checks  
payable to: Nativity of the Theotokos Monastery and send  
to*

*Diane Davliakos;  
1822 Constitution Blvd.  
Valencia, PA 16059*

*This event is sponsored by Friends of the Monastery &  
with your attendance you will help build our new Monastery!*

*The Johnston House, a Victorian Tea House  
907 Rte 228, Mars, PA - near Cranberry*

**GOLDEN CLUB EVENT:** We will be attending a matinee at Little Lake Theatre Company on Sunday, November 1, 2015 at 1:30 p.m.

*Letters to Sala* is a true and victorious survival story of a 16-year-old Polish Jew and her five years in seven different Nazi labor camps. Sala's letters have been called, "the greatest find since Anne Frank's diary." Tickets: \$16.25/person (group rate for 20+ attendees; less than 20, \$19.25). **Please make checks payable to GOLDEN CLUB OF HOLY CROSS.** Transportation on your own (car pooling). Plan on being at the theatre **no later than 1:05 p.m.** Anyone needing directions can visit the theatre's website, or we can provide them to you. To reserve tickets please contact Rene Koett (412-831-3142) or Cynthia Kostelnik (412-833-9423).

*Deadline for tickets and payment is  
October 23*

## WELCOME – A ND A FEW WORDS ABOUT COMMUNION

We warmly welcome all visitors and seekers in our midst today, trusting that your experience here will be an uplifting and enriching one. The Greek Orthodox Churches are the ancient and native Christian communities of the biblical world, with centers in the Holy Lands, Syria, Egypt and Asia Minor, and by extension in Greece, Cyprus and throughout the world. Like the ancient Christians, we engage the whole person, heart, mind and all senses in Divine Worship. This experience has been so powerful to seekers in the past that it was often said "We knew not whether we were in heaven or on earth. We knew only that there God dwelt among human beings." (*Russian Primary Chronicle*) That communion experience of heaven on earth and God in our midst forms the heart of all Orthodox worship. It culminates in the sharing of Holy Communion, which not only unites us with the Divine, but also expresses the deep unity in faith and life between all Orthodox believers. Since Holy Communion expresses that deep unity in belief and practice alike, it is reserved for observant Orthodox Christians. This does not mean, however, that non-Orthodox are 'excluded' – rather, the Orthodox choose not to make an external display of unity when actual unity does not exist. While working to restore the full communion that did exist in antiquity, today we offer the sign of the blessed bread at the service's conclusion as a symbolic gift of hospitality and growing unity that is offered to all present. If you would like to learn more about the Orthodox way of life, or have any questions about worship or *Holy Communion*, please approach Fr. Michael or one of the clergy following services. *Thank you for joining us, and again, we welcome you all.*

*Thank you to the kitchen help, cashiers, food line volunteers, pastry volunteers bakers, prep room help and refreshments who made the **Philoptochos Autumn Food and Yiayia Joan's Attic** a huge success. A special thank you to Dianne Babb for chairing the baked goods. A huge thank you to Cynthia Kostelnik, Sophea Chapas, Aliko Andrews and Terpsie Katsafanas for chairing the food lines. Thank you to JoAnna Asvestas, Presvytera Sandy Chakos and Andrea Milinkovic for a successful Yiayia Joan's Attic. Thank you to John Hoenig at refreshments! Thank you to Yvonne Cywinski for organizing the cashiers. My heart overflows with gratefulness to ALL of the volunteers. Philoptochos is so blessed to have the dedication of Popi Hagelios and Dina Petrakis in the kitchen. ~Elaine Sofis, Philoptochos, President*

### ***Saints Mary & Martha Women's Fellowship 2015-2016***

THEME: "Be holy for I the Lord your God am holy." ~1 Peter 1:16/Leviticus 19:2

October 27 Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness for they shall be filled.

Fr. Chris Bender, Speaker

Mary Zotis, Hostess, 1671 Forestview Dr., Bethel Park, 15102 RSVP 412-835-2381

Girls' Night Out is back! PHILOPTOCHOS Fall Membership Event:

Tuesday, November 3, 2015 at 7pm. Please plan on attending our evening of festivities, food, drink and fellowship. We are planning a fun night we think you will enjoy!

All ladies are welcome. Hope to see you then! We will be having a fun evening event.

**Dress for Success Women's Clothing** being collected during October. Business/Work appropriate suits, dresses, skirts, slacks, blouses, shoes and purses will be accepted. Clothing must be CLEAN, gently worn and preferably put on hangers. Please put items in Philoptochos Room on coat rack. Thank you for your donations, any questions call Christine Peters 724-693-9290

**Attention Parents of College Students:** We will again be sending care packages to college students towards the beginning of finals this semester (late November early December). Please make sure we have correct mailing information for all college students from the parish so these packages can be sent to the correct dorm, apartment, or home. Contact Jonathan at the church office or email at: [mcclish.jonathan@gmail.com](mailto:mcclish.jonathan@gmail.com)

*The Philoptochos Christmas Party will be at the LeMont  
on Tuesday, December 1.*

*Call Mary Zotis for reservations at (412) 835-2381*