

Venerable Luke of Hellas (February 7)

Saint Luke of Hellas was a native of the Greek village of Kastorion. As the son of poor farmers, the saint had toiled much from childhood, working in the fields and shepherding the sheep. Fervent in prayer, very obedient to his parents and very temperate in eating, he often gave his own food and clothing to the poor, for which he suffered reproach from his parents. He once gave away almost all the seed which was needed for planting in the fields. The Lord rewarded his charity with a harvest greater than ever before.

After the death of his father, he left his mother and went to Athens, where he entered a monastery. But through the prayers of his mother, the Lord returned him to his parental home in a miraculous manner. He spent four months there, then with his mother's blessing he went to a solitary place on a mountain called Ioannou (or Ioannitsa). Here there was a church dedicated to the holy Unmercenary Cosmas and Damian, where he lived an ascetical life in constant prayer and fasting. He was tonsured there by some Elders who were on pilgrimage. After this, Saint Luke redoubled his ascetic efforts, for which the Lord granted him the gift of foresight.

After a seven years on Ioannou, the saint moved to Corinth because of an invasion of the Bulgarian armies. Hearing about the exploits of a certain stylite at Patras, he went to see him, and remained for ten years to serve the ascetic with humility and obedience. Afterwards, the saint returned again to his native land and again began to pursue asceticism on Mount Ioannou.

The throngs of people flocking there disturbed his quietude, so with the blessing of his Elder Theophylactus, Saint Luke went with his disciple to a still more remote place at Kalamion. After three years, he settled on the desolate and arid island of Ampelon because of an invasion of the Turks. Steiris was another place of his ascetic efforts. Here brethren gathered to the monk, and a small monastery grew up, the church of which was dedicated to the Great Martyr Barbara. Dwelling in the monastery, the saint performed many miracles, healing sicknesses of soul and of body.

Foreseeing his end, the saint confined himself in a cell and for three months prepared for his departure. When asked where he was to be buried, the monk replied, "Throw my body into a ravine to be eaten by wild beasts." When the brethren begged him to change these instructions, he commanded them to bury his body on the spot where he lay. Raising his eyes to heaven, he said, "Into Thy hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit!"

Saint Luke fell asleep in the Lord on February 7, 946. Later, a church was built over his tomb. Myrrh flowed from his holy relics, and many healings occurred.

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February 7, 2021

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

COMMEMORATIONS:

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW
AFTER-FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION (MEETING)
OF CHRIST
PARTHENIOS, BISHOP OF LAMPSAKOS
VENERABLE LUKE OF HELLAS
NEW-MARTYR GEORGE OF CRETE

Tone 2 - Eothion 2

Orthros Gospel: St. Mark 16:1-8

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 6:1-10

Liturgy Gospel: St. Matthew 25:14-30

RESURRECTION TROPARION - Tone 2 - When Thou didst submit Thyself unto death, O Thou deathless and immortal One, then Thou didst destroy hell with Thy godly power. And when Thou didst raise the dead from beneath the earth, all the powers of heaven did cry aloud unto Thee: O Thou who art risen from the dead, O Lord, glory to Thee!

APOLYTIKION OF THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST - Tone 1 - Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos, full of grace, for from thee arose the Sun of justice, Christ our God, lighting those who are in darkness. Rejoice and be glad, O righteous elder, carrying in thine arms the Deliverer of our souls, Who granteth us Resurrection.

TODAY: ORTHROS & Confession 8:45 a.m.
Divine LITURGY 10 a.m.
Virtual Sunday School & Catechism

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Office Hours: Monday through Friday 10:00 - 3:00

Fr Noah & Fr James are available for hospital visits. If you or anyone you know is in the hospital or homebound and would like a visit, please call the church office.

Weekly Ministries & Stewards:

	This Week:	Next Week (Feb 14):
PROSPHORA BREAD:	Kristi Moore	Carolyn Kaminsky
USHERS:	Sdn. John & Sdn. Justin	Steve K. & Rdr Nick Mor.
ALTAR CANDLES:	----	----
ALTAR BOYS:	“Archangel Michael”	“Archangel Gabriel”
CLEANING TEAM:	Jordan & Natalie Gamble	Jamil & Nicole Kyr. family
COFFEE TO-GO TEAM:	Todd & Kendra; Dale Y.; Jonathan Z.	Sze Y; Natalia M.; Gabe Q.

Mark Your Calendar:

Special Liturgies

- ✦ Feb 17th for St. Theodore
- ✦ Feb 23rd for St. Polycarp
- ✦ Mar 4th for St. Gerasimos
- ✦ Mar 9th for 40 Martyrs of Sebaste

Lenten Triodion

Publican & Pharisee - February 21
 Prodigal Son - February 28
 Sunday of Judgment (Meatfare) -
 Mar 7

Forgiveness Sunday

March 14 - Forgiveness Vespers 1 pm

Beginning of Lent

March 15, 2021

Feast of the Annunciation

Wednesday, March 24
 Vespers & Artoklasia 6:30 p.m.
 Orthros 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 25

Liturgy 10 am
 (fish, wine, oil permitted)

We live Pascha to Pascha!
May 2, 2021

OFFERINGS: Candles, \$350.
 Collections, \$80. Youth, \$1. Book
 Shelf Ministry, \$20. Building Fund,
 \$1,000. March for Life, \$120.
 Stewardship, \$26,220. Total
 received: \$27,791.

**GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR
 FAITHFULNESS & GENEROSITY!**

Pray For:

Living	Departed
Dn. Luke & Family	+M.A.P. Daniel
Newly-Illumined	+George
Jonathan-Elias	+Katharine
AP Boris	+Luke
Fr. Anthony	+Victoria
HM Sylvester	+Lydia
AP Serge, Mat. Lubov, & family	+Julie
Doris & John	+Helen
APr. Gregory & Family	+Rdr Maxime K
James	+Mimi
Lasha B	+George
Otari B	
Daniel H	
John	
Peter	
Anesia	
Svetlana & Family	

Catechumens

Matthew,
 Michael,
 Shaun,
 Tina,
 Aseana,
 Sara,
 Barry,
 Ryan

Dn. Thomas, Elizabeth,
 Elaine
 & all Missionaries

New & Expectant
 Mothers & their
 children

For the people of our
 land and their
 repentance, healing &
 unity

All who are suffering,
 serving and rebuilding
 from the pandemic

This Week:

Office Open – 10am-3pm, Mon-Fri

Masks encouraged for all services.

Monday, Feb 8: Office open

**Tuesday, Feb 9: Matushka Olga Sewing Club, 11 a.m.
 Women of St. Mariamne Meeting 7 p.m.
 via Zoom**

**Wed, Feb 10: Little Compline 6:30 p.m.
 Live Not By Lies Reading Group
 7:15 p.m.**

Thurs, Feb 11: Office open

**Friday, Feb 12: Office open
 Paraklesis 6:30 p.m.**

**Sat, Feb 13: Divine Liturgy (Mask Required) 10 a.m.
 Vespers 6:30 p.m.
 Confession 7:30 p.m.**

**Sunday, Feb 14: ORTHROS 8:45 a.m.
 Divine LITURGY 10 a.m.**



REVERENCE IN GOD'S HOUSE



Blot that Lipstick

Have you ever looked at an icon in just the right light and seen the lip prints all over it? Yuck! Lipstick may look fine on lips, but it looks horrible on icons, crosses, the Gospel book, the Communion spoon and the priest's or bishop's hand. Icons have been ruined by lipstick; and even though the cross can usually be cleaned after everyone venerates it, it just isn't considerate to others to impose your lipstick on them. The same applies to any lip balm. What is the answer? If you are wearing lipstick or lip balm, blot your lips well before venerating an icon, taking Communion, or kissing the cross or the priest's or bishop's hand. Even better, wait until after church to put it on. After all, God is not impressed with how attractive you look externally - your makeup or clothing - but how attractive you are internally, your adornment with good works and piety.