

THE 18th DAY OF THE MONTH OF OCTOBER
COMMEMORATION OF THE HOLY APOSTLE & EVANGELIST LUKE
AT GREAT VESPERS

We chant “Blessed is the man ...,” the first antiphon.

On “Lord, I have cried ...,” 8 Stichera of the holy evangelist, in Tone VIII:

Spec. Mel.: “What shall we call you ...”:

What now shall we call thee, O apostle, * Heaven, for thou hast proclaimed the glory of God; * radiance, for thou dost illumine * the world with light; * cloud which droppeth divine water as rain; * most divine cup of wisdom, * which poureth forth upon us * the wine which gladdeneth men’s hearts. ** Pray thou that our souls be saved. (Twice)

What now shall we call thee, * O thou who art pleasing unto God? * golden ark of the law, which Christ hath devised; * river which floweth forth unto us out of paradise; * lamp shining forth a noetic light; * beacon illumining the whole Church; * living Bread of the divine table; * beaker of spiritual drink. ** Pray thou that our souls be saved. (Twice)

What now shall we call thee, * O thou who didst behold God? * Most active servant of the mysteries of Christ; * wise chief artisan * who cutteth boards for grace; * one who hath set down the new law * surpassing that of Sion, * which was preached by thee. ** Pray thou that our souls be saved.

What now shall we call thee, O glorious one? * Strong treasury of heavenly gifts; * renowned physician of bodies and souls; * fellow laborer of Paul, * and his companion, * who setteth forth the acts of the apostles. * Many are the names, O Luke, * which virtue hath devised for thee. ** Pray thou that our souls be saved.

What now shall we proclaim thee, * O divinely eloquent one? * Disciple, in that thou hast announced to us the glad tidings of Christ; * physician, in that thou healest the passions of the soul; * luminary who hast shone forth * the noetic light upon us; * foundation and ground of the Faith: * for thou hast written for us the most precious Gospel. ** Pray thou that our souls be saved.

What now shall we call thee, * O wondrous one? * True beholder of the wisdom of doctrine; * recorder of the acts and teachings of the apostles; * unshakeable pillar of piety; * indestructible bulwark of the Church. * Many are thy names, O Luke, * and greater yet thy gifts. ** Pray thou that our souls be saved.

Glory ..., the composition of Anatolius, in Tone VI:

O apostle of Christ and recorder of divine dogmas, foundation of the Church: with divine proclamations thou hast truly healed the hearts of all those in the gloom of ignorance, which have entered into the abyss of despair; and thou hast saved them from the tempest of threefold waves, as a follower and disciple of Paul, the chosen vessel. Wherefore, we entreat thee: beseech our Savior and God on behalf of those who ever celebrate thine honored memory with faith.

Both now ..., Dogmatic Theotokion, in Tone VI:

Who doth not call thee blessed, O most holy Virgin? * Who will not hymn thy most pure birthgiving? * For the only-begotten Son Who hath shone forth timelessly from the Father, * came forth, ineffably incarnate, from thee, O pure one; * By nature he is God, by nature for our sakes, he hath become a man * not divided into two Hypostases, * but known in two natures without commingling. * Him do thou beseech, O pure and most blessed one, ** that our souls find mercy!

Entrance. Prokeimenon of the day. Three Lessons:

A READING FROM THE GENERAL EPISTLE OF JOHN

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, of the Word of life (for the life was manifested, and we have seen it, and bear witness, and show unto you that eternal life, which was with the Father, and was manifested unto us) that which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son, Jesus Christ. And these things write we unto you, that our joy may be full. This, then, is the message which we have heard of Him, and declare we unto you, that God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth; but if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ, His Son, cleanseth us from all sin.

A READING FROM THE GENERAL EPISTLE OF JAMES

James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, to the twelve tribes which are scattered abroad, greeting. My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers trials, knowing this, that the testing of your faith worketh patience. But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, lacking nothing. If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, Who giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not, and it shall be given him. But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. For let not that man think that he shall receive anything of the Lord. A double-minded man is unstable in all his ways. Let the brother of low degree rejoice in that he is exalted; but the rich, in that he is made low, because as the flower of the grass he shall pass away. For the sun is no sooner risen with a burning heat, but it withereth the grass, and its flower falleth, and the grace of the fashion of it perisheth; so also shall the rich man fade away in his ways. Blessed is the man that endureth temptation; for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to those who love Him.

A READING FROM THE GENERAL EPISTLE OF JUDE

Jude, the servant of Jesus Christ, and brother of James, to those who are sanctified by God, the Father, and preserved in Jesus Christ, and called: mercy unto

you, and peace, and love be multiplied. Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the Faith which was once delivered unto the saints. For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ. I will, therefore, put you in remembrance, though ye once knew this, that the Lord, having saved the people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed them that believed not. And the angels who kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day. Even as Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh, are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire. But, beloved, remember ye the words which were spoken before by the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ; how they told you there should be mockers in the last time, who should walk after their own ungodly lusts. These are they who separate themselves, sensual, having not the Spirit. But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy Faith, praying in the Holy Spirit, keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life. And of some have compassion, making a difference; and others save with fear, pulling them out of the fire, hating even the garment spotted by the flesh. Now unto Him who is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy, to the only wise God, our Savior, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen.

On the Aposticha, these Stichera of the holy evangelist, in Tone V:

Spec. Mel.: “Rejoice, boast of fasters ...”:

Grace was poured forth from thy lips in tongues of fire, O apostle Luke, and thou wast shown to be a tongue of fire, emitting words of light like burning arrows against those who desire darkness, writing and teaching the precious Gospel with preaching worthy of the Light; and thou wast revealed to be a living fragrance unto those who truly desire life, as said Paul, whom thou didst have as thy teacher, but the smell of death for those who loved not life. Yet grant unto us peace, life, light and great mercy.

Verse: The heavens declare the glory of God, * and the firmament proclaimeth the work of His hands.

Through thy words, as thou didst say, we have come to recognize the confirmation of the words which thou didst utter in a most godly manner, O initiate of the mysteries, for, for our sake, thou didst put into writing those things which thou didst assuredly know from those who witnessed them and transmitted them to thee, as their peer and a servant of the Word incarnate, Whom thou didst behold in Emmaus after His arising, and Whose bread thou didst eat with Cleopas with burning heart. Fill thou also the souls of us who honor thee with His divine warmth.

Verse: Their sound hath gone forth into all the earth, * and their words unto the ends of the world.

Rejoice, thou who alone, rejoicing, hast recorded for us the archangel's greeting to the pure one: Rejoice!, and the Baptist calling her, from his mother's womb, the bearer of the Lord, and his conception and the incarnation of the Word, His temptations and miracles, words and sufferings, His Cross, death and arising, and His issuing forth, which thou didst behold; and the descent of the Spirit, the account of the acts, especially those of Paul, whose companion thou wast, as well as a physician and initiate of the mysteries and a luminary of the Church, which do thou preserve always.

Glory ..., in Tone VI:

O all-wise hunter, holy disciple, husbandman of the Savior and preacher of His sufferings: transcending creation with faith and gathering the nations out of deception and leading them to the good fragrance, thou didst attain unto the heavens. Wherefore, standing before the Judge of all, pray thou that He deliver us from our iniquities, and that we be freed from torment on the Day of Judgment.

Both now ..., Theotokion, in Tone VI:

Christ the Lord, my Creator and Redeemer, * Who came forth from thy womb, O all-pure one, * and clothed Himself in my nature, * hath freed Adam from the primal curse. * Wherefore, like the angel * we unceasingly cry out to thee, * O most pure one, * who art truly the Mother of God and Virgin: * Rejoice!, O Sovereign Lady, ** the intercession, protection and salvation of our souls!

Troparion of the holy evangelist, in Tone III:

O holy Apostle Luke, * entreat the Merciful God * that He grant remission of sins * unto our souls

Glory ..., Both now ..., the Theotokion, in Tone III:

We hymn thee who hast mediated the salvation of our race, * O Virgin Theotokos; * for thy Son and our God, * accepting suffering on the Cross in the flesh * He had received of thee, * hath delivered us from corruption, ** in that He is the Lover of mankind.

Or this Troparion of the holy evangelist, in Tone V:

The holy apostle, the all-hymned Luke, * who is acknowledged by the Church of Christ * as the recorder of the acts of the apostles * and the splendid author of the Gospel of Christ, * let us praise with sacred hymns, * as a physician who healeth the infirmities of all mankind, * and the ailments of nature, * who cleanseth spiritual wounds ** and prayeth unceasingly for our souls.

Glory ..., Both now ..., the Theotokion, in Tone V:

Rejoice, impassible portal of the Lord! * Rejoice, rampart and protection of those who have recourse unto thee! * Rejoice, haven untouched by storms, * and who knowing not wedlock, * didst bear in the flesh thy Creator and God. * Cease not to intercede for those ** who praise and worship thine Offspring.

AT MATINS

On “God is the Lord”, the Troparion in Tone III:

O holy Apostle Luke, * entreat the Merciful God * that He grant remission of sins * unto our souls (Twice)

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After the 1st chanting of the Psalter, the Sessional Hymn, in Tone III:

Come ye all, let us praise the apostle Luke as our helmsman; for he hath abolished the deception of idolatry and hath led men to the light of life and taught them to believe in the Trinity. Wherefore, reverently honoring him today, O ye faithful, let us glorify Christ our God. (Twice)

Glory ..., Both now ..., Theotokion, in Tone III:

Rejoice, O Mary, Virgin Mother, holy mountain, paradise of Eden, from whom Christ God, the Word seedlessly conceived, was born, through Whom life hath sprung forth for the world.

After the 2nd chanting of the Psalter, the Sessional Hymn, in Tone III:

Spec. Mel.: “Awed by the beauty of thy virginity ...”:

When thou didst journey with Cleopas to the town of Emmaus after the resurrection, O all-sacred Luke, the Lord appeared before thee in a veiled manner when thou wast downcast; and, receiving the bread He gaveth thee, thou didst straightway recognize the Savior. Him do thou entreat, that He grant us great mercy. (Twice)

Glory ..., Both now ..., Theotokion, in Tone III:

As an uncultivated vine, O Virgin, * thou didst sprout forth the most comely Cluster of grapes * Which poureth forth upon us the wine of salvation * making glad the souls and bodies of all. * Wherefore, ever blessing thee as the cause of good things, * with the angel we cry out to thee: ** Rejoice, O thou who art full of grace!

Polyeleos, and this magnification: We magnify thee, O apostle of Christ and evangelist Luke, and we honor thy pangs and labors wherewith thou didst struggle in the proclamation of the Gospel of Christ.

Selected Psalm verse:

A: The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament proclaimeth the work of His hands.

Glory ..., Both now ..., Alleluia ..., Glory to Thee, O God! (Thrice)

After the Polyeleos, the Sessional Hymn, in Tone IV:

Plying the depths of the noetic sea with the fisher's rod of wisdom, O all-blessed Luke, thou didst draw forth the souls of the faithful from the deadly abyss. Wherefore, instructed by Paul, thou didst purify thy heart with the radiance of the Spirit, enlightening the nations with thy dogmas, and healing the infirmities of the passions with miracles, ever praying to Christ God for us, that our souls be saved.
(Twice)

Glory ..., Both now ..., Theotokion:

Having thee O Theotokos as our hope and intercession, * we fear not the assaults of the adversary, ** for thou dost save our souls.

Song of Ascents, the first antiphon of Tone IV:

Prokeimenon, in Tone IV: Their sound hath gone forth into all the earth, * and their words unto the ends of the world.

Verse: The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament proclaimeth the work of His hands.

Let every breath praise the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN, §67 (21:15-25)

At that time, Jesus, having arisen from the dead, appeared to His disciples and said to Simon Peter; Simon, son of Jona, lovest thou me more than these? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my lambs. He saith to him again the second time, Simon, son of Jona, lovest thou me? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my sheep. He saith unto him the third time, Simon, son of Jona, lovest thou me? Peter was grieved because he said unto him the third time, lovest thou me? And he said unto him, Lord, thou knowest all things; thou knowest that I love thee. Jesus saith unto him, Feed my sheep. Verily, verily, I say unto thee, When thou wast young, thou girdest thyself, and walkedst whither thou wouldest: but when thou shalt be old, thou shalt stretch forth thy hands, and another shall gird thee, and carry thee whither thou wouldest not. This spake he, signifying by what death he should glorify God. And when he had spoken this, he saith unto him, Follow me. Then Peter, turning about, seeth the disciple whom Jesus loved following; which also leaned on his breast at supper, and said, Lord, which is he that betrayeth thee? Peter seeing him saith to Jesus, Lord, and what shall this man do? Jesus saith unto him, If I will that he tarry till I come, what is that to thee? follow thou me. Then went this saying abroad among the brethren, that that disciple should not die: yet Jesus said not unto him, He shall not die; but, If I will that he tarry till I come, what is that to thee?

After Psalm 50, this Sticheron, in Tone III:

When thou didst journey with Cleopas to the town of Emmaus after the resurrection, O all-sacred Luke, the Lord appeared before thee in a veiled manner when thou wast downcast; and, receiving the bread He gaveth thee, thou didst straightway recognize the Savior. Him do thou entreat, that He grant us great mercy.

Canon of supplication to the Theotokos (the Paraklisis), with 6 Troparia; and the canon of the holy evangelist, with 8 Troparia, in Tone VIII:

ODE I

Irmos: Let us, O ye people, send up a hymn * unto our wondrous God * Who hath freed Israel from bondage, * chanting a hymn of victory * and crying aloud: * We sing unto Thee, O only Master.

Thou wast the most splendid chariot of God, bearing an all-holy name before men, O all-honored Luke, mightily drowning the chariots and mounted captains of deceit.

Receiving a torrent of life, with showers of divine knowledge which fell from within thee thou didst irrigate a world made arid by the burning heat of ungodliness, O all-blessed Luke.

Made bright as lightning by the shining of the Spirit and the purity of thy life, O thrice-blessed one, thou didst shine like a gift from God upon the whole world, illumining the hearts of the faithful.

Theotokion: Rejoice, O all-holy temple, fleece bedewed by God, sealed well-spring of the stream of immortality! O Sovereign Lady, preserve thy flock unharmed by all enemies.

ODE III

Irmos: There is none as holy as the Lord, * and none as righteous as our God, * Whom the whole of creation doth hymn: * There is none more righteous than Thee, O Lord.

Shining forth like the sun in thy preaching, O all-blessed Luke, thou didst adorn the foundation of the Church, causing the gloom of deception to vanish with the fervor of faith.

Thou didst cut divinely beauteous tablets from the stone of the incarnation of God, O most noetically rich apostle, possessing a mason's hammer in thy godly tongue and divinely inspired mouth.

Entering into the all-luminous cloud, and being covered thereby, O most wise one, thou didst receive the new law inscribed upon thy heart by the finger of the Spirit.

Theotokion: There is none as blameless as thee, O Lady, and none more pure than thee, O all-immaculate one; for thou didst hold God the Word, Who alone is greatly merciful, in thy womb.

Sessional Hymn of the holy evangelist, in Tone VIII:

Spec. Mel.: “Of the Wisdom ...”:

As the companion of Paul thou didst patiently endure divers misfortunes, O all-praised apostles of the word, finishing the course of faith in martyrdom, and dwelling now with him in the highest, O blessed one. Wherefore, having preached the Gospel of Christ to the world, and illumining the whole earth, O most honored Luke, do thou entreat Christ God, that He grant remission of sins unto those who celebrate thy holy memory with love. (Twice)

Glory ..., Both now ..., Theotokion, in Tone VIII:

O undefiled, blameless and all-immaculate Lady, thou cloud of the noetic Sun and golden candle-stand of the light of God: with the radiance of dispassion illumine my soul, which hath grown dim through the blindness of the passions, I pray; with torrents of compunction enlighten my polluted heart, and with tears of repentance cleanse me of the mire of my evil deeds, that with love I may cry out to thee: O Ever-virgin Theotokos, entreat Christ God, that He grant me forgiveness of my transgressions; for thee do I, thy servant, have as my hope.

ODE IV

Irmos: From the overshadowed mountain, * from the only Theotokos, * the Prophet in divine vision * foresaw Thy coming in the flesh, O Word, * and with fear he glorified Thy power.

As a steed of the King of all, O divinely wise one, thou didst roil the sea of the nations, sweetening brackish unbelief with the salt of God, O ever-glorious one.

Drawing His bow, Christ loosed thee splendidly as a well-honed arrow, bright with beams of piety illumining our souls.

With mystic skill, O all-blessed one, heal the passions of soul and body of those who hymn thee, excising the filth of sin, O thou who art all-wise.

Theotokion: **O** Mary, Birthgiver and Bride of God, deliver me from cruel transgressions and misfortunes, and guide me to the haven of tranquility and salvation by thy supplications.

ODE V

Irmos: Rising early we cry to Thee, O Lord; * save us, for Thou art our God, * and we know none other besides Thee.

Thou wast shown to be like unto dew which falleth from the heavens, destroying the burning heat of deception by thy discourse.

Conceiving the fear of God within thee, O apostle, thou hast given birth unto salvation for those astray.

Ascending the mountain of the virtues, O all-blessed one, thou didst preach the Gospel of the kingdom unto all.

Theotokion: **M**ary Theotokos, who knewest not wedlock, render the hopes of the enemy in vain, and gladden those who hymn thee.

ODE VI

Irmos: **O** Thou that putttest on light as a garment * grant me also a robe of light, * **O All-merciful Christ, our God.**

Having drained the cup of wisdom of the knowledge of Christ God, thou gavest drink unto all, O Luke all-wise.

Chosen as the companion of Paul, O all-blessed and divinely eloquent Luke, thou didst fish for the nations with the net of thy dogmas.

Thou wast shown to be a cloud raining down upon us showers of life, O apostle, flowing forth from the well-springs of salvation.

Theotokion: **T**hine Offspring, the Destroyer of idols, O Mary Bride of God, is worshipped with the Father and the Spirit.

Kontakion of the holy evangelist, in Tone II:

Spec. Mel.: “The steadfast ...”:

Let us praise the godly Luke: * the true preacher of piety, * the orator of ineffable mysteries, * the star of the Church; * for the Word Who alone knoweth men’s hearts * chose him to be, with the wise Paul, ** the teacher of the gentiles.

Ikos: **E**nriched with heavenly knowledge by the hand of the Master, thou wast entrusted with the portion of the gentiles, O all-praised one. Wherefore, setting thy life afire with discourse, O Luke, thou wast revealed to be a transmitter of the law to the nations greater than Moses. Through the Spirit thou didst explain the divine Faith, likening thyself to the divine tablets graven by the finger of God. Wherefore, Christ, Who alone knoweth our hearts, hath glorified thee.

ODE VII

Irmos: **I**n Babylon, the pious youths did not worship the golden image, * but, bedewed in the midst of the fiery furnace, * they chanted a hymn, saying: * **O supremely exalted God of our fathers, blessed art Thou!**

As a faithful disciple of the ineffable mysteries of Christ God, O all-wise one, thou didst preach His divine Gospel to the faithful who said: O supremely exalted God of our fathers, blessed art Thou!

Thou wast shown to be adorned with the embellishment of the virtues, O all-blessed Luke, illumined by the rays of divine majesty and crying out unceasingly to thy Creator: O supremely exalted God of our fathers, blessed art Thou!

Emitting radiant beams, like a torch in the midst of night, thou didst piously drive away the darkness of deception by the radiance of thy words, crying aloud: O supremely exalted God of our fathers, blessed art Thou!

Theotokion: Possessed of a life illumined with wise discourse, O Luke, beholder of God, thou didst manifestly describe the birthgiving of the Virgin and lovingly depict her in icons. To her do we faithfully offer veneration, glorifying Christ.

ODE VIII

Irmos: Glorified in the holy mountain, * the Lord revealed the mystery of the Ever-Virgin unto Moses * in the flames of the burning bush: * praise ye and supremely exalt Him throughout all ages.

With the dew-bearing wisdom of thy words and showers of divine grace thou didst extinguish the furnace of deception, as a preacher and sacred preacher of the Lord, O divinely wise one.

Beautiful were thy feet, O all-blessed one, who preached the Gospel of the Peace which most excellently passeth all understanding. Him do we supremely exalt and glorify throughout all ages.

Christ, the Light of the world, the Lord of glory, the Effulgence of the essence of the Father, revealed thee as one enlightening those who sit in darkness. Him do we supremely exalt throughout the ages.

Theotokion: The Lord, Who made His abode in the Virgin's womb and, through her, renewed ancient Adam in a manner strange and past description, do we hymn and glorify throughout the ages.

ODE IX

Irmos: With never ceasing praises we magnify thee, * the Mother of God Most High, * who art higher than the most pure hosts, * and who beyond comprehension knew not wedlock, * yet hath truly given birth to God.

In the preaching of the Gospel thou wast a proclaimer of the salvation unto all the world; and, breathing the inspiration of the Spirit, thou didst show thyself to be a sacred and greatly renowned trumpet, O all-honored one of sacred eloquence.

Adorned with the acts of the Savior's apostles, moved by God thou didst record them for the faithful, ever setting them forth as a lasting and inspired model, O all-glorious and sacred preacher.

Thou dost stand as one who hath attained the ultimate desire, O divine hierarch Luke; for standing before Christ, thou dost delight in the vision of the Divinity bestowed by Him. Wherefore, we all call thee blessed.

Theotokion: We magnify thee, O Mother of God, who bore in thine arms the unapproachable God Who is hymned in the heavens by all the hosts, and Who ever granteth salvation to us through thee.

Exapostilarion of the holy evangelist:

Spec. Mel.: “With the disciples ...”:

O Luke, apostle of Christ, initiate of ineffable mysteries and teacher of the gentiles: with the godly Paul and the most pure Theotokos, whose divine icon thou didst lovingly depict, pray thou, O seer of God, on behalf of us who bless thee and celebrate thy sacred repose, O all-wise preacher of the mysteries.

Glory ..., another Exapostilarion:

Spec. Mel. : “By the Spirit in the sanctuary ...”:

We praise thee, the most excellent recorder of the divine Gospel, as the disciple of grace and follower of Paul; for thou didst proclaim the incarnation of the Word and His becoming a man, and His sufferings, O blessed one. Wherefore, assembling with faith, O Luke, we honor thee as is meet.

Both now ..., Theotokion:

Ineffable was the birthgiving of the all-immaculate Bride, for, as thou wast a most pure temple, O Theotokos, thou hast given birth unto God the Word, Who by pre-eternal counsel made His abode within thee. Wherefore, hymning thy birthgiving, we magnify thee as is meet, O all-immaculate one.

On the Praises, 4 Stichera, in Tone I:

Spec. Mel.: “Thee, the cloud of the Light ...”:

O ye faithful, in hymns let us honor the Apostle Luke, the disciple of Christ, the most wise recorder of the Gospel, the beautiful chosen vessel, the animate image, the boast of all the Churches; for he preached the most glorious miracles of God, enlightening those on earth with the rays of theology for the sake of righteousness.

Learning the healing of souls more than the skill of healing bodies, O wise one, thou wast sown to be excellent at both, inspired by the wisdom of God. And healing souls and bodies thereby, O all-blessed Luke, thou dost call all to knowledge, taking wing to the desire of God, and ever leading mortals into heaven, praying on behalf of all who praise thee.

With the hook of the word hast thou drawn forth like fish unto the knowledge of God those who entered into the abyss of ignorance, and thou didst offer to Christ goodly food: an incorrupt life befitting honor O all-blessed and most sacred Luke. Wherefore, thou wast an apostle of Christ, a wise herald and extoller of the active workings of grace.

The composition of Leo the Magistrate, in Tone VIII: Come, all creation, and with hymns let us praise the true physician of souls, the ever-memorable Luke, the disciple of the Savior; for with the anointing of the font of Christ he hath healed the sickness of ungodliness, and with the rivers of the divinely flowing waters of the gospel, which proceed from his mouth, he hath irrigated the living garden. Wherefore, his proclamation hath gone forth like prophecy throughout all the world, and he prayeth that our souls be saved.

Glory ..., in Tone I:

Assembling, O ye faithful, like David let us cry out in hymns to Luke, the mystic orator of the Word: thy tongue hath been revealed to be the pen of a scribe, adorning the visage of Christ, the Chief-scribe, that the nations may understand the knowledge of God. Therein he preached the Gospel, recording also the actions of the apostles. Wherefore, standing before God in Trinity, he prayeth for our souls.

Both now ..., Theotokion, in Tone I:

O Sovereign Lady, accept the supplications of thy servants, and deliver us from all want and grief.

AT LITURGY

On the Beatitudes, 8 Troparia: 4 from ODE III, and 4 from ODE VI of the canon of the holy evangelist.

Shining forth like the sun in thy preaching, O all-blessed Luke, thou didst adorn the foundation of the Church, causing the gloom of deception to vanish with the fervor of faith. (Twice)

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Let us praise the godly Luke: * the true preacher of piety, * the orator of ineffable mysteries, * the star of the Church; * for the Word Who alone knoweth men's hearts * chose him to be, with the wise Paul, ** the teacher of the gentiles.

Prokeimenon, in Tone VIII: Their sound hath gone forth into all the earth, * and their words unto the ends of the world.

Verse: The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament proclaimeth the work of His hands.

EPISTLE TO THE COLOSSIANS, §260 (4:5-9,14,18)

Brethren: Walk in wisdom toward them that are without, redeeming the time. Let your speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man. All my state shall Tychicus declare unto you, who is a beloved brother, and a faithful minister and fellow servant in the Lord: whom I have sent

unto you for the same purpose, that he might know your estate, and comfort your hearts; with Onesimus, a faithful and beloved brother, who is one of you. They shall make known unto you all things which are done here. Luke, the beloved physician, and Demas, greet you. The salutation by the hand of me Paul. Remember my bonds. Grace be with you. Amen.

Alleluia, in Tone I: The heavens shall confess Thy wonders, O Lord, and Thy truth in the congregation of saints.

Verse: God Who is glorified in the council of the saints.

GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE, §51 (10:16-21)

The Lord said unto His apostles: He that heareth you heareth Me; and he that despiseth you despiseth Me; and he that despiseth Me despiseth Him that sent Me. And the seventy returned again with joy, saying, Lord, even the devils are subject unto us through Thy name. And He said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven. Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing shall by any means hurt you. Notwithstanding, in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven. In that hour Jesus rejoiced in spirit, and said, I thank Thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that Thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes; even so, Father; for so it seemed good in Thy sight.

Communion Verse: Their sound hath gone forth into all the earth, and their words unto the ends of the world.