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# Welcome to Saint Luke Orthodox Church!

We're delighted you're here for a visit. Please fill out a visitor card from an usher, and join us for potluck fellowship after the service. We invite all prepared Orthodox Christians to receive Holy Communion. All visitors, catechumens, or penitents may come forward for a blessing & receive the blessed bread from a priest. It's our custom here to welcome new visitors during announcements after Divine Liturgy. If you'd like to be recognized, when the time comes please stand so we know you're here. If you're feeling shy this morning, that's fine too!

#### Parish Council

Peter Mustian, Chairman

Denise McIntyre, Vice Chair, Choir

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Betty Duran

Sh. Margaret Ashton, Antiochian Women

Steve Knudtsen

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Frances Reda, Church School

Gene Roberts

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Elizabeth Thompson

# ♥ February 18, 2024 ➤

# Tone Four — Fourth Eothinon Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost & Seventeenth Sunday of Matthew

Leo the Great, pope of Rome; Agapitos the Confessor, bishop of Synnada in Phrygia, and his companions

Orthros (8 am)  *Resurrection Gospel* Eothinon 4 (Luke 24:1-12)  *Great Doxology* (8:55am) - Tone 4
<b>Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom</b> (9 am) White Service Book - begins on
During the Entrance with the Gospel:
Resurrection Apolytikion-Tone 4: Having learned the joyful message of the Resurrection from the angel the women disciples of the Lord cast from them their parental condemnation. And proudly broke the news to the Disciples, saying: Death hath been spoiled; Christ God is risen, granting the world Great Mercy
After the Entrance with the Gospel:  Resurrection Apolytikion-Tone 4: (as above)
Apolytikion of St. Luke: Let us praise, etc
Ordinary Kontakion-Tone 2: O protection of Christians that cannot be put to shame, mediation unto the Creator most constant, O despise not the suppliant voices of those who have sinned; but be thou quick, O good one, to come unto our aid, who in faith cry unto thee: Hasten to intercession, and speed thou to make supplication, thou who dost ever protect, O Theotokos, them that honor thee
Communion Hymns: "Praise the Lord", "Receive Me Today", "What Shall I Render to the Lord", and Byzantine Hymns
Installation of Parish Council Members
Veneration Hymns: "The Beatitudes", and Byzantine Hymns Choir/Chanters/All

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#### Prokeimenon in the Fourth Tone (Psalm 103)

How magnified are Thy works, O Lord! In wisdom hast Thou made them all.

Verse: Bless the Lord, O my soul; O Lord my God, Thou hast been magnified exceedingly.

# The Reading is from the Second Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Corinthians (6:16-7:1)

Brethren, we are the temple of the living God; as God said, "I will live in them and move among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Therefore come out from them, and be separate from them, says the Lord, and touch nothing unclean; then I will welcome you, and I will be a father to you, and you shall be my sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty." Since we have these promises, let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit, and make holiness perfect in the fear of God.

#### Alleluia in the Fourth Tone (Psalm 44)

Bend Thy bow, and proceed prosperously, and be king, because of truth and meekness and righteousness.

Thou hast loved righteousness and hated iniquity. Wherefore God, Thy God, hath anointed Thee with the oil of gladness more than Thy fellows.

#### The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew (15:21-28)

At that time, Jesus went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and cried, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely possessed by a demon." But Jesus did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, "Send her away, for she is crying after us." Jesus answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." And Jesus answered, "It is not fair to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master's table." Then Jesus answered her, "O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire." And her daughter was healed at that very hour.



# Announcements 2

# Sunday School for Adults, Children and Youth

Everyone continues their studies on Romans. To prepare for the Creative Arts Festival, children and youth may continue their art projects at home or at church after Wednesday Divine Liturgy. Projects are due on March 10th and will be displayed from March 15 through March 24. Please see Frances with questions.

Adult Sunday School classes are recorded and posted on our website. However, Fr. David will be in Egypt on February 25 and March 3 and adults will have extended fellowship time.

# Completion of Roof Replacement

Our beautiful new steel roof has been fully installed, thanks be to God and our generous donors. Although the roof is steel, please be advised that we are prohibited from walking on it without the approval of Black Roofing. This is because the roof must be approached in a specific manner and if it is not, damage may occur. Please do not walk on our roof for any reason. If there is a need to access the roof, please notify Frances Reda or Denise McIntyre. You will also notice that all of our gutters, downspouts and decorative stucco has been replaced and we give thanks to God for this also.

#### Adult Education Class

As Orthodox Christians, we have an appreciation and affection for our Divine Liturgy. The scripture readings, the prayers, and the hymns are spiritually nourishing. We know the Divine Liturgy arose from the Last Supper, but how did it come to be the liturgy we know now? Thanks to historians, the history of the Divine Liturgy is accessible. If you would like to learn about this history, please feel free to join us. There will be no classes during Great Lent. Fr. Dan will offer a series of classes on the later Church Fathers sometime in the future. All are welcome to the classes. Our classes are recorded and posted on our website.

#### Youth Activities this Month

Mimi Sawaked, our Youth Director, will lead a Saint Study on Wednesday, February 21 after Liturgy during dinner. Also, save the date for the afternoon of Saturday, March 2 for a local hike. Contact Mimi: mimisawaked@gmail.com

# Farewell Brunch for the Sittler Family

We will host a special fellowship time on Sunday, February 25 with a potluck brunch for Shelli, Neil, Ezra and Annabel (Asher is out of state for college). Their family is moving to Michigan in early March. Shelli and Neil, as well as their children, have served in many capacities as members of St. Luke's. We will dearly miss them and wish them all the best. Many years to the Sittler family!

#### Antiochian Women Fundraiser

Our chapter of Antiochian Women is hosting a bake sale on March 3 in the Founder's Walk after liturgy to raise money for an endowment fund for widowed clergy-wives in our archdiocese. We will have many different offerings for purchase! Please bring cash or check, a digital payment option will also be available. Come enjoy some homemade treats and support those who support us!

# Youth Camp Opportunities in 2024

- Interested in attending Project Mexico July 30-Aug. 5 Contact Matt Richardson: cirrusio@pm.me
- Interested in attending Camp St. Raphael June 23-29 or Antiochian Village Camp July 14-26? Fr. Raphael is attending both camps. Registration for AV Camp opens on January 7.

Contact Mimi Sawaked: mimisawaked@gmail.com

• Interested in attending Rocky Mountain Orthodox Camp July 22-25. Contact Steve Knudtsen: sknudtsen8@gmail.com

Scholarships available for Camp St. Raphael and AV Camp. See bulletin board or Mimi.

# Save the Date for Vacation Bible School

Last year, children and teachers had a blast. We hope you will join us this summer June 17-20. Stay tuned for more information & registration. Please let Frances know if you are interested in teaching. admin@stlukeorthodox.org

# Invitation to HOPE Group

Are you a woman who has experienced trauma, difficult relationships, or challenging life events and find that they are still impacting your life? If so, you're not alone! We invite you to join a safe and supportive community where understanding and healing come together. For more information or to join HOPE, please contact Sh Margaret Ashton or Frances Reda or apply here: http://tinyurl.com/StLukeHOPE

### Parish Directory

Are you listed in the parish directory? Are you there, but without a photo? Are your family birthdays and wedding anniversary on the list for prayers? Is your family photo so old that it shows your kids as toddlers as they prepare to graduate from high school? Sh Margaret Ashton is happy to help you get all these items updated! Please look for her at coffee hour or send an email to: shamassy@gmail.com!

# **Weekly Schedule**

# Monday, February 19

10:45 AM St. Luke Homeschool Co-op

6:30 PM HOPE meeting

#### Tuesday, February 20

1:00 PM Caregiver Support Group

#### Wednesday, February 21

5:30 PM Divine Liturgy & Fasting Potluck, Youth Saint Study

# Thursday, February 22

10:30 AM Adult Education Class

### Saturday, February 24 - Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee

2:30 PM Catechism Class

4:00 PM Great Vespers (Start of Triodion)

