

A MAN WHO WALKED WITH GOD

The story of Noah and the ark is familiar to all of us. From the earliest years of our religious training, the fascinating biblical tale has been told again and again! Who among us does not know that the Great Flood was caused by a torrential rain that lasted 40 days and nights? It was only righteous Noah and his family, along with "two of all living creatures, male and female" that were spared from this devastating deluge.

While being caught up in this exciting adventure as related in the Book of Genesis, we sometimes overlook, however, the real message of the story of Noah and the ark: those who live ungodly lives must suffer the consequences, and those who "walk with God" as Noah did will receive their due reward. Although God promised that He would never cause such total destruction of the world again, we must, nevertheless, realize that the Lord expects us to live in a certain manner and that there is truly a limit to the opportunities we are given to show that we are worthy of His mercy.

Noah and his family remained on the ark for over a year until the waters had receded completely. Only after a dove returned to him with a branch of an olive tree in his beak did Noah feel it was safe to leave the confines of the ark. Our Church has long viewed this as a sign of God's reconciliation with mankind and a foreshadowing of the mystery of grace, which is expressed in the Holy Sacraments. The Book of Genesis tells us the ark came to rest on the mountains of Ararat, which are located in present-day Turkey.

This example of righteous Noah teaches us that each one of us can please God - even while surrounded by sinners. We just have to want to.

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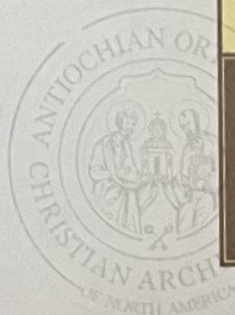
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It is difficult to be a righteous man living among the unrighteous. In the eyes of God, Noah did not allow himself to be infected by the prevailing evil. Noah remained steadfast in his beliefs. When the Universal Flood befell the human race, God did not abandon His faithful servant. Noah was not destroyed but rather saved, allowing this praiseworthy man to partake in God's new beginning.

Church Calendar: Check the Link. <http://www.stgeorgevicksburg.org/service.html>



Welcome our Visitors! We invite you to venerate the cross at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy. However, only Orthodox Christians who are in good standing and who have prepared by prayer, fasting, and Confession may receive Holy Communion.

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SAINT GEORGE ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN CHURCH

The Very Rev. Father Gabriel Karam, Pastor

Saturday Great Vespers 6:00 p.m. - Sunday Orthros 9:15 a.m.

Divine Liturgy 10:30 a.m. - Confessions: By Appointment

DIVINE LITURGY VARIABLES ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2026

TONE 3 / EOTHINON 9

THE HOLY APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST LUKE

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE THREE

Let the heavens rejoice; let earthly things be glad; for the Lord hath wrought might with His arm, He hath trampled upon death by death. The firstborn of the dead hath He become. From the belly of Hades hath He delivered us, and hath granted great mercy to the world.

APOLYTIKION OF ST. LUKE THE EVANGELIST IN TONE THREE

O holy Apostle and Evangelist Luke, intercede with the merciful God, to grant our souls forgiveness of sins.

APOLYTIKION OF ST. GEORGE IN TONE FOUR

As deliver of Captives: And defender of the Poor, Healer of the Infirm, champion of Kings, Victorious Great Martyr George, Intercede with Christ our God for our souls' salvation.

ORDINARY KONTAKION IN TONE TWO

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.

We Celebrate Today

On October 18 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the **holy Apostle and Evangelist Luke**.

Verses

Though near Emmaus I was kept from Thy vision,

Yet now, saith Luke, I see Thee, O Christ, distinctly.

On the eighteenth Luke reached the limit of his life.

He was born in Antioch. In his youth, he excelled in his studies of Greek philosophy, medicine and art. During the ministry of the Lord Jesus on earth, Luke came to Jerusalem, where he saw the Savior face to face, heard His saving teaching and was witness to His miraculous works. Coming to believe in the Lord, Luke was numbered among the Seventy Apostles, and was sent out to preach. With Cleopas, he saw the resurrected Lord on the road to Emmaus (Luke 24). After the descent of the Holy Spirit, Luke returned to Antioch and there became a fellow worker of the Apostle Paul and traveled to Rome with him, converting Jews and pagans to the Christian Faith. At the request of Christians, he wrote his Gospel in about the year 60. Following the martyrdom of the great Apostle Paul, Luke preached the Gospel throughout Italy, Dalmatia, Macedonia and other

regions. He painted three icons of the Most-holy Theotokos—one of which is protected by the nuns of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Convent of Our Lady of Saydnaya in Syria. He also painted icons of the Holy Apostles Peter and Paul. Hence, Luke is considered to be the founder of Christian iconography. In old age, he visited Libya and Upper Egypt. From Egypt he returned to Greece, where he continued to preach and convert many with great zeal despite his old age. In addition to his Gospel, Luke wrote the Acts of the Apostles and dedicated both works to Theophilus, the governor of Achaia. Luke was 84 years old when the wicked idolaters tortured him for the sake of Christ and hanged him from an olive tree in the town of Thebes, in Boethia. The miracle-working relics of this wonderful saint were transported to Constantinople in the reign of Emperor Constantius, the son of Constantine.

On this day, we also commemorate Martyr Marinos the **Elder at Anazarbos**; and **Venerable Theodore, Simeon and Euphrosyne**, founders of the Monastery of the Great Cave in the Peloponnesus. By the intercessions of Thy saints, O Christ our God, have mercy upon us. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

+Healing & Recovery Bishop Nicholas, Fr. Paul, Dea Terry, Kh. Janet, Joy Logue, Dolores Nosser, Rick Collins, George Michael Nasif, Lynne Abraham, Pam Smith, Irene Tzotzolas, Michael Farris, Athena, Georgia, Andrea Simon, Chuck Abraham, Carla Leese, Drew, Robert Taylor, Gregory Thomas, Helen Abraham, Hannah Bonelli, Alan Evans.

+Birthdays & Anniversaries Ann Garrison Thomas (20), Lester Tzotzolas (21), Stacey Mahoney, Rachel Thomas (24), John Jabour (27), Robin & Frances Dallaire (29), John Michael Jabour (31).

+Lazarus Account. Has been reestablished to help people in dire need of financial support. If you would like to help, make your donation online, cash or by check to st. George, earmark "Lazarus Fund".

+Upcoming Events: +Fall Festival, Sunday November 1 @ 4pm. We will have a cake walk, bingo, cotton candy and popcorn. Hotdogs, chili and all the fixings will be provided by volunteers and will be cooked in our kitchen. please bring sweets and prizes for bingo.

+ 120th. Anniversary's Celebration for St. George Church. Save the Dates.

A 3-part series "reflection of our Ancestors"

Wednesday September 30th Wednesday October 21st and Saturday November 14th.

The Church Fathers Teach

Many think that the saints are far from us. But they are far from those who distance themselves from them, and very close to those keep the commandments of Christ and have the grace of the Holy Spirit. In the heavens, all things are moved by the Holy Spirit. But the Holy Spirit is on earth too. He lives in our Church. He lives in the Mysteries. He is in the Holy Scriptures. He is in the souls of the faithful. The Holy Spirit unites all things, and therefore the saints are close to us. And when we pray to them, then the Holy Spirit hears our prayers, and our souls feel that they are praying for us.

(St. Silouan the Athonite, Writings, XII.3)

DIVINE LITURGY OCTOBER 18, 2026

“DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM”

THE EPISTLE

(For St. Luke)

His voice has gone out into all the earth. The heavens declare the glory of God.

The reading from the Epistle of St. Paul 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 everyone. Tychicus 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 Onesimus, the faithful and beloved brother, who is one of you. They will tell you of everything that has taken place. Aristarchus 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 Justus. 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 Archippus, “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.

THE GOSPEL

(For St. Luke)

The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (10:16-21)

The Lord said, “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 Thy Name!” And Jesus 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 Jesus rejoiced in the spirit and said, “I thank Thee, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that Thou hast hidden these things from the wise and prudent and revealed them to babes; yea, Father, for such was Thy gracious will.”