

**THE 18<sup>th</sup> 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.

At "Lord, I have cried ...", 8 stichera, in Tone VIII:

Spec. Mel.: "What shall we call you ...":

**W**hat 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*)

**W**hat now shall I 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*)

**W**hat 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 a newer law \* surpassing that of Sion, \* which was preached by thee. \* Pray thou that our souls be saved.

**W**hat 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.

**W**hat now shall I 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.

**W**hat now shall I call thee, O wondrous one? \* True beholder of the wisdom of doctrine; \* recorder of the act 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 men in the gloom of ignorance, which had 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 in behalf of those who ever celebrate thine honored memory with faith.

**Now & ever ..., Dogmatic Theotokion, in the same tone:**

**Who** doth not call thee blessed, O all-holy Virgin? Who will not hymn thine all-pure birthgiving? For the only-begotten Son Who shone forth timelessly from the Father, came forth, ineffably incarnate, from thee, the pure one; and being God by nature, He becometh man for our sake, not divided into two Persons, but known in two natures without confusion. Him do thou beseech, O pure and most blessed one, that our souls find mercy.

**Entrance. Prokimenon of the day. Three readings:**

**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

**J**ude, 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, in Tone V:

Spec. Mel.: "Rejoice, boast of fasters ...":

**G**race was poured forth in a tongue of fire upon thy lips, 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 shown 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.

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

**T**hrough thy words, as thou didst say, have we come to recognize the confirmation of the words which thou didst utter in godly manner, O initiate of the mysteries, for thou didst begin to write for us concerning matters which thou didst know, and as those who originally witnessed them transmitted them to thee, whose peer thou wast as a servant of the incarnation of the Word, Whom thou didst behold in Emmaus after His arising, and Whose bread thou didst eat with Cleopas with burning heart. Fill thou the souls of us who honor thee with His divine warmth.

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

**R**ejoice, 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 forever.

Glory ..., in Tone VI:

**O** most 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 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.

Now & ever ..., Theotokion, in the same tone:

**C**hrist the Lord, my Creator and Deliverer, Who came forth from thy womb, O all-pure one, and robed Himself in me, hath freed Adam from the curse. Wherefore, like the angel do we unceasingly cry out to thee, a most pure one, who art truly the Mother of God and Virgin: Rejoice! Rejoice, O Mistress, thou intercession, protection and salvation for our souls!

**Troparion, in Tone III:**

**O** holy apostle and evangelist Luke, entreat the merciful God, that He grant to our souls remission of transgressions.

**Or this troparion, in Tone V:**

**T**he 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 man and the ailments of nature, who cleanseth spiritual wounds and prayeth unceasingly for our souls.

**Glory ..., Now & ever ..., the Theotokion in Tone III:**

**W**e 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.

## AT MATINS

At "God is the Lord", the troparion, twice;

**O** holy apostle and evangelist Luke, entreat the merciful God, that He grant to our souls remission of transgressions. (Twice)

Glory ..., Now & ever, 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.

After the first chanting of the Psalter, this Sedalion, in Tone III:

**C**ome 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, honoring him piously today, O ye faithful, let us glorify Christ our God. (Twice)

Glory ..., Now & ever ..., Theotokion:

**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 second chanting of the Psalter, this Sedalion, 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 most sacred Luke, the Lord appeared before thee in 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 ..., Now & ever ..., Theotokion:

**As** a vine grown without cultivation, O Virgin, thou didst cause the most comely Cluster to spring forth, which poureth forth upon us the wine of salvation, gladdening the souls and bodies of all Wherefore, ever blessing thee as the cause of good things, we cry out to thee with the angel: Rejoice, O joyous one!

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

Selected Psalm verses:

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

**B:** The heavens shall confess Thy wonders, O Lord.



Glory ..., Now & ever ..., Alleluia ..., Glory to Thee, O God! (Thrice)

After the Polyeleos, this Sedalion, in Tone IV:

**P**lying the depths of the noetic sea with the fisher's rod of wisdom, O most 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, didst enlighten the nations with thy dogmas, and didst heal the infirmities of the passions with miracles, ever praying to Christ God for us, that our souls be saved. (Twice)

Glory ..., Now & ever ..., Theotokion:

**H**aving thee as our hope and intercession, O Theotokos, we fear not the assault of the foe, for thou savest our souls.

Song of Ascents, the first antiphon of Tone IV:

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

**Stichos:** 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]**

**S**o when they had dined, Jesus saith 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? This is the disciple which testifieth of these things, and wrote these things: and we know that his testimony is true. And there are also many other things which Jesus did, the which, if they should be written every one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that should be written. Amen.

*After Psalm 50, this sticheron, in Tone III:*

**W**hen thou didst journey with Cleopas to the town of Emmaus after the resurrection, O most sacred Luke, the Lord appeared before thee in 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 apostle, with 8 troparia, in Tone VIII:*

### **ODE I**

**Irmos: To our wondrous God Who freed Israel from slavery, O ye people, let us raise a song, chanting a hymn of victory and crying aloud: We sing to Thee Who alone art Master!**

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

**R**eceiving 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 most blessed Luke.

**M**ade 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: R**ejoice, O most holy temple, fleece bedewed by God, sealed well-spring of the stream of immortality! O Mistress, preserve thy flock unharmed by all enemies.

### **ODE III**

**Irmos: None is as holy as the word, and none is righteous as our God, Whom all creation doth hymn, saying: None is righteous save Thee, O Lord!**

**S**hining forth like the sun in thy preaching, O most blessed Luke, thou didst adorn the foundation of the Church, causing the gloom of deception to vanish with the fervor of faith.

**T**hou didst cut divinely beauteous tablets from the stone of the incarnation of God, O thou who art most rich, possessing a mason's hammer in thy godly tongue and divinely inspired mouth.



Entering into the most luminous cloud, and being covered thereby, O all-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 Mistress, and none more pure than thee, O most immaculate one; for thou didst hold God the Word, Who alone is greatly merciful, in thy womb.

**Sedalion, in Tone VIII: Spec. Mel.: "Of the Wisdom ...":**

As the companion of Paul thou didst patiently endure divers misfortunes, O most lauded apostles of the word, and didst finish the course of faith in martyrdom. And thou dwellest with him in the highest, O blessed one. Wherefore, having preached the Gospel of Christ to the world, thou hast illumined the whole earth, O most honored Luke. Entreat Christ God, that He grant remission of sins unto those who celebrate thy holy memory with love.  
(Twice)

**Glory ..., Now & ever ..., Theotokion:**

O cloud of the noetic Sun, golden candlestick of the divine Light, unblemished, unsullied, most immaculate Mistress: with the radiance of dispassion illumine my soul which hath become dark through the blindness of the passions, I pray; wash my defiled heart with torrents of compunction and tears of repentance, and cleanse me of the filth of my deeds, that I may cry out to thee with love: 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:** O Word, with divine vision the prophet perceived Thee Who wast to become incarnate of the Theotokos alone, the mountain overshadowed; 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 most blessed one, heal the passions of soul and body of those who hymn thee, excising the putridity of sin, O thou who art most wise.

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

## ODE V

**Irmos:** **W**aking at dawn, we cry to Thee: Save us, O Lord! for Thou art our God, and we know none other than Thee.

**T**hou wast shown to be like unto a dew which fell from the heavens, destroying the burning heat of deception by thy discourse.

**C**onceiving the fear of God within thee, O apostle, thou gavest birth unto salvation for those astray.

**A**scending the mountain of the virtues, O most 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:** **G**rant me a robe of light, O Thou Who coverest Thyself with light as with a garment, O most merciful Christ our God.

**H**aving drained the cup of wisdom, with the knowledge of Christ God thou gavest drink unto all, O Luke most wise.

**C**hosen as the companion of Paul, O most blessed and divinely eloquent Luke, thou didst fish for the nations with the net of thy dogmas.

**T**hou wast shown to be a cloud which raineth down upon us a shower of life, O apostle, and which floweth forth from 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, in Tone II: Spec. Mel.: "The steadfast...":**

**L**et 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 most lauded one. Wherefore, setting thy life afire with discourse, O Luke, thou wast shown 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 the hearts of men, 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!

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

**T**hou wast shown to be adorned with the embellishment of the virtues, O most 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!

**E**mitting radiant beams, thou wast shown to be like a torch in the midst of night, piously driving away the darkness of deception with the radiance of thy words, and crying aloud: O supremely exalted God of our fathers, blessed art Thou!

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

### **ODE VIII**

**Irmos:** **The Lord Who was glorified on the holy mountain and Who through fire revealed the mystery of the Ever-virgin in the bush unto Moses, hymn ye and exalt supremely for all ages!**

**W**ith the dew-bearing wisdom of thy words and showers of divine grace didst thou quench the furnace of deception, as a preacher and sacred proclaimer of the Lord, O divinely wise one.

**B**eautiful were the feet of thee, O most blessed one, who preached the Gospel of the Peace which most excellently passeth all understanding. Him do we supremely exalt and glorify for all ages.

**C**hrist, the Light of the world, the Lord of glory, the Effulgence of the essence of the Father, revealed thee to enlighten those who sit in darkness. Him do we exalt supremely forever.

**Theotokion:** **W**e hymn and glorify forever the Lord Who made His abode in the Virgin's womb and, through her, hath renewed ancient Adam in manner strange and past description.

### **ODE IX**

**Irmos:** **With unceasing glorification we magnify thee, the Mother of our God, who knewest not wedlock, who in manner past understanding truly gavest birth to God at the word of the archangel, and who art higher than the all-pure hosts.**

**I**n the preaching of the Gospel thou wast a proclaimer of the salvation of the world; and, breathing the inspiration of the Spirit, thou didst show thyself a sacred and greatly renowned trumpet, O most honored one of sacred eloquence.

**A**dorned 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 most glorious sacred preacher.

**T**hou didst stand, O divinely governing Luke, as thou didst attain thine ultimate desire; for thou didst stand before Christ, delighting in the divine vision bestowed by Him. Wherefore, we all call thee blessed.

**Theotokion: W**e 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: 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 all-pure Theotokos, whose divine icon thou didst lovingly depict, pray thou, O thou who beheldest God, for us who bless thee and celebrate thy sacred repose, O most wise proclaimer of the mysteries.

**Glory ..., another Exapostilarion:**

**Spec. Mel. : "By the Spirit in the holy place ...":**

**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 man, and His sufferings, O blessed one. Wherefore, assembling with faith, O Luke, we honor thee as is meet.

**Now & ever ..., Theotokion:**

**I**neffable was the birthgiving of the all-immaculate Bride, for, as thou wast a most pure temple, O Theotokos, thou gavest 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 all-glorious miracles of God, enlightening those on earth with the rays of theology for the sake of goodness.

**L**earning 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 most blessed Luke, thou dost call men to knowledge, dost take wing to the desire of God, and ever leadest men into heaven; and thou prayest for all who praise thee.

**W**ith 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, O all-blessed and most sacred Luke: fitting honor and an incorrupt life. Wherefore, thou wast an apostle of Christ, a wise herald and a recounter of the active workings of grace.

**The composition of Leo the Magistrate, in Tone VIII: C**ome, 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 divinely flowing waters which proceed from his mouth he hath irrigated animate gardens. Wherefore, his proclamation hath gone forth like prophecy into all the world, and he prayeth that our souls be saved.

**Glory ..., in the same tone:**

**A**ssembling, O ye faithful, like David let us cry out in hymns to Luke, the mystic orator of the Word: thy tongue hath been shown 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.

**Now & ever ..., Theotokion, in the same tone:**

**O** Mistress, 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 evangelist.

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

**T**hou didst cut divinely beautiful tablets from the stone of the incarnation of God, O thou who art most rich, possessing a mason's hammer in thy godly tongue and divinely inspired mouth.

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

**H**aving drained the cup of wisdom, with the knowledge of Christ God thou gavest drink unto all, O Luke most wise.

**C**hosen as the companion of Paul, O most blessed and divinely eloquent Luke, thou didst fish for the nations with the net of thy dogmas.

**T**hou wast shown to be a cloud which raineth down upon us a shower of life, O apostle, and which floweth forth from springs of salvation.

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

### Troparion, in Tone III:

**O** holy apostle and evangelist Luke, entreat the merciful God, that He grant to our souls remission of transgressions.

### Resurrectional Theotokion in Tone III:

**W**e 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.

### Kontakion, in Tone II:

**L**et 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, a teacher of the gentiles.

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

**Stichos:** 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]

**B**rethren: 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.

**Stichos:** God is glorified in the council of the saints.

## GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE, §51 [10:16-21]

**H**e 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.