

THE EPISTLE

St. Luke Greek Orthodox Church

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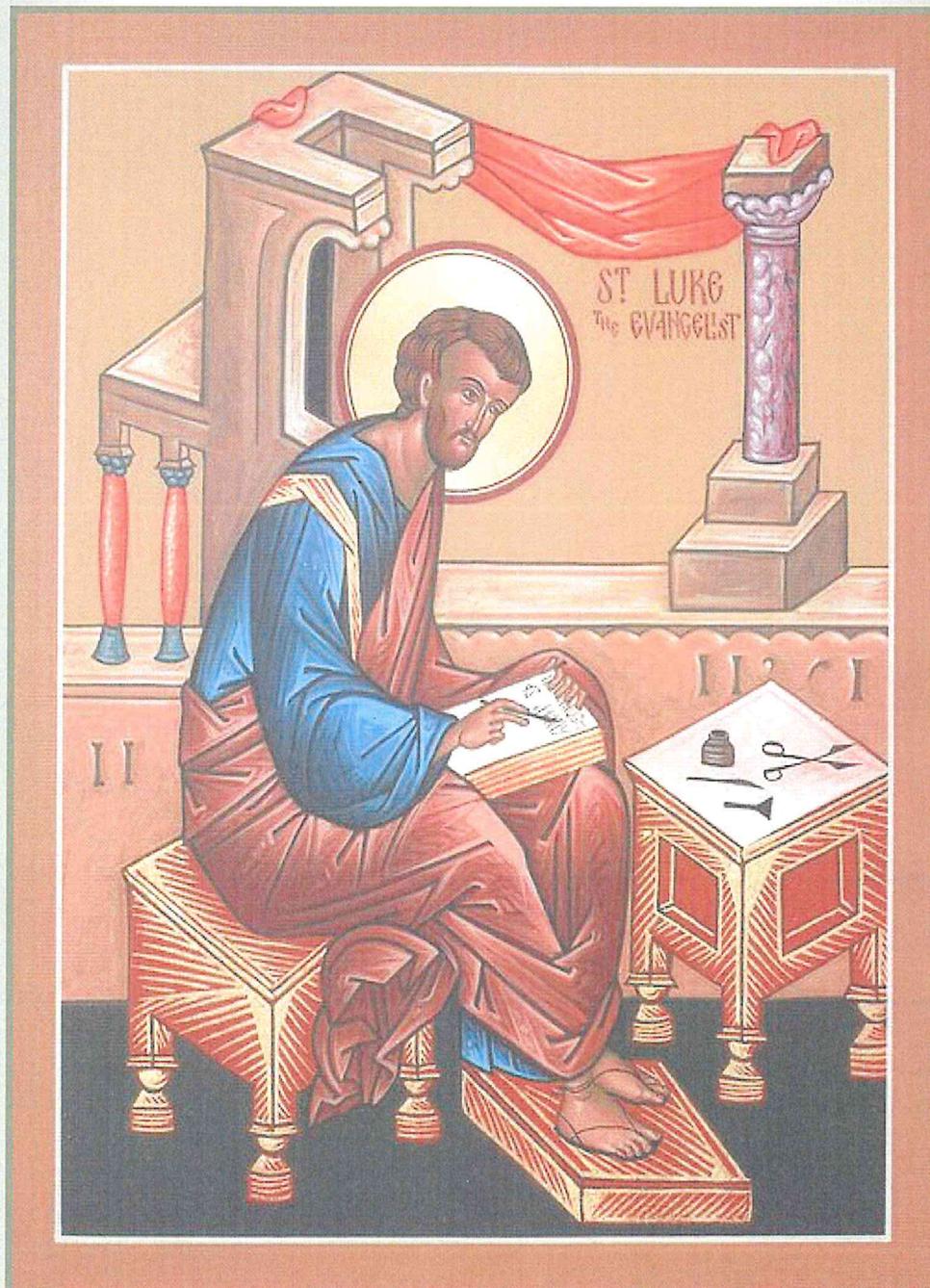
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CATECHETICAL HOMILY

For the Opening of Holy and Great Lent

+ BARTHOLOMEW

By God's mercy Archbishop of Constantinople-New Rome
and Ecumenical Patriarch

To the Plenitude of the Church

May the grace and peace of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ;
and from us, prayer, blessing, and forgiveness.

Most honorable brother Hierarchs and blessed children in the Lord,

Filled with sacred emotion, we enter once again, by God's goodwill, into Holy and Great Lent, the arena of ascetic struggle, the time of fasting and repentance, of humility and prayer, of spiritual vigilance and love, with the eyes of our heart directed to the life-giving Cross of the Lord, which guides us all toward Holy Pascha that opens the gates of Paradise to the human race.

This blessed period now opening before us constitutes an opportunity to comprehend once more the truth of asceticism according to Christ and its inseparable association with the Eucharistic realization of the Church, whose every expression and dimension is illumined by the light and joy of the Resurrection. The spirit of asceticism is hardly a foreign element introduced into Christianity, nor is it the result of influence by dualistic ideologies outside the Church. Asceticism is another word for the Christian existence, connecting it with absolute trust in Divine Providence, with the inexhaustible spiritual gladness of a life dedicated to Christ, with self-transcendence and self-offering, with charitable love and respect for all creation.

Asceticism is not a matter of self-willed choices and subjective particularities, but of submission to the rule and the "catholic experience" of the Church. It has been described as an "ecclesiastical" rather than an "individual" event. Life in the Church is indivisible. Repentance, prayer, humility, forgiveness, fasting, and philanthropic deeds are interconnected and interwoven. In the Orthodox tradition, there is no asceticism as an end in itself, for that only leads to an overestimation of individual effort and feeds tendencies of self-justification.

Great Lent is the appropriate time to experience the Church as the place and the manner in which the gifts of divine Grace are revealed, always as a foretaste of the joy of the Lord's Resurrection, the cornerstone of our faith and the all-radiant horizon of "the hope within us." It is by divine inspiration that the Church honours on Cheesefare Saturday the sacred memory of saintly men and women who have shone brightly in asceticism, for they are the supporters and companions of the faithful in the long course of asceticism. In the arena of spiritual struggle, we have the benevolence of the Triune God with us, the protection of the All-Holy Mother of God and Mother of us all, and the intercessions of the saints and martyrs of the faith.

Healthy Christian asceticism is the participation of the whole human being—as a unity of spirit, soul, and body—in the life in Christ, without undervaluing matter and the body, and without a Manichaean reduction of spirituality. As it has been written, Christian asceticism is ultimately a struggle "not against, but for the body"; as the Gerontikon affirms: "We have been taught not to destroy the body, but to destroy the passions."

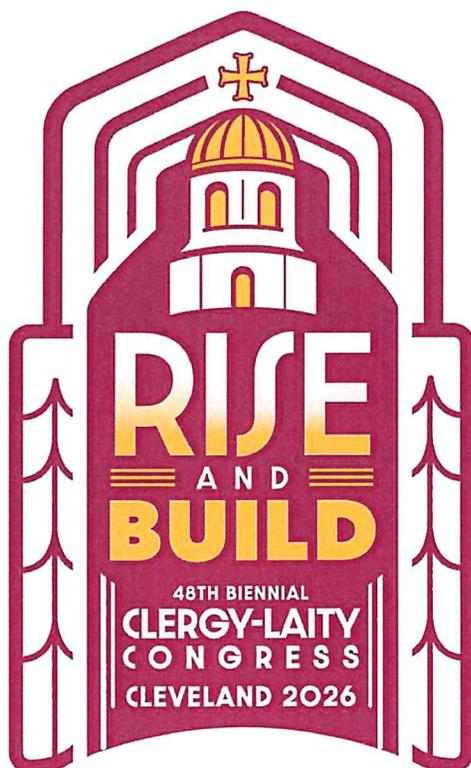
Unfortunately, and inaccurately, Christian asceticism has been labelled by contemporary thinkers as a denial of the joy of life and as a restriction of human creativity. Nothing could be further from the truth! As release from “having” and from attachment to the possession of things, and especially as liberation from the ego, from “seeking one’s own,” and from the “having of our being,” asceticism is the source and expression of genuine freedom.

What can be more truthful than the exodus from the captivity of “individual right” and the openness and love for our fellow human beings, the inner “good change” and steadfastness in fulfilling God’s commandments? What could be more creative than fasting, when it is a holistic attitude of life and expresses the ascetic and Eucharistic spirit of the Church, when it is a “common struggle” and not an “individual feat”? What could be more existentially striking than repentance and internal conversion, as a vital direction toward the truth and a renewed discovery of the power of divine Grace, of the depth of life in Christ and the hope of eternal life?

It is truly impressive that, when the early Christian character of Holy and Great Lent as a period of preparation for Holy Baptism in the Divine Liturgy of the Resurrection was replaced by the “ethos of repentance,” there nevertheless remained its experience as a “second baptism.” For this reason, the period of fasting and repentance is not sorrowful. Our hymnology speaks of the “spring of fasting,” while theology calls Great Lent a “spiritual spring” and a “period of joy and light.” All of this assumes special timeliness and significance in the face of the anthropological confusion of our time, as well as the new alienations rooted in contemporary civilization.

With these sentiments and thoughts, reminding all the children of the Holy Great Church of Christ throughout the Lord’s dominion, that on the day of the Akathist Hymn, the festivities will culminate, marking the 1400th anniversary of the year 626—when, in expression of gratitude to the Theotokos for the deliverance of the City of Constre from a perilous siege, the Akathist Hymn was chanted standing in the sacred Church of Blachernae—we wish you all a smooth course of the Fast, with asceticism and patience, with thanksgiving and doxology.

May we all, speaking the truth in love and being sanctified in the Lord, travel this way toward the fullness of joy in His radiant Resurrection.



Nikos Schwarz - Pastoral Assistant Introduction

We are pleased to welcome Nikos Schwarz to St. Luke as our new Pastoral Assistant, with the blessing of His Eminence Metropolitan Apostolos of New Jersey.

Nikos is a recent graduate of Hellenic College Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology in Brookline, Massachusetts, where he received his Master of Divinity in 2025. He is grateful for the opportunity to serve under the direction and guidance of Fr. Christ to support the many ministries and faithful families of our parish as his pastoral assistant.

Originally from St. George Greek Orthodox Church in Ocean Township, New Jersey, Nikos has been blessed with a deep love for the Church from a young age. He recently married his wife, Corina Bourantas Schwarz, whom he met many years ago at our Metropolis' summer camp, Camp Good Shepherd, when they were both 15 years old. Together, they are thankful to begin this new chapter of their life within the St. Luke community.

Nikos has a great love for iconography, youth ministry, sports, and most especially for building relationships rooted in Christ. He credits much of his faith and desire to serve the Church to the influence of his Papou, Christodoulos, whose example of his love for people and great love for God left a profound mark on his life.

With humility and prayer, Nikos remains open to wherever the Lord may lead him in the life of the Church, including the possibility of ordination, should it be God's will. Above all, he hopes to serve Christ and His Church faithfully and to grow together with this parish family.

Please introduce yourself and warmly welcome Nikos and his wife Corina as they begin their ministry among us!

PARISH LIFE

Forty-Day Blessing



On January 22, 2026, Father Christ offered the Forty Day Blessing for **Cleo Skeparnias**. Congratulations to **Nick & Demi Skeparnias** as we anticipate the Baptism!

On February 8, 2026, Father Christ offered the Forty Day Blessing for **Jaxson Thomas & Luka James**. Congratulations to **Nicholas Boeckx & Katerina Brennan** as we anticipate the Baptism!

Baptisms

The daughter of **George & An Economides** was baptized on February 8, 2026. Her sponsor, **Zikos & Lindley Economides**, baptized her with the name *Evyenia*. May Our Lord continue to bless you, **Evyenia Vy Economides**.



Funerals



Christine E. Efstration fell asleep in the Lord on January 22, 2026. Her funeral service was held on January 30, 2026.

John Solomon fell asleep in the Lord on January 23, 2026. His funeral service was held on January 31, 2026.

Chrisanthi Katsanos fell asleep in the Lord on January 30, 2026. Her funeral service was held on February 5, 2026.

Mary Zouras fell asleep in the Lord on February 12, 2026. Her funeral service was held on February 18, 2026.

*We extend our condolences and prayers to their family.
MAY THEIR MEMORY BE ETERNAL.*

MARCH 2026 – ECCLESIASTICAL CALENDAR

Sunday, March 1st – Sunday of Orthodoxy

Procession of the Holy Icons

8:50am Orthros and 10:00am Divine Liturgy

Wednesday, March 4th – Presanctified Liturgy 10:00am

Friday, March 6th – Second Salutations to the Theotokos at 6:00pm

Sunday, March 8th – Sunday of St. Gregory Palamas

Theophylact the Confessor; Hermas the Apostle of the 70

8:50am Orthros and 10:00am Divine Liturgy

Wednesday, March 11th – Presanctified Liturgy 6:00pm

Friday, March 13th – Third Salutations to the Theotokos at 6:00pm

Sunday, March 15th – Sunday of the Holy Cross

Agapius & his Companions; Manuel of Crete

8:50am Orthros and 10:00am Divine Liturgy

Wednesday, March 18th – Presanctified Liturgy 10:00am

Friday, March 20th – Fourth Salutations to the Theotokos at 6:00pm

Sunday, March 22nd – Sunday of St. John Climacus

Basil of Ancyra; Kalliniki & Vassilisa

8:50am Orthros and 10:00am Divine Liturgy

Tuesday, March 24th – Great Vespers of Annunciation

Feastday Great Vespers will be held at Elkins Park at 6:00pm

Wednesday, March 25th – Annunciation of the Theotokos

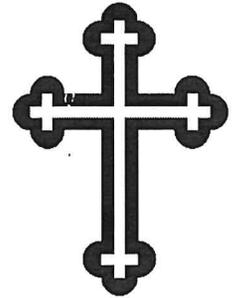
8:50am Orthros followed by Divine Liturgy

Friday, March 27th – Akathist Hymn at 6:00pm

Sunday, March 29th – Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt

Mark, Bishop of Arethusa; Cyril the Deacon

8:50am Orthros and 10:00am Divine Liturgy



MARCH 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 10:30am Sunday School / picture day	2 7:00pm Book Club (zoom)	3 10:00am Baking 10:00am Senior Men Meeting 5:00pm Greek School 5:30pm Elements of Theology 7:00pm Parish Council Meeting 7:30pm Adult Volleyball	4 11:00am Bible Study	5 9:00am Playgroup 10:00am Senior Men Meeting 7:00pm Greek Dance Rehearsal 7:15pm Choir Rehearsal	6 10:00am Senior Men Meeting	7 6:00pm Philoptochos Sip and Savor
8 <i>DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME (SPRING FORWARD)</i> 10:30am Sunday School 12:15pm Choir Rehearsal	9 4:30pm FTIN Cooking	10 10:00am Baking 10:00am Senior Men Meeting 5:00pm Greek School 5:30pm Elements of Theology 7:30pm Adult Volleyball	11 11:00am Bible Study	12 9:00am Playgroup 10:00am Senior Men Meeting 12:00pm Bid N Buy Decorating Committee 6:00pm Liturgical Choir 7:00pm Greek Dance Rehearsal	13 10:00am Senior Men Meeting 7:15pm Choir Rehearsal	14
15 10:30am Sunday School	16	17 <i>ST. PATRICKS DAY</i> 10:00am Baking 10:00am Senior Men Meeting 5:00pm Greek School 5:30pm Elements of Theology 7:30pm Adult Volleyball	18 11:00am Bible Study 6:30pm Philoptochos General Assembly Meeting	19 9:00am Playgroup 10:00am Senior Men Meeting 7:00pm Greek Dance Rehearsal 7:15pm Choir Rehearsal	20 10:00am Senior Men Meeting 4:30pm Hope and Joy Event	21
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HOSPITAL VISITATIONS

are Father Christ's priority.

If a loved one or family member is hospitalized,
please notify the Church Office at (610) 353-1592.

All hospitals do not notify parishes of hospitalized parishioners.



St. Luke Prayer Group

There is nothing more powerful than the power of prayer. The Prayer Chain email list is up and running. This prayer chain allows us to communicate with anyone who wishes to be on it. Once a person in need comes to our attention, each member on that list will be contacted and asked to pray for the one in need.

Imagine someone suffering and 10, 50, 100, 200 or 500 people praying for them that same evening. Truly friends, there is nothing more powerful than prayer.



How do I register?

REGISTER YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS

Register your email address online at st-luke.org/register-contact to receive timely emails from Fr. Christ on Church and Parish Life. You can also use your QR/Barcode scanner from your mobile device by scanning the code below.



STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

As we enter into Lent, we walk with Christ toward the Cross — knowing the Cross was never the end of the story. Through His death came Resurrection.

That’s what stewardship is about.

Planned giving isn’t just financial planning. It’s faith planning. It’s saying, “Lord, even after I’m gone, let my life continue to serve You.” It’s trusting that what we place in God’s hands today will bear fruit tomorrow.

Lent reminds us that when we give something over to Christ, He multiplies it. Planned giving becomes one quiet but powerful way we participate in that promise — helping ensure our Church continues to grow, teach, and shine the light of the Resurrection for generations to come.

If you have any interest in learning more about planned giving, I would be happy to talk with you or connect you with the right resources.

Warmly, Niki Thompson

2025 Stewardship

Final 2025 Stewardship Update. We received an additional \$15,405 by January 18, 2026 cutoff date for the final totals. Any additional monies received will carry over into 2026.

- o \$600,000.00 goal
- o \$635,201.62 pledged
- o \$632,409.66 received
- o **Total Pledges:** 494

2026 Stewardship:

The stewardship goal for 2026 is \$630,000. We are almost at half our goal.

January Stewardship Update

Stewardship January 2026

As of 1/31/2026		As of 1/31/2025		Difference
# of Stewards	208	# of Stewards	220	(12.00)
Pledged	\$ 306,235.00	Pledged	\$337,036.62	\$ (30,801.62)
Given	\$ 152,397.65	Given	\$185,790.36	\$ (33,392.71)
Mean*	\$1,273.83	Average*	\$1,367.33	\$ (93.50)
Median	\$1,000.00	Median*	\$1,000.00	\$ -
Mode	\$1,000.00	* Less the three highest and lowest pledges.		\$ 1,000.00

Thank you for your support of St. Luke!

Respectfully submitted, Michael Cook and Niki Thompson

COFFEE HOUR SCHEDULE

MAR	Chairs:	Effie Guthrie	Anna Andreadis
1-Mar	Anna Hadgis	Maria Canakis	Maria Kanteliotis
8-Mar	Helen Poulos	Sarah Andreadis	Kathleen Fisfis
15-Mar	Fotini Skrimbas	Marianna Siokos	Lynn Filis
22-Mar	Georgia Vlahos	Nopi Lazaridou	Alexa Angelakos
29-Mar	Nikki Serafim	Galene Pylaras	Maria Pousatis
APR	Chairs:	Effie Guthrie	Soula Arcidiacono
5-Apr	Ginny Markos	Michelle Karalis	Debbie Karalis
12-Apr		Easter Sunday	
19-Apr	Niki Tsetsekos	Presv Michele Kontos	Renee Matonti
26-Apr	Amelia Fritz	Heidi Galanos	Denise Rodgers

If you cannot make your assigned date, you are responsible for finding a replacement. Reminder emails will be sent the week that you are assigned, please reply with confirmation or you're the name of your replacement. Please arrive at 9:45 AM for set up.

Coffee Hour Chairs: Diana Palumbo lovetocook1219@aol.com, Effie Guthrie kotisa@netzero.net, Betsy Pappas vasilikipappas@yahoo.com

DIAKONIA SCHEDULE

Date	On Duty	On Duty
March 1	Martha DiCamillo	Diane Sioutis
March 8	Maria Scavitto	Angelina Scavitto
March 15	Vasie Marinakos	Stephanie Carroll
March 22	Barbara Papageorge	Maria Carafides
March 29	Gus Pappas	Sonya Pappas
Palm Sunday April 5	Anna Hadgis Kathy Fisfis	Helen Patten Joyce Vlassopoulos
Easter April 12	To Be Determined	To Be Determined
April 19	Soula Arcidiacono	Maria Scavitto
April 26	Stephanie Carroll	Martha DiCamillo

Contact Tom Trantas at tomisgreek@yahoo.com or 610.203.1132

- On Sundays, arrive by 9:45 am
- Greet parishioners as they arrive
- Respond to parishioners' questions
- Stock candles and red glass candles
- Pass out Sunday bulletins
- Extinguish burning candles that are low
- Pass trays (coordinate location with Parish Council)
- Diakonia duties are finished after trays are passed

For Those in Need...

you may ask, "What are we doing lately?"

March, 2026 *Epistle*

For Those In Need (FTIN) helps in St. Luke's outreach to the community, offering necessities such as food, school supplies, clothing, shelter, etc. to those in our local area who lack them. FTIN also works with other parish groups to provide discretionary assistance to fellow parishioners in need.

On Monday evening, ***February 9th***, FTIN's ***February Cook*** prepared 165 dinners for The Life Center (Upper Darby) & The Salvation Army (Chester); thanks to all those FTIN volunteer Chefs who turned out!

Our ***March Cook*** is scheduled for Monday, ***MAR 9th*** @ 4:30pm.

FTIN continues to support the ***Salvation Army's food pantry*** with a particular emphasis on their ***homeless & senior populations' needs***, with deliveries scheduled on a bi-monthly basis (Tuesday, FEB 3rd last month).

Supporting FTIN – How can I help?

It is your support that is enabling FTIN to make a difference by expanding its outreach during these times of food insecurity and hunger affecting the lives of so many. ***Thank you . . .*** for your generosity which has continued uninterrupted now over so many years!

We welcome your Stewardship whether offered as helping hands or in financial support. No donation is too small, and your contributions to FTIN remain a meaningful gift "for those who have everything" or in memory of a beloved family member or friend. Donations can be made at St. Luke's website, or Checks (payable to "For Those In Need") may be sent to the parish office.

To learn more about FTIN, how you can volunteer or to make a donation, please contact:

Alan Pcsolyar at: apcsolyar@comcast.net or 610-457-6033

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

As we continue our Lenten devotions and the Great Feast of Pascha approaches, we are sharing, for your convenience, the Sunday School class and worship schedule for both March and April 2026:

MARCH

March 1: Worship and Classes; Sunday of Orthodoxy, procession with Icons; **Sunday School Picture Day**

March 6: Second Salutations*

March 7: *Bible Bowl, Annunciation, Elkins Park, 10-2*

March 8: Worship and Classes, Sunday of St Gregory Palamas; **Spark Sunday**

March 13: Third Salutations*

March 14: *Trip to Monastery (details below)*

March 15: Worship and Classes, Sunday of the Holy Cross

March 20: Fourth Salutations*

March 21: *Sights and Sounds, Holy Trinity, Wilmington*

March 22: Worship and Classes, Sunday of St John Climacus

March 27: Fifth Salutations*

March 29: Worship and Classes, Sunday of St Mary of Egypt

**Flowers presented by Sunday School students*

APRIL

April 4: Saturday of Lazarus, Palm folding by all Sunday School students in Education Building; **Mandatory practice for Myrrh-bearers at 11:30 AM.**

April 5: Worship and Classes, Palm Sunday

April 10: Holy Friday Retreat: Helpers 11 AM; **Mandatory practice for Myrrh-bearers at 11:30 AM and immediately after the 3 PM service; Myrrh-bearers report at 2:30 PM for 3 PM Apokathelosis Service and 6:30 PM for 7 PM Lamentations Service.**

April 12: EASTER SUNDAY: FAMILY WORSHIP SUNDAY. AGAPE SERVICE
11 AM. Easter Egg Hunt immediately following the service

April 19: Worship and Classes, St. Thomas Sunday

April 26: Worship and Classes, Sunday of the Holy Myrrh-bearers

Lenten Letter and Workbook- As Great Lent began on Monday, February 23, you should have received a copy of the 2026 Sunday School Lenten letter and Lenten workbook by now. The Lenten letter contains information about the schedule of Lenten and Holy Week services, as well as a form for you to use to register your child for the Holy Friday retreat, and an additional form for you to register your daughter to serve as a Myrrh-bearer at one or both Holy Friday services. The Lenten workbook is intended to guide, support, and inspire your families with prayers and activities throughout your Lenten journey.

Monastery Trip- We have an incredible opportunity to share with you that you won't want to miss! On **Saturday, March 14th**, we invite all of our Sunday School families to join us for a truly miraculous experience: a trip to **St. George Church** in Taylor, Pennsylvania, to venerate the Kardiotissa weeping icon, followed by a visit to the peaceful **Holy Protection Monastery** in White Haven, Pennsylvania. This icon of the Panagia has cured cancer, addiction, depression, illness, and anxiety and even converted people with her miracles. She has been streaming myrrh for over 10 years! This is more than just a trip; it's a chance to witness the beauty of faith in action, to encounter a living miracle, and to create lasting memories with your loved ones. We would love for our Sunday School families to join us on this spiritual journey. It's an amazing way to fully embrace the period of Fasting and Repentance that will have begun on February 23, 2026. And there is **no cost** to you for this trip!

Please take a look at the *flyer!!* **Deadline to register: Sunday, March 1, 2026**

Psalm Readers for Salutation Services- We are seeking 1 to 3 Sunday School students to read **Psalms 50, 69, and/or 142** at the very beginning of each of the Lenten Salutation services to the Panagia. The remaining dates for these services are Friday, March 6, 13, 20 and 27 at 6 pm. This is an awesome opportunity for your child to read aloud some of the most poignant and beautiful prayers written by one of the greatest heroes of the Old Testament, King David. We are sure that your child is familiar with the story of the young and small David defeating the imposing giant, Goliath. What a great way to impress upon your child the power of faith and prayer to overcome all odds. We will send you the readings so that your child may practice before their scheduled time to read.

Readers for Divine Liturgy- Please encourage your children to **volunteer to read the Epistle or the Communion Prayer** during Divine Liturgy. This is a great way for your child to become involved in the worship of our faith. It is also a wonderful opportunity for them to develop their public speaking skills which is so essential. We will send you the reading(s) ahead of time so that your child can practice and become comfortable with the texts beforehand. Please be sure that your child is dressed appropriately for church on the day when he or she is scheduled to read- modestly and respectfully, as is common for all weekly services, a special Feast Day, or when celebrating a Holy Sacrament of the church. For example, athletic or workout clothes would not be appropriate for a reader to wear while leading the congregation in prayer or a reading from the Holy Bible.

Questions about Sunday School? Please contact our Sunday School Directors at stlukesundayschool@gmail.com or visit <https://www.ss.st-luke.org>, which will be updated throughout the year with additional information and resources for families.

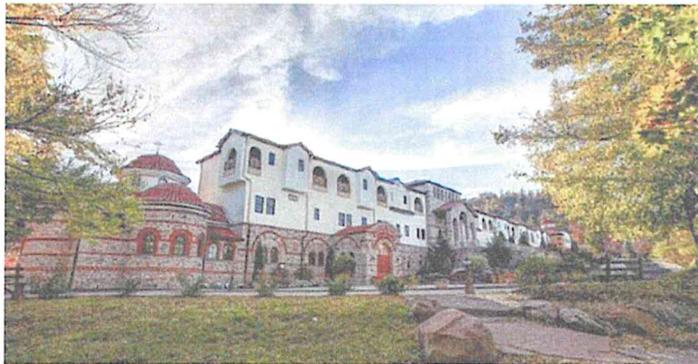
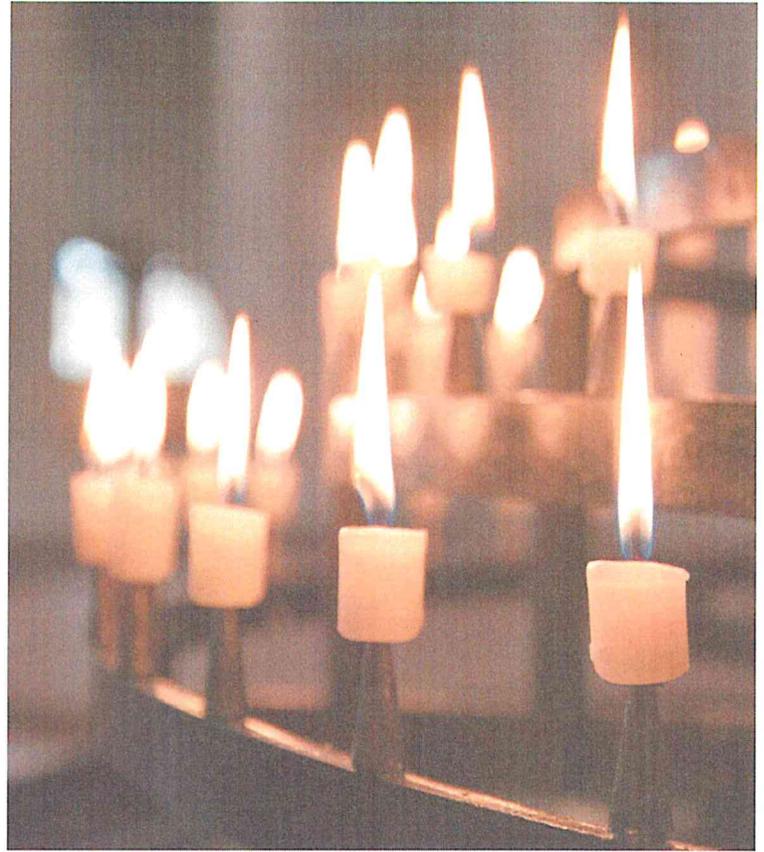
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Sunday School Pilgrimage to Saint George and the Holy Protection Monastery

Saturday, March 14th

*deadline to register is 2/22

Register now



9 am	Depart Saint Luke for St. George
11 am	Arrive at St. George
11 am until 1 pm	Time with Father Marc and venerate the Kardiotissa
1 pm	Depart St. George
1:40 pm	Arrive at Holy Protection Monastery
1:40-4 pm	Lunch with the Sisters, tour of property (time permitting), visit to bookshop
4 pm	Vespers at Holy Protection Monastery
5 pm	Depart Holy Protection Monastery
6:30 pm	Arrive back at Saint Luke

Experience the Kardiotissa Miraculous Weeping Icon!

Please join us for a 9 am departure on March 14th. We will leave promptly so if you encounter any issues, please call Panayota (610.564.1948) or Sophia (215.932.3505) on their cell phones. We are scheduled to arrive at St. George in Taylor, PA, at 11 am. We will spend about an hour with Father Marc, venerating the Kardiotissa. You can read more about this miraculous icon [here](#). After this, we will return to the vans and drive approximately forty minutes to the Holy Protection Monastery, arriving around 1:40 pm. We will enjoy a delicious meal prepared by the sisters at the monastery, take a tour of the property (time permitting), and visit the bookshop. Finally, we will attend vespers between 4 and 5 pm, arriving home at St. Luke by 6:30 pm. Please reach out to our Directors at stlukesundayschool@gmail.com with any questions or concerns.



St. Luke Greek School

Despite the snow and frigid weather, Greek School has been thriving! A great deal of learning has taken place since the start of the new year.

On January 18th, our students participated in the Artoklasia service in honor of Three Hierarchs Day.

In addition, on February 3, our Greek School had the honor of hosting five churches to celebrate the Day of Greek Letters and the Three Hierarchs. The evening was beautifully attended. Students from all schools recited poems and sang songs, and a reception followed for everyone.

On February 10th, students completed their exams and proudly showcased how much their Greek language skills have improved.

Learning wasn't limited to the classroom. On February 19, the Greek School organized a special outing to Philadelphia to see the Harlem Globetrotters. These school trips are a wonderful way for students and families to bond, have fun, and experience new things together. We are proud that the Greek School covers the cost of each student's ticket—one of the many ways our fundraising efforts directly benefit our children.

A heartfelt thank you to all who helped make these events such a success.

Upcoming events:

- Tuesday, March 24: Greek Independence Day Program

St Luke Greek Folk Dance Groups & GOYA Liturgical Choir

Congratulations to our **St. Luke Dance Troupes** and **GOYA Liturgical Choir** for their award-winning performances at the Metropolis of New Jersey Music and Dance Festival held in Philadelphia, February 13, 14, and 15!



On Day #1, our Olympian Dancers performed *Káto stin áspri pétra*, *Antípera*, *Raffe*, *Chatzistérgio tsélink máre*, and *Zacharoúla* from the region of Serres. On Day #2, they reenacted a traditional Imathia (Roumlouki) wedding celebration, performing *Mia Paraskeví ki éna Savváto Vrády*, *Oraia pou einai i nyfi mas*, *Dimitroúla*, *Karatzóva*, and *Seferli*. The Olympians earned the **Costume Award** and took home the **First Place Platinum Award** in the **Advanced Intermediate Division**!

Please congratulate our competing Olympian Dancers listed below

Alexia Bottos

Victoria Kaltsidis

Melina Mahjouri

Kalliopi Costanzo

Georgia Kardon

Christina Navrosidis

Eleni Kalisperis

Ana Maria Koulas

Anatoli Poggio

Stavros Kalisperis

Stavros Koulas

Irma Poggio

Andonia Pylaras



On Day #1, our Ellinakia Dancers performed Potamiá, Zagorísios, and Fezodervénagas from the region of Epirus. On Day #2, they performed Tsakónikos, Anasikotós, Tsámikos, and Syrtós Kalamatianós from the region of Pelopónnisos. The Ellinakia received the **Choral and Folk Expression Awards** in addition to earning the **Third Place Silver Award** in the **Primary Division!**

Please congratulate our competing Ellinakia Dancers listed below!

Maria Canakis

James Kalisperis

Zoe Miller

Margarita Georgelos

Stavroula Karalis

Grace Parkerson

Panos Grinias

Kalliopi Kathopoulos

Sophia Thomas

Eirini Kalisperis

Marianthi Kathopoulos



Prior to MDF, the St. Luke Dance Troupes were fortunate to purchase the new boys' and girls' Ellinakia costumes pictured above and boys' traditional fustanella costumes thanks to those who supported our Adult Greek Dance Workshop Fundraisers in May and October and the generous contributions of those individuals listed below.

Maria Kalisperis

Maria Poustis

Andreas & Faithe Kalisperis

Anatoli Vasiliadis

Peter & Fotini Kathopoulos

We are also thankful to Father Christ, Parish Council President Andrew Papageorge, and the St. Luke Parish Council for their continued guidance and support of our St. Luke Greek Dance Program.

The St. Luke GOYA Liturgical Choir participated in the MDF event receiving the **First Place Platinum Award** in the category of **Small Group Liturgical Choir**. Our choir performed the following hymns from Sunday of the Holy Cross: Soso Kyrie Ton Laon Sou, Save O Lord Your People, Ton Stavron Sou, We Venerate

Your Cross, and Esimiothi ef' imas. They are congratulated for all their hard work and their dedication to learning hymns of the Greek Orthodox faith.

Please congratulate our GOYA Liturgical Choir members listed below!

Eleni Kalisperis	Georgia Kardon	Andonia Pylaras
Stavros Kalisperis	Melina Mahjouri	Charlie Rodgers
Victoria Kaltsidis		



St. Luke Youth Advisors:

Dena Papadopoulos: Liturgical Choir Director

Cynthia Costanzo: Greek Dance Director

Christina Flamporis: Ellinakia Instructor

Marilena Ristas: Ellinakia Instructor

Katerina Giovanopoulos: Olympian Instructor



LITTLE ANGELS - READY, SET, PLAY....



Looking for a fun, welcoming space for your little one to play and make new friends? Come along to *Little Angels*, our weekly playgroup held every **Thursday from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM in Room 208**. It's the perfect place for babies, toddlers, and their caregivers to enjoy toys, songs, crafts, and friendly conversation in a relaxed environment. All are welcome – we'd love to see you there!

For more information, please contact stlukeplaygroup@gmail.com or call/text Maria

Bougiamas (717) 405-9854.

JOY/HOPE

Junior Orthodox Youth • Hellenic Orthodox Primary Education
Kindergarten- 6th grade

Are you looking for a way to connect your children with their faith, make new friends, and grow in the love of Christ? We're excited for a new year of learning, laughter, and love in Christ- and we'd love for your family to be part of it!

Save the following dates:

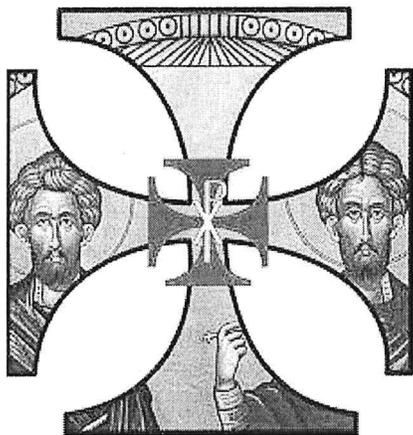
DVYC Bible Bowl: Saturday, March 14th (10am-2pm) Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church in Elkins Park has invited all Joy & Hope children to participate in this year's Family Feud style game show competition, ending the day with a hands-on service project. RSVP by 3/9

Friday with Father: Friday, March 20th (5-6:30pm)

The children will offer flowers to the Panagia during the Fourth Salutations to the Theotokos.

For more information, please contact Alexa Angelakos or Kally Sioutis at stlukejoyhope@gmail.com.

"Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven"



JOHN PAKURIS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

The John Pakuris Memorial Scholarship offers two \$2500 scholarships to two qualified students who are United States citizens and parishioners whose family are in good standing with the St. Luke Greek Orthodox Church of Broomall, Pennsylvania. The competitive scholarships are based on merit and need with the award winners to be selected upon recommendation by the Scholarship Committee to the parish priest. Applicants must be attending or accepted into an

accredited undergraduate four-year college or university in the United States or in any other country. Any candidate who has been accepted into an Orthodox seminary and is pursuing a life in the ministry of our Greek Orthodox Church will be given priority. Recipients may not re-apply in successive years for the scholarship.

Student's Name: _____

Home Mailing Address: _____
(Street or P.O. Box) (City) (State) (Zip)

Home/mobile Phone: _____

Email: _____

Date of Birth: _____ / _____ / _____ Male () Female ()

Name of most recent High School, College or University: _____

Address of School: _____
(Street or P.O. Box) (City) (State) (Zip)

Email address and telephone number of Guidance Counselor/Advisor: _____
Phone _____

Grade point average _____

Student Rank: _____ out of _____ number of students

SAT or ACT test scores:

SAT: Math: _____ Evidence Based Reading and Writing: _____

ACT: Composite Score _____

Name of college or university for which aid is requested: _____

Address of Post-Secondary School: _____
(Street or P.O. Box) (City) (State) (Zip)

Major Field of Study: _____

List of Accomplishments and Awards: (attach Resume or additional sheet if necessary) National Honor Society, National Merit Finalist, Class Officer, etc.

List of Church and Community Groups and Activities: (attach Resume or additional sheet if necessary) Church Groups and church related activities, Missionary Work, Youth Clubs, Civic Groups, Scouting, Volunteer Organizations, etc.

Church and Community Service Organization

Months/Years Involved

List of School/Extracurricular Activities: (attach Resume or additional sheet if necessary) Band, Student Council, Sports, Yearbook, Language Clubs, Key Club, Jazz Band, Chorus, Drama, Literary Club etc.

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Number of years</u>	<u>Special honors/Offices held</u>
_____	_____	_____
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Employment history:

<u>Name of employer:</u>	<u>Dates of employment:</u>
_____	_____
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Financial Need: (include the following)

Estimated total cost of school per year: _____

Estimate of parents' contribution toward yearly expenses: _____

Estimate of applicant's contribution towards yearly expenses: _____

Applicant has applied for other financial aid assistance as follows:

- | | | | |
|---|---------|--------|-----------------------|
| 1. Grant from college | Yes () | No () | Amount received _____ |
| 2. Grants from all other sources (specify): | | | Amount received _____ |
| _____ | | | _____ |
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Personal Statement:

In a personal statement of 300 words or less write an essay titled "How Orthodoxy Guides My Life".

Please supply the following information to the scholarship committee:

1. Copy of high school transcript and/or transcript from your college or university
2. Copy of acceptance letter to accredited college or university
3. Personal Statement of 300 words or less
4. Three letters of reference: one from teacher, principal or counselor; the second from an employer, coach or activity supervisor; the third from a non-relative church member, Sunday school teacher or church activity supervisor who has known you for at least two years

All applications must be postmarked no later than April 24, 2026. Incomplete applications or those postmarked after this date will not be processed. All information received from applicants will be treated as confidential. A personal interview may be required of finalists. Notification will take place by May 22, 2026.

Visit our web site for information or applications: www.St-Luke.org

Mail completed application to:

John Pakuris Memorial Scholarship

St. Luke Greek Orthodox Church

35 North Malin Road

Broomall, PA19008

Signature of Parent/Guardian (for student under 21) _____

Address of Parent/Guardian _____

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date _____



Philoptochos Society News

SAVE THE DATE

Capt'n Chucky's Lenten Crab Cake Sale

Order now through March 8, 2026 / Pick up date: Sunday, March 15, 2026

Walking with Christ Luncheon - Saturday, March 14, 2026, 11 a.m.

Grands Stepping Up Easter Basket Donation – Deadline: March 18, 2026

Rise Against Hunger - Saturday, March 28, 2026

Philoptochos Scholarship - Application deadline: April 24, 2026

Bid 'n Buy - Thursday, May 7, 2026

Reading at CCSA - Wednesday, May 13, 2026

Graduate Sunday - Sunday, June 7, 2026 / Form deadline: May 30, 2026

Bag Bingo - November 6, 2026

Boutiques & Greek Treats - December 5-6, 2026

Philoptochos Stewardship Information- We are in the process of collecting Chapter Stewardship for 2026. The minimum is \$35 per year. NEW - AUTO-RENEW FEATURE: You may opt to auto-renew your membership, so you don't have to arrange for payment each year. Your Stewardship will be renewed in January each year.

Coffee Hour Volunteers- Coffee Hour continues throughout March! The schedule for volunteers is available, so please look for your name and, hopefully, you will be able to come and volunteer on the day that you are assigned. If you cannot make it for that day, please find a replacement. Effie Guthrie, Betsy Pappas and Diana Palumbo, Chairladies

Capt'n Chucky's Crab Cake Sale- Just in time for Lent, order crab cakes and more at a discount! Please see the order form elsewhere in this Epistle. Orders and payments must be received by March 8, 2026. Scan the QR code below.



Walking with Christ Luncheon- Saturday, March 14th, at 11 a.m. for the second *Walking with Christ* Luncheon at St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church in Wyckoff, NJ. The proceeds of this event will benefit the seminarians and Master of Divinity students of our Holy Metropolis who are currently studying at Holy Cross School of Theology. For further information, please see flyer elsewhere in the Epistle.

Grands Stepping Up Easter Basket Donation- Grands Stepping Up is a local nonprofit supporting grandparents and kinship guardians raising their grandchildren, to provide Easter baskets for children. For further information, see flyer elsewhere in the Epistle. Register through the SignUp Genius shared by Father Christ or scan QR code. For questions, contact Alexa Angelakos at 570-916-0508.



Rise Against Hunger 2026- Meal Packaging Event on Saturday, March 28th, in St. Luke Community Center. The mission of Rise Against Hunger is to end hunger in our lifetime by providing food and life-changing aid to the world's most vulnerable and creating a global commitment to mobilize the necessary resources. For more information, visit riseagainsthunger.org. Please Scan the QR Code on the flyer found elsewhere in this Epistle. Contact Christina Thomas at thomascut@aol.com.

Philoptochos Scholarship- Two generous donations have provided Philoptochos with the ability to add a second \$3000 and a new \$2500 Scholarship to our 2026 awards. The Krajewski Family has contributed \$3000, and an anonymous donor has donated \$2500. A total of three (3) scholarships will, therefore, be awarded.

The Scholarship Committee will review all applications and determine the recipients for the three Philoptochos scholarships based on merit and eligibility. The scholarship recipients will be high school students who are United States citizens and whose parents or legal guardian(s) are stewards of Saint Luke Greek Orthodox Church of Broomall, Pennsylvania. The final recommendations are sent to Father Christ Kontos for his approval.

Deadline to the Church Office by Friday, April 24, 2026. Any questions may be directed to Anna Hadgis at anna.hadgis@gmail.com.

2026 Bid 'n Buy- The St. Luke Ladies Philoptochos is excited to present the "80's Ladies Bid 'n Buy" on Thursday, May 7, 2026, at 6:00 pm. We invite you to join us in our Community Center for a *decade rewind to the 1980's* that will be like... *totally awesome!*

In addition to bidding on our gorgeous and practical gifts, please consider becoming an event Sponsor by scanning the QR code on the flyer or visiting www.stukephiloptochos.org/bidnbuy. The more successful our event is, the more souls we can help as we carry out the Philoptochos mission. Thank you in advance for your help and may God continue to bless your families!

Ticket information: The Donation for admission & dinner is \$40.00. Tickets go on sale March 1st! Admission tickets will be available through advance sales only; NO tickets will be sold at the door.

Our "80s Ladies Bid 'n Buy" promises fun, excitement, and an opportunity for fellowship! With your support, we prayerfully anticipate a successful event which will benefit the many charities we support. We look forward to seeing you in your vibrant 80's wear and we thank you in advance for your big hearts!



Reading at CCSA- On Wednesday, May 13th at 9am, Philoptochos will be conducting our spring 2026 read with our third-grade students at Chester Charter Scholars Academy (CCSA). If you are interested in reading with these enthusiastic students, contact Anna Hadgis, anna.hadgis@gmail.com, as we always look forward to including more sisters in our connection with CCSA. The book is made available in advance for you to preview and the groups consist of fewer than 10 children. The session runs approximately 45 mins, beginning at 9am, and then we gather the group for a picture. We are able to carpool from Church if you would like a ride.



We are excited to announce that on Sunday, June 7, 2026, the graduates of the Class of 2026 will gather to be recognized for their accomplishments and hard-earned degrees. If you have a graduate in your family, please complete the form on

<https://www.st-luke.org>, or scan the QR. If you do not have access to the online form, you can mail the form to: 35 N. Malin Road, Broomall, PA 19008 or email complete information from this form to the committee at saintlukegradsunday@gmail.com. The deadline for submitting the form is Saturday, May 30, 2026.



Bag Bingo- Save the Date! We are very excited to announce our first annual Bag Bingo on November 6, 2026 in the Community Center. If you would like to learn more about how you can support the event, reach out to Christina Mahjouri at christina@cemeli.com.

12th Annual Boutiques & Greek Treats 2026- "Save the Dates"! 2026 Boutiques & Greek Treats. Saturday, December 5th & Sunday, December 6th. Interested vendors, contact boutiquesgt@gmail.com or the church office 610-353-1592.

Philoptochos Charity Committee- On January 13, 2026, a charitable contribution in the amount of \$500 was donated to A Haven in support of its mission to provide safe shelter, supportive services, and essential resources to individuals and families experiencing housing insecurity and hardship within our community. A Haven works to promote stability, dignity, and long-term self-sufficiency by offering not only emergency assistance but also guidance and support designed to help clients rebuild and move forward. On January 21, 2026, a representative from A Haven attended our General Assembly, spoke about the organization's work and impact, and was formally presented with a check in the amount of \$500 in recognition of their important service and partnership.

On February 9 and February 10, 2026, a combined total of fifty (50) \$25 Walmart gift cards, totaling \$1,250, were donated to the Coatesville Veterans Affairs Medical Center in support of the veterans it serves. These gift cards are intended to assist veterans with essential everyday needs, providing flexibility and dignity in purchasing necessary items.

Hosts for Hospitals- We are very happy to share the following letter from one of our Philoptochos sisters, who has exciting news about a new charity with which our chapter has recently partnered: *This non-profit has been arranging housing for families staying in the Philadelphia area seeking medical treatment for the past 25 years. Volunteers with Hosts for Hospitals can provide a spare bedroom to someone whose family member is undergoing surgery or treatment at one of our many Philadelphia area hospitals. It is a great way to help someone in need who is going through a difficult time. As we all know, hotel stays can be expensive (not to mention scarce in 2026!).*

Feel free to watch this video to hear more about this meaningful experience:

"We really believe in the mission, it really spoke to our hearts"

Please contact Mike Aichenbaum (mike@hostsforhospitals.org) if you are willing to apply to be a host family. Warm regards, Pamela Milcos-Smith

Sponsorship of Floral Décor- Icon and Floral Sponsorship opportunities are available throughout the year for ecclesiastic feast days. Sponsorship can be made in honor or in memory of a loved one or for the well-being of your family. *Sponsorship opportunities:*

Sunday March 1 - Sunday of Orthodoxy

Sunday March 8 - Sunday of St. Gregory Palamas

Sunday March 22 - Sunday of St. John Climacus

Wednesday March 25 - Annunciation of the Theotokos

Sunday March 29 - Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt

If you would like to sponsor an icon, pay online through the Philoptochos website; simply scan the QR code below with your phone; or mail your payment to the church and include the words 'icon sponsorship' on your envelope. If you have any questions, you may contact Niki Tsetsekos at 610-500-3056 or ntsetsekos@gmail.com.



Philoptochos Cookbook and Apron- For: experienced cooks looking to perfect their craft; the cooks-in-training who need inspiration; the perfect housewarming or "thank you" gift for teachers, co-workers, employees or friends; the ideal gift for newlyweds and new graduates, or those simply looking to expand their culinary repertoire, *we have just the thing!* Καλή Όρεξη, a Greek Cookbook created by the Ladies Philoptochos of St. Luke and apron. The cost is \$25 for the book and \$15 for the apron (blue only, and with pockets!), plus \$5 for shipping. A beautiful gift package, ready for giving, for \$40.00! For more information, or to order, please contact Phyllis Roebas at proebas@gmail.com, or Kathy Fifis at kfisfis@aol.com.

Philoptochos Members - OUR DIRECTORY IS ONLINE! Please register with our website: www.stlukephiloptochos.org for access to the Members Only Online Directory. Get our APP! For directory access, Philoptochos news & events on the go, use our Membership Toolkit app right from your smartphone. *Paper directories are available by request.*





Grands Stepping Up Easter Basket Collection

St. Luke Ladies Philoptochos Charity Committee is partnering with Grands Stepping Up to provide Easter baskets for children.

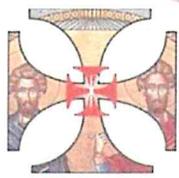
Please consider donating a basket for ages 0–7, 8–13, or 14–17. Baskets may be gender neutral or boy/girl specific and can include items like books, puzzles, crafts, small toys, gift cards, or nut-free candy (no clothing). Please limit each basket to \$20.

Wrap each basket securely, label with the appropriate age group, and drop off to the church by Wednesday, March 18th.

Register through the SignUp Genius shared by Father Christ or scan the QR code.

For questions, contact
Alexa Angelakos at 570-916-0508.





Rise
AGAINST HUNGER

The Ladies Philoptochos Society of St. Luke, in partnership with Rise Against Hunger, invites you to

A MEAL PACKAGING EVENT

Rise Against Hunger is driven by the vision of a world without hunger. Their mission is to end hunger in our lifetime by providing food and life-changing aid to the world's most vulnerable and creating a global commitment to mobilize the necessary resources. riseagainsthunger.org

SATURDAY, MARCH 28, 2026 • 10 AM TO 12 PM
ST LUKE COMMUNITY CENTER

Contact: Christina Thomas at thomascut@aol.com
www.stlukephiloptochos.org

SCAN HERE:
REGISTER TO
VOLUNTEER




LADIES PHILOPTOCHOS
SOCIETY OF ST LUKE

Enjoy during Lent!

CAPT'N CHUCKY'S SALE



Crab Cakes are \$7.50 each
Sold in packages of 4, 6, or 12

All proceeds to benefit charity.

Thank you for your order!

ORDER FORM

NAME _____

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FAMOUS "SMITH ISLAND" CRAB CAKES MADE FRESH DAILY. REFRIGERATE FOR 5 DAYS OR FREEZE FOR UP TO 8 MONTHS.

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PACK OF 12	<input type="checkbox"/> X 90.00 =	_____
MARYLAND CRAB SOUP (QUART)	<input type="checkbox"/> X 13.00 =	_____
CRAB CRITTER APPETIZER (50 COUNT)	<input type="checkbox"/> X 16.00 =	_____
CRAB MARINARA (QUART)	<input type="checkbox"/> X 14.00 =	_____
CRAB RAVIOLI (1LB)	<input type="checkbox"/> X 18.00 =	_____
LOBSTER RAVIOLI (1LB)	<input type="checkbox"/> X 16.00 =	_____
WILD SHRIMP SCAMPI RAVIOLI (1LB)	<input type="checkbox"/> X 16.00 =	_____
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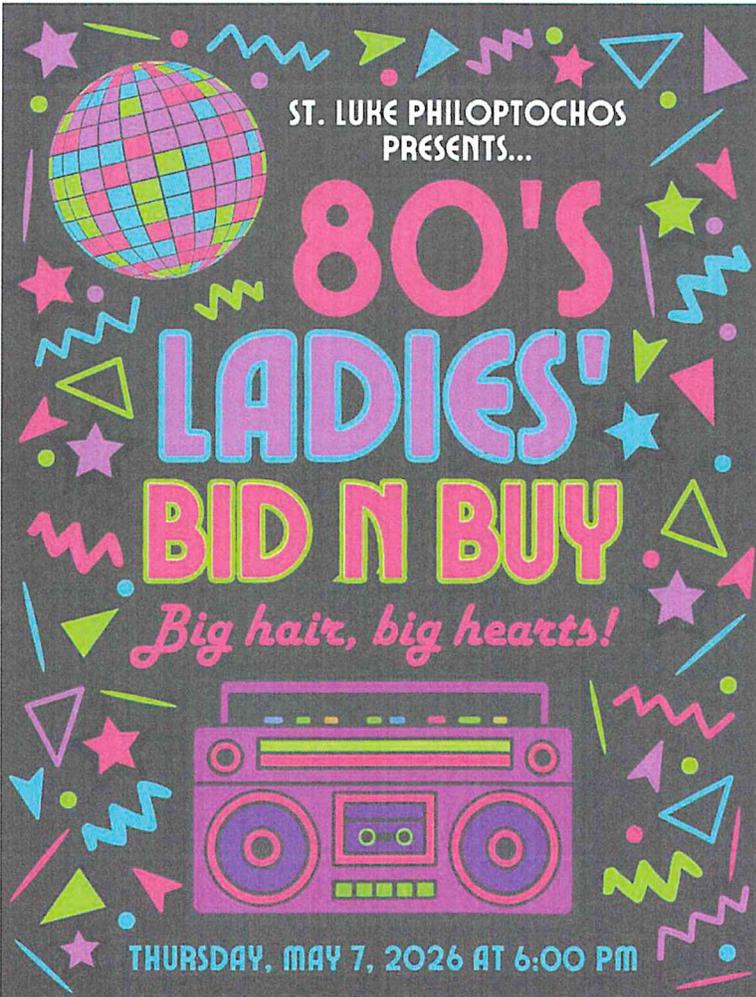
Pick-up: Sunday, March 15, 2026, 11:30AM - 12:30PM

St. Luke Community Center | 35 N. Main Road, Broomall, PA

Order online @ stlukephiloptochos.org or by scanning the QR code OR Use this form to mail order, checks payable to St. Luke Philoptochos

ORDERS AND PAYMENTS MUST BE RECEIVED BY MARCH 8, 2026

Please Contact Katerina Brennan with any questions by text or call to 610-256-6711.

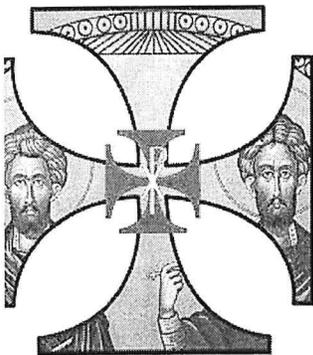



ST. LUKE PHILOPTOCHOS PRESENTS...

80'S LADIES' BID N BUY

Big hair, big hearts!

THURSDAY, MAY 7, 2026 AT 6:00 PM



GREEK ORTHODOX LADIES PHILOPTOCHOS SOCIETY OF SAINT LUKE – CHAPTER 1082

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

The Greek Orthodox Ladies Philoptochos Society of Saint Luke offers two **\$3,000 scholarships** and one **\$2500** scholarship to high school students who are United States citizens and whose parents or legal guardian are stewards of Saint Luke Greek Orthodox Church of Broomall, Pennsylvania. These are competitive scholarships based on need and merit. The award winner is selected by the Scholarship Committee and its recommendations are made to Rev. Christ Kontos for approval.

Applicants must be accepted into an accredited college or university or an accredited vocational program in the United States.

Student's Name: _____

Home Mailing Address: _____

Student's Email Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone _____

Date of Birth: ___/___/___ Male () Female ()

Name of High School: _____

Address of School: _____

Name, Email and Telephone Number of Guidance Counselor/Advisor: _____

Grade Point Average: _____ SAT or ACT test scores: SAT: Math _____

Evidence Based Reading and Writing: _____ ACT: Composite Score _____

List of Accomplishments and Awards: (Attach a Resume or additional sheet if necessary)

List of Community Activities and Groups: Church Groups and Church Related Activities, Scouting, Missionary Work, Youth Clubs, Civic Groups, Volunteer Organizations. Include duties and number of months or years of service. (Attach a Resume or additional sheet if necessary)

List of School Extracurricular Activities: Band, Student Council, Sports, Yearbook, Clubs, National Honor Society, Drama, etc. (Attach a Resume or additional sheet if necessary)

Activity	Number of years	Special honors/ Offices held
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Employment History:

Name of employer _____

Dates of employment and duties _____

Financial Need: (If applicable)

Estimated total cost of school per year: _____

Applicant has applied for financial aid assistance as follows:

1. Grant from college or vocational school: Yes () No ()

2. Grants from all other sources (specify):

Personal Statement:

In a personal statement of 300 words or less, write a well-structured essay addressing your future goals and aspirations and how you plan to achieve them.

Please supply the following required information to the Scholarship Committee:

1. Copy of acceptance letter to an accredited college/university/technical or vocational school.
2. Personal statement of 300 words or less.
3. Two letters of reference: One from a teacher, principal or counselor who has known you for at least 2 years, and one personal reference from an adult connected to St. Luke who has known you for at least 2 years such as, a Youth Ministry Advisor, Sunday School or Greek School teacher, other than a family member.
4. Copy of high school transcript.
5. Please check if you are applying for a \$3000 scholarship _____ and a \$2500 scholarship _____

All applications must be postmarked no later than Monday, April 24, 2026. Incomplete applications or those postmarked after this date will not be processed. All information received from applicants will be treated as confidential.

Scholarship winner will be notified by **May 30, 2026.**

Mail completed application to:

Greek Orthodox Ladies Philoptochos Society of St. Luke

Scholarship Applicant

St. Luke Greek Orthodox Church

35 North Malin Road

Broomall, PA 19008

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____

Address of Parent/Guardian: _____

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____



2026 GREEK AFFAIR IS SEPTEMBER 18, 19 & 20

Greek Affair is our major fundraiser with the proceeds benefitting the maintenance and enhancement of our facilities and ministries.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Even if you are not a baker, there are still various ways you can contribute. Your help and participation play a vital role in the preparation of our mouthwatering pastries. It is a great way to help our church, have fun and enjoy great fellowship. Once again, we ask that you, as good stewards of our beloved St. Luke, volunteer your time and talent to prepare the delicious pastries for which our festival is known.

All are welcome ...mothers, daughters, husbands, fathers and sons. We promise a good time and you will leave with something more valuable: the feeling of good will, being part of the embrace of our beloved St. Luke Community.

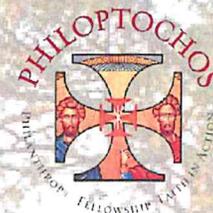
GREEK AFFAIR BAKING CHAIRS

Diane Sioutis, Karen Kotapka, Maria Carafides, Eugenia Gekas

2026 GREEK AFFAIR BAKING SCHEDULE

All Sessions Begin at 10:00am

<u>PASTRY</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>CHAIRS</u>
PASTA FLORA	Tuesday March 3 rd	Alexis Limberakis Kay Karalis Janine Voudouris
KATAIFI	Tuesday March 10 th	Presv Michele Kontos Maria Carafides
BAKLAVA	Tuesday March 17 th	Diane Sioutis Karen Kotapka
BAKLAVA	Tuesday March 24 th	Diane Sioutis Karen Kotapka
SPANAKOPITA	Monday March 30 th	Deme Peters
SPANAKOPITA	Tuesday March 31 st	Deme Peters
FENEKIA	Tuesday April 21 st	Diane Sioutis Karen Kotapka
KOULOOURAKIA	Monday April 27 th	Tom Trantas Ginny Markos
KOULOOURAKIA	Tuesday April 28 th	Anna Trantas Michelle Karalis



WALKING WITH CHRIST

SEMINARIAN BENEFIT LUNCHEON

SATURDAY MARCH 14, 2026 AT 11 A.M.
ST. NICHOLAS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH
467 GRANDVIEW AVE, WYCKOFF, NJ 07481



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GO GREEN?

For your convenience, our monthly bulletin,

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www.st-luke.org

Just click on “Monthly Epistle”. If you would like to receive the Epistle in this digital format only and not by mail, please email our Office Manager:

stlukeoffice@gmail.com or call (610) 353-1592

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