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October 15, 2006

**SUNDAY/OCT. 15<sup>th</sup>**  
*18<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost (Tone 1);  
St. Lucian of Antioch; St. Julianna of  
Lazarevsk, Wonderworker of Murom*  
9:10a.m. 3<sup>rd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Hours  
9:30a.m. Divine Liturgy; Coffee Hour

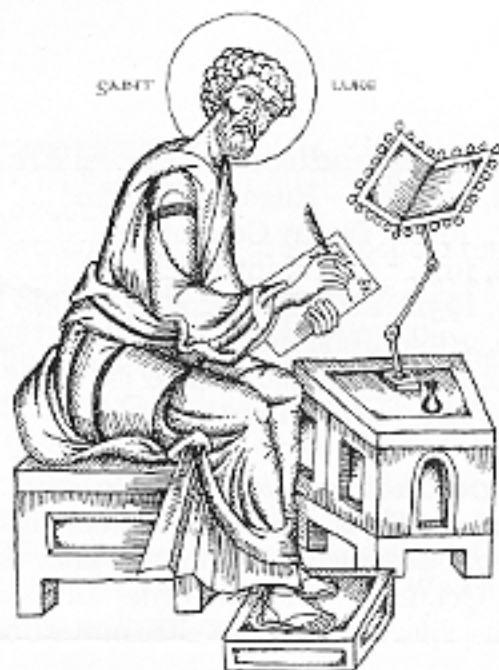
**TUESDAY/OCT. 17<sup>th</sup>**  
7:00p.m. Compline

**WEDNESDAY/OCT. 18<sup>th</sup>**  
*Apostle and Evangelist Luke;  
St. Peter, Metropolitan of Montenegro*  
9:10a.m. 3<sup>rd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Hours  
9:30a.m. Divine Liturgy  
7:00p.m. Vespers *St. John of Rila/Oct. 19*

**SATURDAY/OCT. 21<sup>st</sup>**  
*St. Demetrius Memorial Saturday*  
9:30a.m. General Memorial Service;  
Confessions  
2:30p.m. Church School Class – Middle  
5:30p.m. Vigil; Confessions

**SUNDAY/OCT. 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
*19<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost (Tone 2);  
Kazan Icon of the Theotokos*  
9:10a.m. 3<sup>rd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Hours  
9:30a.m. Divine Liturgy; Coffee Hour  
Church School Class – Young  
Question & Answer Period  
7:30p.m. (not 6:30p.m.) Vespers

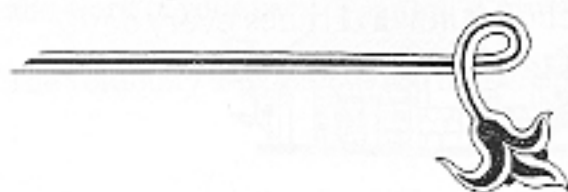
**Fasting Days:**  
Wednesday, Oct. 18<sup>th</sup>: fish, wine and oil  
Friday, Oct. 20<sup>th</sup>



***St. Luke the Apostle and Evangelist***

The divine Luke, both wise and learned,  
Was tortured willingly for the Lord.  
He could have avoided the mockery & torture,  
But the world would not have had St. Luke.  
The young Luke beheld God's truth  
And surrendered his heart to the Son of God,  
He hearkened to the Teacher, beheld the  
Wonderworker,  
And in Him he recognized the Immortal Creator.  
He beheld the Resurrected One, and spoke with  
Him,  
And worked miracles in His name.  
Christ became his only joy,  
And Luke sacrificed his mind, wealth and youth  
To Him.  
When Luke became old, he was young in Christ,  
And gave to the world what he received from the  
Lord.  
And when he had given to the world all the could  
Give,  
Then the world, fulfilling the Scripture, repaid  
Him with contempt.  
From an old olive tree the aged Luke hung,  
With a smile on his face and his arms folded  
Crosswise.  
And the hand of Christ came down from heaven  
And received the soul of His evangelist.  
Now, in radiant Paradise with the other apostles  
St. Luke prays for the Holy Church.

- by St. Nicholas of Zicha (+1956)



### ***The Parish Synodicon: Memory Eternal!***

Oct. 29, 40<sup>th</sup> Day – Eugenia Fetchko  
Oct. 17, 1918 Yerzhy Golombus  
Oct. 18, 1976 Paul Kuntzevich  
Oct. 19, 1951 Peter Putyrskye  
Oct. 19, 2002 Julie Pribish  
Oct. 20, 1988 George Huzinec  
Oct. 20, 2005 Anna Lopac

### ***Fall 2006 Cheesecake Fund Raiser***

Is under way. Please make your selections and return your order with payment no later than Sunday, Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup>. For more order forms or questions, speak with Lisa Keller 908-580-1791.

### ***The Parish Bulletin Board***

Has posted flyers, news releases and other information that does not make it into the Sunday Bulletin. Check it out during the Sunday Coffee Hour. Among the items posted are letters from Fr. Justin Frederick, Fr. John Parsells and Mother Christophora.

### ***Stewardship Months – Sept. & Oct.***

"The Theology of Stewardship" booklet has been in your hands for five weeks. Hopefully, you have taken the time to read and reflect upon it. Extra copies of the booklet may be found on the vestibule stand.

### ***Many Thanks!***

To all those that have helped in the cemetery work days, as well as to those who have given their time over the summer months to weeding. The Lord bless!

### ***Offerings for the Week of October 15<sup>th</sup>***

**Olive Oil** - in memory of Emila; in memory of Michael; for the health of Liliana  
And in thanksgiving.

**Wine** - in memory of Joan.

### ***Memorial Services***

For Eugenia Fetchko, 40<sup>th</sup> day (Oct. 29<sup>th</sup>) to be Scheduled.

For Joan Filippini, Oct. 30<sup>th</sup>, Mon. 6:30p.m..

For Helen Chabra, Oct. 31<sup>st</sup>, Tues. 7:00p.m.

### ***The Sunday Bulletin***

Is now posted on the parish website. If you are a person that would prefer to view it on the website rather than receive a printed copy by mail (if absent) please let Fr. James know. A reduction in mailings is desirable. If you will be at church services Saturday evening and know you will not be present Sunday morning, please secure the bulletin on Saturday from the Altar servers sacristy. Ask someone to get it for you.

### ***St. Demetrius Memorial Sat. – Oct. 21<sup>st</sup>***

This annual commemoration of the departed is held on the Saturday before the feast of St. Demetrius of Thessalonica (Oct. 26<sup>th</sup>). The Great Prince St. Dimitry Donskoy initiated it in the year 1380 in remembrance of his great victory over the Tartars on Kulikovo Field in the present-day Province of Tula in Russia. A first the commemoration was for all who fell in that particular battle, later, Orthodox Christian began to commemorate on this day, not only soldiers but all who have reposed in the Faith. We do very well to gather and prayer for our departed on this day.

### ***Annual Prayers for Those in the Healing Ministries – Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup>***

On the first Sunday of November each year we celebrate the Synaxis of All the Unmercenary Healers. At the Divine Liturgy, special prayers are offered for those in the Medical and Related Healing Professions.

### ***Question & Answer Period – Sun. Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup>***

Once a month an opportunity is provided at the Coffee Hour for you to ask any questions about anything. While you may not have any particular questions, you are welcome to come into the Conference Room just to listen. The Period lasts for about 10-15 minutes. Take the advantage.



## ***IMPORTANT ENVELOPE CHANGES IN NOVEMBER***

Presently we as a parish family are examining the subject of Stewardship and the theology of "first-offering" and "tithing." The context of making offerings to God is in the Church at the Divine Liturgy. Here we offer ourselves – our hearts, minds and wills to Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ takes us – washing us in His Blood and offers us with Himself to the God the Father. "Thine own of Thine own We offer unto Thee, in behalf of all and for all" (i.e. for everyone and for everything).

We give ourselves over to the Lord and His Way. A number of symbols we employ express in a symbolic manner, our offering of ourselves – prosphora, candles, flowers, incense, and gifts of monies. These symbolic gifts speak of our service and devotion to God and His Church. We are mindful that the Church was founded and is administered by Jesus Christ to accomplish His Great Mission to bring the Kingdom of God to all the Nations.

The monies or checks we place in our Sunday envelopes are used for both practical expenses and bills as well as for mission, education, outreach, charities and fellowship. It is important that we are mindful that our offerings are transformed into works serving the Mission of Jesus Christ.

Starting with the month of November some important changes are taking place in regard to the offering envelopes.

1) You will receive them bi-monthly, not monthly.

2) The number of envelopes are being reduced.

A total of 31 envelopes have been removed.

You will no longer find envelopes for the following:

12 Feast Days, 12 Church Restoration, 1 Fuel, 1 Air-Conditioning, 1 Church School, 1 Library, 1 Christmas Flowers, 1 Pascha Flowers, 1 Initial Offering. In 2005, these 31 offerings totaled \$17,471 of income.

3) The parish income is being based on 52 Sundays, 1 Christmas and 1 Pascha envelopes. The Sunday envelopes are to be used to cover the needs of the removed envelopes.

4) There will also be 10 other envelopes for offerings that are collected but sent on. These are 6 OCA/Diocese envelopes, 1 OCA Charities (Nov.), 1 OCA Missions (Feb.) 1 OCA Seminary (June) and 1 St. Mary Magdalen Church (April).

Why the change? Our focus is not asking for little or specific offerings, for this or that. A couple of dollars here and a couple of dollars there. All of our parishioners are strongly encouraged to be regular, generous, and sacrificial in using their Sunday Envelope. On the one hand, this is your offering to the Lord grounded in thanksgiving and commitment; and on the other hand the needs and work of your parish Church is provided for.

The voluntary adoption of the model of Tithing is the best way to fill the Sunday Envelope.



## EIGHTH CATECHISM

1. *Why did the Church use Symbols of Faith or Creeds from the very beginning?*

To draw the lines between truth and deception and to use them as baptismal confessions.

2. *What are the most basic points of these ancient confessional texts?*

That God is Trinity. That the Second Person of the Holy Trinity became man in order to save man.

3. *Are there passages in the Bible that seem to be confessional texts?*

There are three basic passages. The first is from the First Epistle to Timothy (3:16); the second from the First Epistle to the Corinthians (15:3-8) and the third is in the Epistle to the Philippians (2:5-11)

4. *What is the basic factor that caused these creeds to be written?*

The appearance of heresies, which distorted the revealed truth of faith. Also, the brief confession of the baptised.

5. *Who composed the Symbol of Faith, the Creed, which we use today?*

The Fathers of the First and Second Ecumenical Councils.

## NINTH CATECHISM

1. *Can you recite the Symbol of Faith, the Creed, by heart?*

2. *What are its central points?*

That we believe in the Father who created the world, the Son who became man, suffered, was crucified, was buried, rose again, is seated at the right hand of the Father and will come to judge men. We believe in the divinity of the Holy Spirit. We believe that the Church is one, holy catholic and apostolic, and that there is one Baptism. We believe that the dead will be resurrected and that there will be life eternal.

## TENTH CATECHISM

1. *What are the two stages of faith?*

Faith through hearing, when we listen to God's word and faith through vision (*theoria*), when we see God.

2. *Why do we confess that the Father created the world?*

Because in the old days there were heretics who maintained that the world is evil and was created by a lower god.

3. *Who belong to the invisible world?*

The angels and the demons.

4. *What are the angels?*

Noetic and liturgical spirits. There are nine different orders of angels: the Cherubim, Seraphim, Thrones, Dominions, Powers, Authorities, Rulers, Archangels, and Angels.

5. *Were the demons angels?*

They were good angels, but sinned out of pride and became evil spirits.

6. *What is man (i.e. a human being)?*

The most perfect creation of God. He created him on the sixth day, after creating the noetic and the sensible world. He is the summary of creation, since he has a body and a soul. His body and soul are closely interconnected.



## SOME REMARKS ON SELECT SUBJECTS



### Pastoral Care for those suffering from alzheimer's and dementia

At a certain stage of these diseases, it is no longer possible for a person to be aware and consciously and safely take Holy Communion. When this stage is reached, and neither Confession nor Communion can be given, the faithful person is anointed with holy oil and prayers for health are offered. The effect of prayer and the grace of holy oil aids in the peace and quietness of the soul. Spiritual life is not only physical and mental, but also "spirit-bearing." Mental awareness is not conditional for spiritual benefactions. We give Holy Communion to infants and they are not aware of Whom they are receiving. Holy Communion can be given to those with advanced mental deficiency, as long as they had expressed a wish (while relatively healthy) to receive Holy Communion and they can safely swallow the Holy Gifts.

It may be that an Orthodox Christian for many years may not be able to receive Confession and Holy Communion. At the time of their repose, they would not be excluded from burial from the Church, if they had partaken of the Mysteries while in better health and expressed their desire for the Holy Mysteries. On the other hand, a person who no longer can rationally express their desire for the Mysteries, and has not been in the discipline of going to Confession and Communion, cannot have the Holy Mysteries forced upon them. If they did not receive them when they had the mind and ability to; it cannot be presumed that they would desire them at this stage of advanced mental incapacity.

In all cases, it is wise and expedient to speak with a priest for particular guidance and consideration.

### Child Abuse

May be physical, psychological and spiritual. Sadly, some parents abuse their children by spiritual deprivation. They neglect totally or partially, the basic needs of their baptized children. Daily prayer, fasting days, Confession, Holy Communion, Sunday Divine Liturgy, Christian education in Church School, etc. are given little or not attention. This is a grave sin for the parents. Regardless of how a child is cared for in all other aspects of their living - spiritual neglect is abusive and deeply tragic. Parents need to put aside their own "spiritual hang-ups and problems," and place their children honorably in the presence of Christ.

By virtue of Baptism, children have God as their Father and the Church as their Mother. Parents need to be transparent to this truth. Steadfastness, discipline and example are needed by parents.

### The Taking of Antidorn

Antidorn is the particles of bread left over from the Divine Liturgy. The word means "In place of the gifts," and is distributed to those who have not gone to Holy Communion. It is expected, that all of the faithful have not eaten breakfast and that the first foods they partake of is Holy Communion or the Antidorn.

## Praising God through our Church Worship

Our Church has made every part of the day holy by its prayer. The plan of the daily services is based upon the words of David, the psalm writer: "Seven times a day do I praise thee because of Thy righteous judgements." In monasteries there are daily services, where monks and nuns gather in church several times every day to praise God. Though we cannot attend as often as they do, the Church prays for us, too. Bells always announce each service.

The church services follow the order of certain events in the life of Jesus Christ and the Apostles. We remember these events because they are part of the history of our salvation. In the time of Jesus Christ, the day was divided into eight parts which corresponded to the guard duties, or watches, of the Roman soldiers.

Praising God night and day helps build in us an inner attention. Our Lord cautioned us, "Be wakeful and pray, that you may not enter into temptation." (Matt. 26:41) In this way we can keep vigil, watch, awaiting our Lord's Second Coming.

Our day of worship begins in the evening. This follows the tradition of the Old Testament which says in the story of creation: "And the evening and the morning were the first day..." (Genesis 1:5) Following is a chart on the watches, times, the services, and their meanings.

Liturgical Service	Time of Service	Theme of Service	Ancient Roman Time Roman Watch	Modern Time
Vespers	7 P.M.	Creation of the World	Evening Watch	6-9 P.M.
Compline	8 P.M.		Midnight Watch	9-12 P.M.
Midnight Service	12 P.M.		Resurrection	Rooster-crowing Watch
Matins	6 A.M.	Preparation for Christ	Morning Watch	3-6 A.M.
1st Hour	7 A.M.	Creation of the Light of Day	1st Hour	6-9 A.M.
3rd Hour	9 A.M.	Descent of Holy Spirit	3rd Hour	9-12 Noon
6th Hour	9:30 A.M.	Crucifixion of Christ	6th Hour	12 Noon to 3 P.M.
Divine Liturgy	10:00 A.M.	The Mystical Supper		
9th Hour	5:30 P.M.	Death of Christ on Cross	9th Hour	3-6 P.M.