**OCTOBER 18: Holy Apostle and Evangelist Luke (1st c.)**

**"Lord I Call..." Tone 8**

Lord, I call upon You, hear me!

Hear me, O Lord!

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Receive the voice of my prayer,

when I call upon You!//

Hear me, O Lord!

Let my prayer arise

in Your sight as incense,

and let the lifting up of my hands

be an evening sacrifice!//

Hear me, O Lord!

*v. (8) Out of the depths I cry to You, O Lord. Lord, hear my voice!*

**Tone 8** (*What shall we call you)*

What shall we call you, O Apostle?

Heaven, for you have made an account of the glory of God for us?

Lightning, for you illumine the world with radiance?

A cloud, for you rain down in a torrent the knowledge of God?

A chalice pouring the rich wine of wisdom to gladden our hearts?//

Pray to the Lord that He may save our souls!

*v. (7) Let Your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!*

(Repeat “What shall we call you, O Apostle?”)

*v. (6) If You, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with You.*

How shall we address you, O chosen of God?

Golden ark of the covenant that Christ laid down?

River flowing forth to us from Paradise?

Beacon made radiant by spiritual light?

Lamp that enlightens the Church?

Bread of life, divine table, cup of spiritual drink?//

Pray to the Lord that He may save our souls!

*v. (5) For Your name's sake I have waited for You, O Lord, my soul has waited for Your word; my soul has hoped on the Lord.*

(Repeat “How shall we address you, O chosen of God?”)

*v. (4) From the morning watch until night, from the morning watch, let Israel hope on the Lord!*

What shall we call you, O God-inspired speaker?

A faithful steward of the mysteries of Christ?

A servant of the divine tent not made with human hands,

perfected in the fullness of time by the Builder of wisdom?

He entrusted to you the new Law of grace,

inscribed in Zion on tablets hewn from the rock of love.//

O faithful witness, pray to Him that our souls may be saved!

*v. (3) For with the Lord there is mercy and with Him is plenteous redemption, and He will deliver Israel from all his iniquities.*

What shall we call you, O glorious one?

Treasury of heavenly gifts?

Steadfast physician of our souls and bodies?

Fellow-laborer of Paul and his companion in travel and hardship,

who set down the Acts of the Apostles?

Luke, your exceeding goodness has won you many names.//

Pray to the Lord that He may save our souls!

*v. (2) Praise the Lord, all nations! Praise Him, all peoples!*

How shall I address you, O divinely-speaking one,

for you brought us the good tidings of Christ?

Doctor, for you cure the passions of souls?

Candlestick shining with a light of the intellect?

Base and foundation of the Faith,

for you wrote down for us the most sacred Gospel?//

Pray that our souls may be saved!

*v. (1) For His mercy is abundant towards us; and the truth of the Lord endures for ever.*

What shall I now call you, O wondrous one?

Trustworthy witness of the teachings of wisdom?

Able recorder of the Apostles’ teaching?

Unshakeable pillar of piety?

Indestructible rampart of the Church?

Many are your strengths, and greater in number are your spiritual gifts.

Pray that our souls may be saved!

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;*

**Tone 6** *(by Anatolios)*

O Apostle of Christ,

compiler of divine dogmas and foundation of the Church,

you were the attendant and imitator of Paul, the chosen vessel.

By wisdom you have rescued us from the turmoil of ignorance,

for our hearts were in the depths of destruction.

Therefore we beseech you:

“Most admirable Luke, the pride of Antioch,

pray to our Savior and God//

for those who celebrate your most honorable memory in faith!”

*now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

**Tone 6**  *(Theotokion – Dogmatikon)*

Who will not bless you, O most holy Virgin?

Who will not sing of your most pure childbearing?

The only-begotten Son shone timelessly from the Father,

but from you He was ineffably incarnate.

God by nature, He became Man for our sake,

not divided into two persons but manifest as One in two natures.

Entreat Him, O pure and all-blessed Lady,//

to have mercy on our souls!

since He is all powerful.

**Readings**

**1 John 1:1-7**

**James 1:1-12**

**Jude 1:1-7, 17-25**

**Holy Apostle and Evangelist Luke**

**Litya**

***(If the rector desires a Litya, following the sticheron of the church or monastery, these stichera are sung*)**

**Tone 4** *(As One valiant among the martyrs)*

With the net of charity, O admirable Luke,

you drew the human race from the sea of vanity

and yielded them to the practice of the Master's commands.

Since you were His apostle, He enlightened your understanding;//

since you were His preacher, He revealed to you His incomprehensible

Divinity, O most blessed one.

In the form of fire the radiance of the Spirit descended on you.

He made you His chosen vessel.

Zealously you drove away the mist of godlessness

and enlightened the world with the mystery of faith by the wisdom of

your words,//

most honorable Apostle Luke, eyewitness of Christ.

With the lightning bolts of your preaching,

you enlightened those who sat in the darkness of ignorance, O glorious

Luke.

Through faith, you revealed them to be the children of God the Master.

You loved Him through suffering and death

and so inherited His glory,//

O wise, faithful, and inspired disciple.

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;*

**Tone 2**

You forsook earthly things and followed after Christ.

You were signed with the inspiration of the Holy Spirit

and sent by Him to the Gentiles, who were perishing,

to turn men to the light of the knowledge of God.

Having completed the struggles

of your divine suffering and many torments, O Apostle Luke,

you surrendered your soul into the hands of Christ.

Entreat Him, O most blessed one,//

that He may grant us great mercy!

*now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

**Tone 2 Theotokion**

I place all my hope in you, O Theotokos;//

keep me beneath your protecting veil.

**Holy Apostle and Evangelist Luke**

**Aposticha**

**Tone 5**

Grace is poured out upon your lips like a tongue of fire:

you received the word of light, O Apostle Luke.

You proclaimed salvation for those who longed to be made children of

light,

writing and teaching the holy Gospel in the fragrance of truth,

compiling faithfully the deeds and words of Paul, your teacher.

Your holy writings are powerful weapons of light.

Through them we pierce the darkness of evil.

Pray that we may love the Light of All,

that, delivered from the corruption of death,//

we may be granted peace, life, light and great mercy!

*v: The heavens are telling the glory of God, and the firmament proclaims His handiwork. (Ps 18/19:1)*

You beheld the fullness of God's mysteries;

your words are a sure fortress of faith.

To you was entrusted the task of writing the Word of Life for us.

You faithfully obeyed God's inspiration,

eye-witness and minister of the incarnate Word;

you beheld Him after the Resurrection

as, together with Cleopas, you recognized Him, with hearts aflame, in the

breaking of bread.

Pray that He may fill the souls of all who keep your holy memory//

with the sweetness of divine fervor!//

*v. Their proclamation has gone out into all the earth, and their words to the ends of the universe. (Ps 18/19:4).*

Rejoice, blameless writer of the Gospel of joy;

you have recorded for us the conception and preaching of the Baptist;

the wondrous Annunciation to the Mother of the Lord;

the ineffable Incarnation and Birth of the Word Who came forth from her

womb;

His temptations, miracles and parables,

His Passion, Cross and death,

the glory of His risen body recognized in the breaking of bread,

His glorious Ascension and the coming of the Holy Spirit.

As a faithful witness you compiled the Acts of the Apostles.

You were Paul's companion in travel and his greatest consolation,

the beholder of divine mysteries and light of the Church.//

Guard us all, O glorious healer!

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;*

**Tone 6**

All-wise Apostle,

faithful laborer of the Savior,

witness of the triumph of His Passion,

you have completed the race, you have kept the faith,

harvesting the peoples from the darkness of error,

offering us as a sweet-smelling oblation to the heavenly King.

Now you stand before the Judge of all;

pray that He may rescue us from our sins

and deliver us from eternal death,//

when He comes in glory on the Day of Judgment!

*now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen*....

**Tone 6** *(Theotokion)*

My Maker and Redeemer, Christ the Lord,

was born of you, O most pure Virgin.

By accepting my nature, He freed Adam from his ancient curse.

Unceasingly we magnify you as the Mother of God!

Rejoice, O celestial Joy!

Rejoice, O Lady://

the Protection, Intercession and Salvation of our souls!

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***(at Great Vespers)***

**Troparion Tone 3**

Holy Apostle and Evangelist Luke,

entreat the merciful God

to grant our souls forgiveness of transgressions!

***(or this******Troparion******Tone 5****)*

Let us praise with sacred songs the holy Apostle Luke,

the recorder of the joyous Gospel of Christ

and the scribe of the Acts of the Apostles;

for his writings are a testimony of the Church of Christ.

He is the physician of human weaknesses and infirmities.

He heals the wounds of our souls,//

and constantly intercedes for our salvation.

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit*

*now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

**Tone 3 Resurrectional** **Dismissal Theotokion**

We praise you as the mediatrix of our salvation,

Virgin Theotokos.

For your Son, our God, Who took flesh from you,

accepted the Passion on the Cross,//

delivering us from corruption as the Lover of Man.

***(or this*****Dismissal Theotokion*****Tone 5****)*

**Tone 5 Resurrectional Dismissal Theotokion**

Rejoice, Impassable Gate of the Lord!

Rejoice, Wall and Protection of those who run to you!

Rejoice, Unshakable Refuge!

Rejoice, you who knew not wedlock,

who gave birth in the flesh to your Creator and God!//

Do not cease praying for those who praise and worship your Son!

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***(at the Divine Liturgy)***

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**Kontakion Tone 2**

Let us praise the godly Luke;

he is the true preacher of piety,

the orator of ineffable mysteries

and the star of the Church,

for the Word, Who alone knows the hearts of men,//

chose him, with the wise Paul, to be a teacher of the Gentiles!

**Tone 8** **Prokeimenon**

Their proclamation has gone out into all the earth, and their words to the

ends of the universe! *(Ps 63/64:10)*

*v: The heavens are telling the glory of God, and the firmament proclaims His handiwork. (Ps 18/19:1)*

**Epistle**

Colossians 4:5-9, 14, 18 *(Apostle Luke)*

**Tone 1**

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

*v. The heavens will praise Your wonders, O Lord; and Your truth in the congregation of the saints. (Ps 88/89:5)*

*v. God is glorified in the council of the saint; great and awesome toward all who are around Him. (Ps 88/89:7)*

**Gospel**

Luke 10:16-21 *(Apostle Luke)*

**Communion Hymn**

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ends of the universe! *(Ps 63/64:10)*

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

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