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Divine Services

Eve Sundays & Feast Days
5:00 PM Confessions
6:00 PM Great Vespers
Sundays and Feast Days
8:40 AM 3rd and 6th Hour
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy
Please check weekly schedule for specific days (last page).
Previous Ambos on website

OCTOBER 18, 2026

20TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

THE HOLY APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST LUKE

The Holy Apostle and Evangelist Luke, was a native of Syrian Antioch, a companion of the holy Apostle Paul (Phil.1:24, 2 Tim. 4:10-11), and a physician enlightened in the Greek medical arts. Hearing about Christ, Luke arrived in Palestine and fervently accepted the preaching of salvation from the Lord Himself. As one of the Seventy Apostles, Saint Luke was sent by the Lord with the others to preach the Kingdom of Heaven during the Savior's earthly life (Luke 10:1-3). After the Resurrection, the Lord Jesus Christ appeared to Saints Luke and Cleopas on the road to Emmaus. Luke accompanied Saint Paul on his second missionary journey, and from that time they were inseparable. When

Paul's coworkers had forsaken him, only Luke remained to assist him in his ministry (2 Tim. 4:10-11). After the martyric death of the First-Ranked Apostles Peter and Paul, Saint Luke left Rome to preach in Achaia, Libya, Egypt and the Thebaid. He ended his life by suffering martyrdom in the city of Thebes.

Tradition credits Saint Luke with painting the first icons of the Mother of God. "Let the grace of Him Who was born of Me and My mercy be with these Icons," said the All-Pure Virgin after seeing the icons. Saint Luke also painted icons of the First-Ranked Apostles Peter and Paul. Saint Luke's Gospel was written in the years 62-63 at Rome, under the guidance of the Apostle Paul. In the preliminary verses (1:1-3), Saint Luke precisely sets forth the purpose of his work. He proposes to record, in chronological order, everything known by Christians about Jesus Christ and His teachings. By doing this, he provided a firmer historical basis for Christian teaching (1:4). He carefully investigated the facts, and made generous use of the oral tradition of the Church and of what the All-Pure Virgin Mary Herself had told him (2:19, 51). In Saint Luke's Gospel, the message of the salvation made possible by the Lord Jesus Christ, and the preaching of the Gospel, are of primary importance.

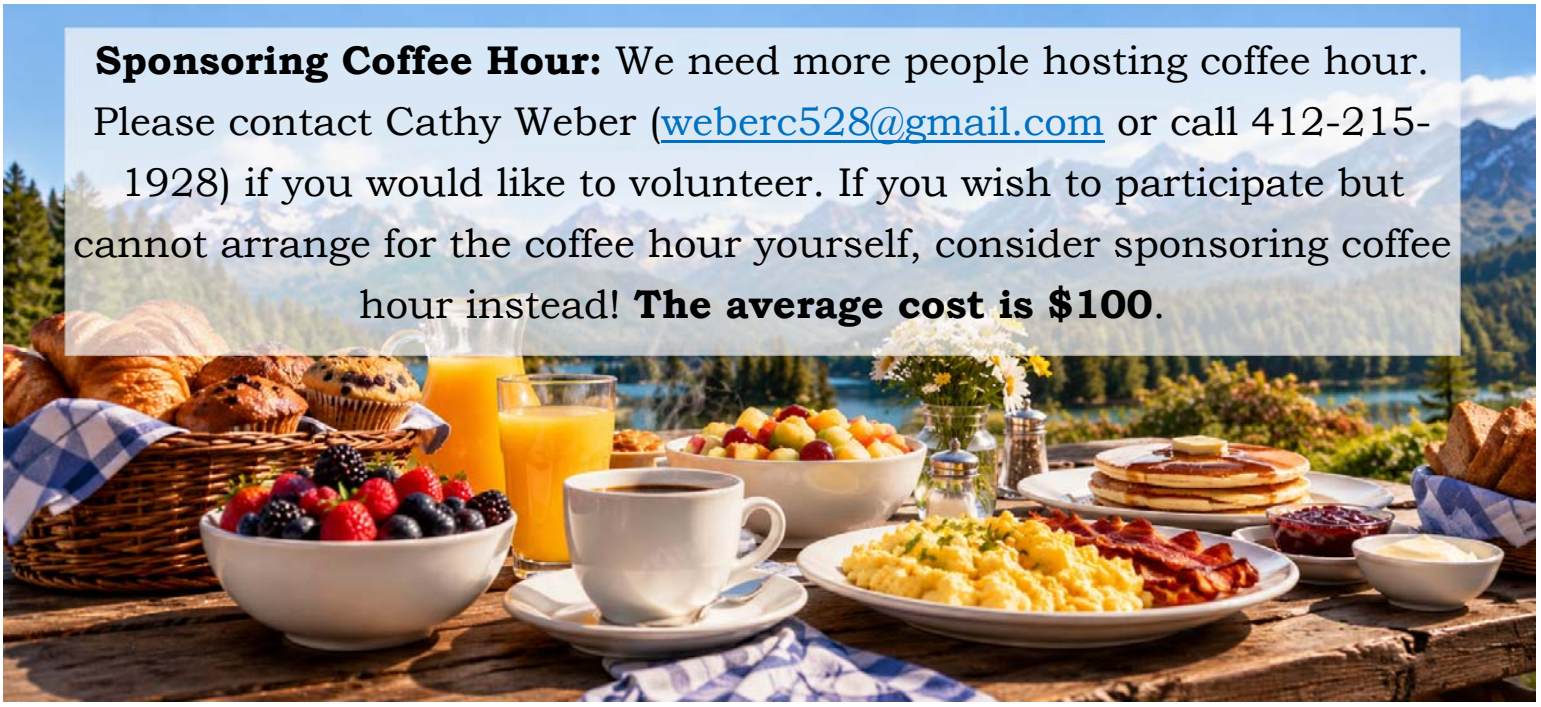
Saint Luke also wrote the Acts of the Holy Apostles at Rome around 62-63 A.D. The Book of Acts, which is a continuation of the four Gospels, speaks about the works and the fruits of the holy Apostles after the Ascension of the Savior. At the center of the narrative is the Council of the holy Apostles at Jerusalem in the year 51, a Church event of great significance, which resulted in the separation of Christianity from Judaism and its independent dissemination into the world (Acts 15:6-29). The theological focus of the Book of Acts is the coming of the Holy Spirit, Who will guide the Church "into all truth" (John 16:13) until the Second Coming of Christ.

The holy relics of Saint Luke were taken from Constantinople and brought to Padua, Italy at some point in history. Perhaps this was during the infamous Crusade of 1204. In 1992, Metropolitan Hieronymus (Jerome) of Thebes requested the Roman Catholic bishop in Thebes to obtain a portion of Saint Luke's relics for the saint's empty sepulchre in the Orthodox cathedral in Thebes. The Roman Catholic bishop Antonio Mattiazzo of Padua, noting that Orthodox pilgrims came to Padua to venerate the relics while many Catholics did not even know that the relics were there, appointed a committee to investigate the relics in Padua, and the skull of Saint Luke in the Catholic Cathedral of Saint Vico in Prague.

The skeleton was determined to be that of an elderly man of strong build. In 2001, a tooth found in the coffin was judged to be consistent with the DNA of Syrians living near the area of Antioch dating from 72-416 A.D. The skull in Prague perfectly fit the neck bone of the skelton. The tooth found in the coffin in Padua was also found to fit the jawbone of the skull.

Bishop Mattiazzo sent a rib from the relics to Metropolitan Hieronymus to be venerated in Saint Luke's original tomb in the Orthodox cathedral at Thebes.

Saint Luke is also commemorated on April 22.



Coffee Hour Quarter 4 2026

Questions/Concerns/volunteer? call Cathy Weber (412-215-1928)

October 4
Mat. Jana
(anonymous sponsor)

October 11
Heather
Anonymous sponsor)

October 18
Joyce Tabeling &
Judy Schwind

October 25
Shawna Whitlock
(anonymous sponsor)

November 1
Cathy & Tammy
(Daylight Savings)

November 8
Shawna Whitlock

November 15
Mary
(Nativity Fast begins)

November 22
Dan & Lavinia

November 29
Cindy & Nikol

December 6
Sarah & Mike Brennan

December 13
Heather

December 20
Emiko & Christopher

December 27
Heather

Boys' Night Out!

Sunday, November 8th at 5PM
we will have our Boys' Night Out at
The South Side
2207 W11 St. in Tremont
Please let Dan Morris know if you plan
to attend. See you there!

Theotokos of Vladimir

Eastern Orthodox Women's Guild of Greater Cleveland

Unity Through Participation

> "Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, for His mercy endures forever."
>
> ~Psalm 107:1

Saturday, November 14, 2026 @10:00AM

St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church
22909 Center Ridge Road
Rocky River, Ohio 44116

Orthodox Christian PRISON MINISTRY

OUR MISSION

Orthodox Christian Prison Ministry serves those who are incarcerated and their families, and provides resources, training and support to our ministry partners so that lives are transformed and God is glorified.

- Meet Ted Cherpas (Director of the OCPM)
- Gather in the Fellowship Room
- Social & Refreshments

PRAYER REQUESTS

10/18/2026

Deceased:

Justin Mosier *(godson of Karen Gray)*

Special Intentions:

Subdeacon Theodore Lentz

Subdeacon Leon Felon

Reader Kenneth Kovach

Reader Frank Tkacz

Reader Daniel Morris

Reader Haralambos Steingass

Horia Dascalescu *(Lavinia's brother)*

Janice Tkacz

Eleanor Wachovec *(friend of Karen Felon)*

Rachel Ohlin *(relative of Tatiana)*

Jeffrey Parhamovich *(brother of Karen Felon)*

Margaret Parhamovich

(sister-in-law of Karen Felon)

Jean Woycitzky Thompson *(Frank's cousin)*

Debra Parhamovich *(sister of Karen Felon)*

Robert Martin Prock

Valentina Zawolowycz

Child McKenna Kranek

Betty Balasz

Elisabeth Lavrisiuk

Phyllis Gindlesperger

Jerry Czajkowski

Barbara Sheean

Tamara Ponomarenko

Paige Benjamin

(niece of Una Alexandrovic)

Sara Wilmot *(friend of Tim Clos)*

Catherine *(niece of Judy Schwind)*

Elena Rich

Quinn *(niece of John Alexandrovic)*

Erin Zawolowycz

Anthony Swit

Nina Mytrohovich

Aleksandr Zdinak (Sasha)

John Pound (friend of Fr. & Mat. Zdinak)

Please submit names to the Prayer List by emailing them to Fr. Jan Cizmar
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Names remain on the list for 30 days unless requested otherwise.

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BIWEEKLY SCHEDULE 2026

Sunday, October 18
20th Sunday after Pentecost
Holy Apostle and Evangelist Luke (1st c.)
8:40 AM 3rd and 6th Hours
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy
Coffee Hour

Monday, October 19
Prophet Joel (ca. 800 B.C.)

Tuesday, October 20
Greatmartyr Artemius at Antioch (362)
6:30 PM Parish Council Meeting

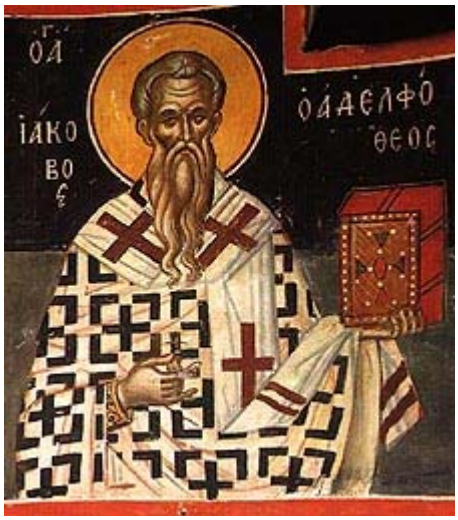
Wednesday, October 21
Ven. Hilarion the Great (371-372)
6:00 PM Akathist

Thursday, October 22
Saint Averkios the Wonderworker, Bishop of Hieropolis, Equal of the Apostles (ca. 167)
6:30 AM Hours & Typica

Friday, October 23
Holy Apostle James (Jacob), the Brother of the Lord (ca. 63)

Saturday, October 24
Memorial Soul Saturday
Martyr Arethas and 4,299 Martyrs with him (523)
5:00 PM Confessions
5:30 PM Panichida
6:00 PM Great Vespers

Sunday, October 25
21st Sunday after Pentecost
Martyrs Marcian and Martyrius, the Notaries of Constantinople (ca. 355)
8:40 AM 3rd and 6th Hours
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy



When the Savior began to proclaim the Kingdom of God, Saint James believed in Christ and became His Apostle. Later, he was chosen as the first Bishop of Jerusalem.
Saint James presided over the Council of Jerusalem and his word was decisive (Acts 15). In his thirty years as bishop, Saint James converted many Jews to Christianity. Angered by this, the Pharisees and the Scribes plotted together to kill the holy bishop. They led him up on the pinnacle of the Jerusalem Temple and asked him what he thought of Jesus. The holy Apostle bore witness that Christ is the Messiah, which was not the response the Pharisees were expecting. Enraged, the Jewish leaders threw him off the roof. He did not die at once, but gathering his final strength, he prayed to the Lord for his enemies while they were stoning him. Saint James' martyrdom occurred about 63 A.D.

Coffee Hour
Event Committee Meeting to follow

Monday, October 26
Holy, Glorious Demetrios the Myrrh-gusher of Thessaloniki

Tuesday, October 27
Righteous Mother Olga of Kwethluk –Tanqilria Arrsamquq– Wonderworker, Matushka of All Alaska (1979)

Wednesday, October 28
Repose of Ven. Job the Wonderworker, Abbot of Pochaev (1651)
6:00 PM Akathist

Thursday, October 29
Monastic Martyr Anastasia of Rome (3rd c.)
6:30 AM Hours & Typica

Friday, October 30
Hieromartyr Zenobios and his sister Zenobia, of Aegæ in Cilicia (285)

Saturday, October 31
Hieromartyr Archpriest John Kochurov (1917)
5:00 PM Confessions
6:00 PM Great Vespers

Sunday, November 1
22nd Sunday after Pentecost
Daylight Savings Time Ends
Holy Wonderworkers and Unmercenaries Cosmas and Damian of Mesopotamia, and their mother, St. Theodota. Hieromartyrs John the Bishop and Jacob (James) the Presbyter, of Persia (ca. 345)
8:40 AM 3rd and 6th Hours
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy
Coffee Hour