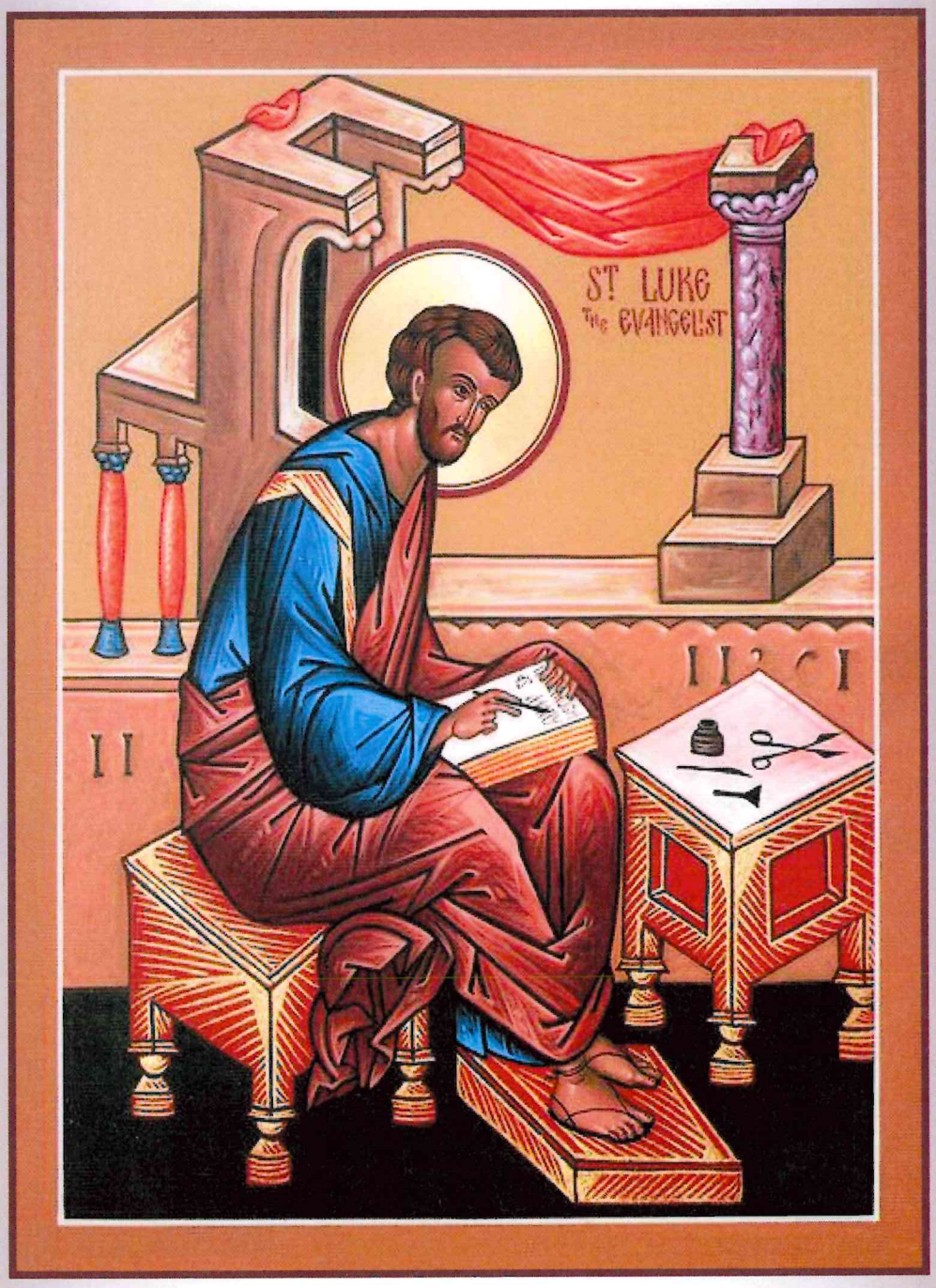
THE EPISTLE

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NOVEMBER 2026



November Pastoral Message

Celebrating 10 Years of Candy Care - Let's Break New Records!

Friends,

Let's make this November our sweetest and most generous yet! Many of you will remember our years of working with Candy Care. This year marks a very special milestone as we celebrate our **10th anniversary of hosting Candy Care at St. Luke!**

Candy Care is a wonderful organization that brings a little sweetness into the lives of children and families in need. It also provides some relief for those struggling with addiction. For many of these families, something as simple as a candy bar is a special treat they rarely can enjoy.

In 2016, we opened the doors of St. Luke and welcomed Candy Care to use our facilities to collect Halloween candy throughout November. Ten years later, that simple act of kindness continues to bring joy to so many.

To our young people, here is your chance to do something special for others ALL BY YOURSELVES! You get to decide which candy you want to hare and how much you want to give. The Bible teaches us the importance of giving, and the tradition of offering 10% is a wonderful place to start. Imagine how much happiness we could spread if everyone shared just a small portion of their Halloween treats!

And to our parents, grandparents, and parishioners, you can help make this our biggest collection ever!

From November 1st through November 20th, we invite everyone to bring Halloween candy to church. Children may leave their donations in their Sunday School classrooms, and everyone is welcome to drop off candy in the **Candy Care Drop Room**, located near our offices on the lower level.

As we celebrate ten years of this wonderful ministry, **let's break our previous records and make life a little sweeter for those in need throughout the year!**

God bless your generosity and your willingness to share God's love with others!

Brotherly, I remain in His loving service,

Fr. Chris



Candy Care



ST LUKE CANDY CARE
WE NEED YOUR HELP!!

Homeless people get lots of packaged dinners and peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, but CANDY never makes it to their plates. We collect Halloween Candy and give it to children, women, and men who are totally homeless with only the shelters to provide any food, clothes, or beds.

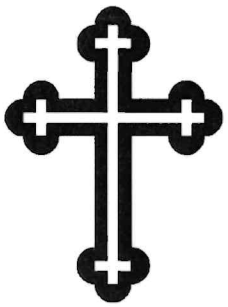
Imagine – children that NEVER see a candy bar!! Impossible, right? It's true! All the people at these shelters LOVE and WANT the candy. The adults like the candy because, well, its candy :) But, many of them are alcoholics or drug addicts and need the sugar in their system. Plus, they like a sweet candy in their pockets when they get back on the street.

You are going to make life a little sweeter this year for those in need. During the month of November, bring some Halloween candy that you've collected to Church ***from November 1-20, 2026 9am-3pm and leave it in the Candy Care room near the church office.***

Please help and give generously this Halloween!!!



NOVEMBER 2026 ECCLESIASTICAL CALENDAR



Sunday, November 1st **5th Sunday of Luke**
Cosmas & Damianos, Theodota; David of Evia
8:50am Orthros and 10:00am Divine Liturgy

Sunday, November 8th **7th Sunday of Luke**
Synaxis of the Archangels
8:50am Orthros and 10:00am Divine Liturgy

Monday, November 9th **St. Nektarios the Wonderworker**
8:50am Orthros and 10:00am Divine Liturgy

Sunday, November 15th **8th Sunday of Luke: Nativity Fast Begins**
Gurias & Confessors of Edessa; Thomas, Archbishop of Constantine
8:50am Orthros and 10:00am Divine Liturgy

Saturday, November 21st **Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple**
8:50am Orthros and 10:00am Divine Liturgy

Sunday, November 22nd **9th Sunday of Luke**
Philemon of the 70; Archippus the Apostle
8:50am Orthros and 10:00am Divine Liturgy

Wednesday, November 25th **Katherine the Great Martyr**
8:50am Orthros and 10:00am Divine Liturgy

Sunday, November 29th **13th Sunday of Luke**
Paramonus & 370 Martyrs; Nicholas, Archbishop of Thessolonica
8:50am Orthros and 10:00am Divine Liturgy

Monday, November 30th **St. Andrew the First-Called Apostle**
8:50am Orthros and 10:00am Divine Liturgy

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 10:30am Sunday School/SPARK 12PM GOYA Meeting 12:15pm Choir 2pm GOYA Basketball	2	3 ELECTION DAY 10am BGT Baking 10am Senior Men 5:30pm Elements of Theology 7pm Parish Council Meeting	4 11am Bible Study 7pm Boys Basketball	5 10am Senior Men 6pm Building Committee 7pm Greek Dance	6 10am Senior Men 6:30pm Philoptochos Bag Bingo 	7 4pm St. Luke Community Night 
8 CHURCH MUSIC SUNDAY 9am YiaYia Attic Donation Drop-off 10:30am Sunday School/Godparent 12pm PC General Assembly 5pm Ambassador Award Banquet	9 6pm BGT Kitchen Baking set-up	10 10am BGT Baking 10am Senior Men 5pm Greek School 5:30pm Elements of Theology 6:30pm Girls Basketball 7pm JOY/HOPE Friendsgiving 8:00pm Adult Volleyball	11 11am Bible Study 12pm YiaYia Attic Donation Drop-off 7:00pm Boys Basketball	12 10am Senior Men 7pm Greek Dance	13 10am Senior Men	14
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PARISH LIFE

Forty-Day Blessings

On October 11, 2026, Father Christ offered the Forty Day Blessing for **Christina Maria Alexopoulos**. Congratulations to **Pete & Sophia Alexopoulos** as we anticipate the Baptism!

On October 11, 2026, Father Christ offered the Forty Day Blessing for **Penelope Konstantina Papatsiaras**. Congratulations to **Nicholas & Courtney Papatsiaras** as we anticipate the Baptism!

October 11, 2026, Father Christ offered the Forty Day Blessing for **Vasilios Nikolas Pappas**. Congratulations to **Valante & Amelia Pappas** as we anticipate the Baptism!

Baptisms

The daughter of **Efthimios & Eleni Angelis** was baptized on October 4, 2026. Her sponsor, **Matthew & Melissa Horwatt**, baptized her with the name *Maria Sofia*. May Our Lord continue to bless you, **Maria Sofia Angelis**.

The daughter of **Newton & Grace Shunk** was baptized on October 25, 2026. Her sponsor, **Matthew Smith-Tucker**, baptized her with the name *Amelia*. May Our Lord continue to bless you, **Savanna Grace Amelia Shunk**.

The son of **Timothy & Kimberly Shunk** was baptized on October 25, 2026. His sponsor, **Evdokia (Athanas) Smith**, baptized him with the name *George*. May Our Lord continue to bless you, **Newton Gail Shunk**.

The son of **Evan & Yanna Wolf** was baptized on October 25, 2026. His sponsor, **George & Amanda Gekas**, baptized him with the name *John*. May Our Lord continue to bless you, **Zannis Wolf**.

Funerals

Aris Petropoulos fell asleep in the Lord on October 7, 2026. His funeral service was held on October 22, 2026. *We extend our condolences and prayers to the family. MAY HIS MEMORY BE ETERNAL.*

CAMPAIGN PROGRESS FOR 2026 STEWARDSHIP

- $630,000.00 Goal
- $557,114.12 Pledged
- *-$72,885.88 Pledges needed*
- $469,597.97 Received
- *-$160,402.03 Total needed*
- **Total Pledges:** 425



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? Email Presbytera Michele at SaintLukePrayer@gmail.com

MEAL TRAIN MINISTRY INVITATION

In an ongoing effort to care for and support our St. Luke family, I am inviting parishioners to join a Meal Train ministry. This ministry provides meals to individuals and families in times of need, due to illness, recovery, or other difficult circumstances. Participants will receive occasional notifications by email or text with the opportunity to sign up to prepare or order a meal for delivery. To make the process simple and respectful, a cooler will be placed outside the home, allowing for easy, non-intrusive drop-off.

If you feel called to offer this small act of love and service, I welcome you to join us. Please see Presvytera Michele or email her at micheleakontos@gmail.com to be added to the list. Thank you for your consideration and for helping us live out our faith through care for one another. Sincere gratitude to those who have already helped, God bless your kindness and care.

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.

METROPOLIS OF NEW JERSEY

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY NOTIFICATION

October 6, 2026

Beloved:

A General Assembly has been scheduled for **Sunday November 8, 2026**. We will commence the meeting immediately after Divine Liturgy in our Community Center. If a quorum is not met on **Sunday November 8, 2026**, we will convene on **Sunday November 22, 2026** after Divine Liturgy in our Community Center.

General Assemblies are convened to provide updates on parish life, operational and financial conditions, key committees, and present an overview of the ministries we support. We encourage your attendance as we will be presenting our vision and conceptual renderings for our building project and seeking your vote. Other items will include nominations for the 2027 Parish Council, Elections and Audit Committees, and approval of the 2027 budget.

If you are in good standing, we ask and need your participation and hope to see you on **Sunday November 8, 2026**.

AGENDA

1. Open Meeting
2. Opening Prayer
3. Nomination of General Assembly Chair
4. Approval of Minutes from May 2026 General Assembly
5. Pastor's Report
6. President's Report
7. Treasury Report
8. Committee Reports
    a. Stewardship
    b. Rentals
    c. Greek Affair
    d. Building Committee
    e. Property and Facilities Management
    f. Philoptochos
    g. Youth
9. New Business
    a. Nominations for Parish Council
    b. Nominations for Election Committee
    c. Nominations for Audit Committee
    d. 2027 Budget
10. Old Business
11. Adjournment and Closing Prayer

Rev. Father Christ Kontos, Protopresbyter

Andrew Papageorge, Parish Council President

ST. LUKE CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

We are excited to begin preparations for the annual St. Luke Christmas Pageant. The Christmas Pageant this year will take place after the Divine Liturgy on **Sunday, December 20, 2026.**

Please register for the pageant using the QR code, or via the sign-up table at coffee hour following Divine Liturgy on Sunday, 11/15/26 and Sunday, 11/22/26.

There are two scheduled **practices for the Christmas pageant, Sunday, 12/6/26 and 12/13/26** immediately following the Divine Liturgy and Sunday School. Practice will be about one hour. Attendance at both practices is strongly encouraged so that the children will feel confident and prepared for the pageant. For concerns about practice attendance, please contact Faithe R. Kalisperis, Christmas Pageant Director.

Participation in the pageant is a true highlight of the year for our students and their families. We look forward to having as many students as possible join this wonderful St. Luke tradition on December 20th following the Divine Liturgy.

Please email or text Faithe R. Kalisperis to address any questions, or for assistance with registration saintlukepageant@gmail.com or 610-256-1598.



SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Dear Sunday School Families,

Please find the November Sunday School Schedule below:
November 1, 2026 – Workship and Classes; Spark Sunday
November 7, 2026 – First Annual St. Luke Community Night
November 8, 2026 – Worship and Classes; Godparents Sunday
November 13 –15, 2026 – GOYA Fall Retreat
November 15, 2026 – Worship and Classes (K-6 only); Advent/Nativity Fast Begins, Christmas Pageant Registration
November 22, 2026 – Worship and Classes; Christmas Pageant Registration; Teacher Meeting
November 29, 2026 – Worship, NO Classes; Thanksgiving Break

** Please note that there are no classes on 11/15 for grades 7-12, as we hope all of our students are at the GOYA Fall retreat!*

Sunday School Thanksgiving Outreach- Over the next couple of months, Sunday School will support our Philoptochos' outreach to two different ministries. In November, students in all grades will make cards to thank our Veterans at the Coatesville Medical Center for their service to our country. This is a ministry Sunday School supports every year. *"I was in prison, and you visited Me" (Matthew 25:36).*

This year, we will also support the Orthodox Christian Prison Ministry (OCPM). Our high school juniors and seniors will be invited to create Christmas cards that our Philoptochos will send to OCPM to distribute to incarcerated Orthodox Christians during the Christmas season. A letter with detailed information about OCPM and the project will be sent to all junior and senior families. Parents or guardians must sign a permission slip before their child participates. Please note: If your child creates and signs a card, his/her first name only will be used, and none of your family's personal information will be shared. OCPM rigorously protects the identity of those who participate in any way through its outreach to Orthodox prisoners. You can read more information here https://theocpm.org/.

Godparents' Sunday- We are looking forward to celebrating and reaffirming the godparent-godchild bond with you on Sunday, Nov. 8, 2026. Father Christ will offer special prayers for all Nounos, Nounas, and their godchildren, whom we hope will receive the Holy Eucharist together on Nov. 8. There will be no Sunday School classes that week so that godparents and godchildren may worship together for the entire Divine Liturgy. If you haven't done so already, please reach out to your children's godparents and invite them to join us for this special day, which highlights the importance of godparents in your children's religious and spiritual growth. Invitations for you to send to the godparents in your extended family will be sent home with your children by their Sunday School teachers.

FOCUS St. Nicholas Coat Drive - Last year, 14-year-old Nicholas Zarnow from St. Sophia's in Jeffersonville started a coat drive to provide new, as well as gently used, coats, blankets, hats, gloves and scarves to the homeless communities in Norristown and Philadelphia already being served with weekly meals provided by donors and volunteers at the FOCUS Philly Center. With Father Christ's blessing, we will be supporting Nicholas' beautiful initiative by collecting cold weather clothing from the beginning of November until Dec, 6, the Feast of St. Nicholas. We will provide a place for the clothing to be dropped off. More details will be forthcoming in the weekly Sunday bulletins and emails to our Sunday School families.

2027 St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival - The 2027 St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival manual of Topics, Tips, and Resources has been released. We have given these materials to the teachers to discuss with their students. You may access this official Oratorical packet of information at https://www.goarch.org/oratorical

Parents, encourage your children to deepen their faith by exploring the Oratorical Festival topics (see below) and participating in the St. Luke Parish Oratorical Festival, tentatively planned for March 2027. More details will follow. For questions, contact Art Karros at akarros@gmail.com or Maria Armenti at mariaaesq@gmail.com.

St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival Senior Division Topics (10th -12th Grade)

TOPIC 1- Modern society often speaks about freedom in terms of personal choice and independence. Orthodox Christianity offers a different understanding of freedom. Explore the Orthodox Christian understanding of freedom and how it compares to how our culture defines it.

TOPIC 2- AI is changing how we work, create, and relate to each other. How can Orthodox theology inform how we think about and use it?

TOPIC 3- Several women across Church history hold the title "Equal to the Apostles" for their role in spreading the Gospel — St. Mary Magdalene, St. Thekla, St. Helena, St. Nina of Georgia, St. Olga of Kyiv. Choose one and discuss her impact.

TOPIC 4- Orthodox worship engages the whole person: we see icons, smell incense, hear chanting, make prostrations, light candles, and receive the Eucharist. Why is Orthodox worship so physical, and what does this reveal about the relationship between the body, the material world, and salvation?

TOPIC 5- Christ commands His followers to love their enemies and pray for those who persecute them (Matthew 5:44). What does it actually mean to love an enemy, and how have Orthodox Christians understood and practiced this difficult command?

St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival Junior Division Topics (7th-9th Grade)

TOPIC 1- The image of the Good Shepherd carries deep spiritual significance in Scripture. Explore what it reveals about God's relationship with His people.

TOPIC 2- Abraham and Sarah welcome three strangers who turn out to be angels (Genesis 18). What does this story teach us?

TOPIC 3- Orthodox Christians fast far more than just Great Lent and the Nativity Fast — and fasting isn't only about food. Explain the broader purpose of fasting in our spiritual lives.

TOPIC 4- Every Orthodox Christian has a godparent who sponsors them in the faith. What is a godparent's role, and why does the Church consider it so important?

TOPIC 5- Unlike many Christian traditions, Orthodox infants receive Communion shortly after baptism. What does this practice teach us about how the Church understands children's place in its life?

2027 St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival National Festival Awards

The following awards will be presented in both the Junior and Senior Divisions:

- First place: $3,050
- Second place: $2,250
- Third place: $1,050
- Honorable mention: $800

Elementary Division Topics (4th-6th Grade)

TOPIC 1- Choose one miracle performed by Jesus and tell the story in your own words. What happened? What does this miracle teach us about Jesus and His love for people?

TOPIC 2- Choose a person from the Bible whom you would like to meet. Who would you choose? What questions would you ask them? What can we learn from their life?

TOPIC 3- Jesus teaches us to love one another. Describe what it means to be a good Christian friend. How can children show kindness, forgiveness, and love in everyday life?

TOPIC 4- Choose a special place in your church, such as the altar area, the iconostasis, the candle stand, or another place. Describe it and explain why it is important in Orthodox worship.

TOPIC 5- Tell us about when and how you like to pray. Do you have a favorite prayer or a special place where you pray? How does your prayer help you?

From the 2027 St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival Manual:

- The elementary division is strictly a local program.
- There is no judging.
- The topics are modest but invite creativity: Jesus, prayer, icons, re-enact a parable or Bible story, etc. Be creative!
- It is designed to fit easily into the Sunday School program with flexible topics that coincide with the curriculum

Divine Liturgy Readers- Please encourage your children to volunteer to read the Epistle or the Communion Prayer during Divine Liturgy. We will send you the reading(s) ahead of time so that your child can practice and become comfortable with the texts beforehand, so please contact us at stlukesundayschool@gmail.com

ST. LUKE GREEK FOLK DANCE GROUPS

Thank you to our Ellinakia and Olympian Dance Groups who performed at the St. Luke Name Day Luncheon! We're so proud of you all!



Our Greek Folk Dance Groups are still accepting new members! No previous dance experience is necessary! Rehearsals are held on Thursday evenings at Saint Luke. We welcome dancers to participate for the full year but can also accommodate seasonal sports schedules and other activities.

Children entering Second Grade through Sixth Grade can join **Ellinakia**
Youth entering Seventh Grade through Twelfth Grade can join **Olympians**

Access our online registration form at Greek Dance Registration 2026-27 or use the QR code

Please contact Cynthia Costanzo at ckarakantas@gmail.com with any questions.

JOY/HOPE

presents

CHRISTMAS Kalanta

Sunday
December 6th
3PM-8PM





If your child is interested in caroling, please use the QR code below to sign up

If you would like for us to visit your home, please use the QR code below

Please contact Fotini Kathopoulis at
609-214-7922 for any questions

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!

Please save the following dates:

- **Fridays with Father:** is being rescheduled. Future date to be announced.
- **Friendsgiving**:
  - Tuesday, November 10th (after Greek School) in room CR100
- **Christmas Kalanta:**
  - Sunday, December 6th (3-8pm)
  - Carols will be sung in Greek and English
  - Practices: Nov 15th and Nov 22nd at 12pm (right after Sunday school) in RM208
  - Contact Fotini Kathopoulis: 609-214-7922
- **Friday with Father:**
  - January 15th (5-6:30pm)

For information, 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'"

CHOIR NEWS

For information about joining the Senior or Youth Choir contact Choir Director, Dena Papadopoulos at dena80papa@gmail.com

St. Luke Senior Choir –

All who enjoy singing are invited to join the St. Luke Senior Choir. New member sessions can be arranged to acquaint you with our music.

Sunday Youth Choir –

Students in grades 5 through 12 are welcome to join the Sunday Youth Choir. On Sunday mornings, Youth Choir reports directly to the choir loft at 10:00 AM and joins the Senior Choir to participate in the singing of the Divine Liturgy. Then, before the start of the children's sermon, Youth Choir joins the Sunday School, seated in church. Youth Choir members do not miss Sunday School. There are no rehearsals for Sunday Youth Choir.

COFFEE HOUR SCHEDULE

NOVEMBER – Chairs: Maria Navrosidis & Litsa Gavrilas-Krantz

1-November	Christina Katsapis	Lisa Shaiko
8-November	Katherine Kennedy	Elena Aughey
15-November	Carol Kusturiss	Alyssa Poole
22-November	Christina Turner	Christina Thomas
29-November	Effie Guthrie & Diana Palumbo	*THANKSGIVING*

DECEMBER – Chairs: Effie Guthrie & Toula Nikolos

6-December	*BOUTIQUES & TREATS*	*BOUTIQUES & TREATS*
13-December	Kathy Polites	Alexis Limberakis
20-December	Betsy Pappas & Nopi Lazaridou	*CHRISTMAS PAGEANT*
27-December	Phyllis Roebas	Christina Mahjouri

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

*If unavailable, arrange a replacement and reply to the reminder email with their name. Arrive by 9:45 AM.

DIAKONIA SCHEDULE

Date	On Duty	On Duty
November 1	Stephanie Carroll	Sue Clark
November 8	Maria Carafides	Diane Sioutis
November 15	Vasie Marinakos	Anna Hadgis
November 22	Alexis Limberakis	Sue Clark
November 29	Joyce Vlassopoulos	Martha DiCamillo
December 6	Marta Laynas	Anna Andreadis
December 13	Tom Trantas	Barbara Papageorge
Christmas Pageant December 20	Gus Pappas Sonya Pappas	Vasie Marinakos Alexis Limberakis
December 27	Stephanie Carroll	Sue Clark

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
- If you cannot serve on your scheduled day, please switch with another member (no need to inform me)

FOR THOSE IN NEED (FTIN)
Winter Warmth Drive

Spread the warmth this season

November 1-30

From 9AM-3PM

We need:

Brand new hats, scarves, gloves, mittens, and socks for children, teens, and adults in need.

Donation Drof-off:

St Luke Greek Orthodox Church (Education Building Lobby)

Please remember to place all items in bags before dropping them off in the designated bin. Thank you!

For Those in Need…
you may ask, "What are we doing lately?"

NOVEMBER, 2026 *Epistle*

For Those In Need (FTIN) helps in St. Luke's outreach to the community, offering basic 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.

In **Late-September & October** FTIN prepared and distributed evening meals for approximately 185 people being served by The Life Center and the Salvation Army, including a generous selection of additional items kindly donated by *The Greek Affair*.

November's Thanksgiving Cook will take place on Monday evening, **November 16th** beginning at **4:30pm**. In addition to preparing more items, the scale of this traditional Thanksgiving meal is expanded to feed over 250 people, reflecting invitations extended in a broader holiday outreach to our partner organizations' communities.

FTIN's annual **Frozen Turkey Drive** has begun and will continue to accept turkeys of all sizes through Tuesday morning, NOV 17th. They may be placed in the large cart in the Kitchen walk-in freezer. Further details may be found in the recently distributed e-mail announcement.

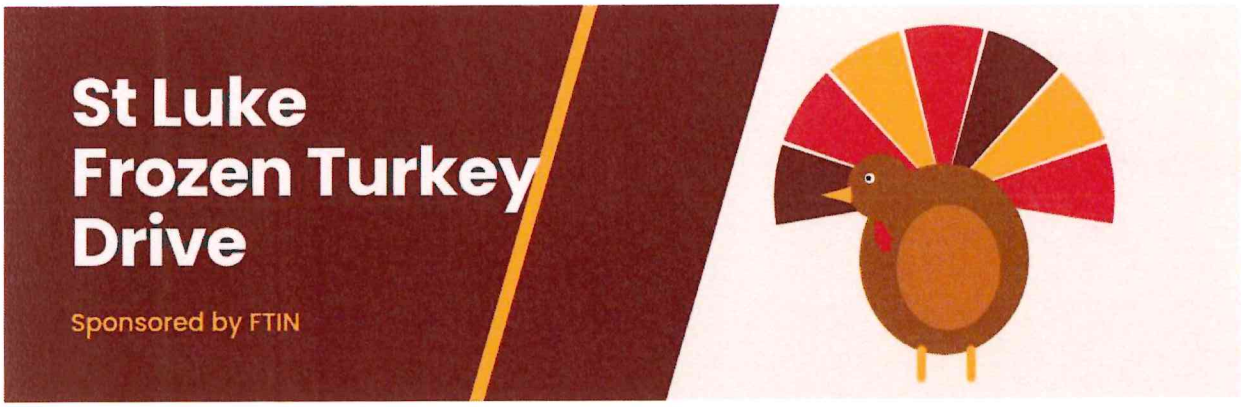
Finally, we are once again launching the **Winter Warmth Drive** in support of the *Domestic Abuse Project of Delaware County* (DAP) and *Grands Stepping Up*. Please place any hats, scarves, gloves, mittens, socks or any other new or gently used items of apparel offering winter warmth in the container in the lower lobby area by November 30th.

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!

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. Checks (payable to "For Those In Need") may be mailed to the parish office.

For more information about FTIN, to be added to our mailing list and how you can volunteer or make a donation, please contact:
Alan Pcsolyar at: apcsolyar@comcast.net or 610-457-6033



Frozen Turkey Drive: Sharing with those in need

St. Luke's For Those In Need (FTIN) is once again sponsoring a *Frozen* Turkey drive for distribution by the Salvation Army to those families on its food pantry register for whom a special holiday meal would otherwise remain beyond their reach this year.

Last year thanks to your generosity we collected 201 turkeys, which were gratefully received; but unfortunately, we know that if we were able to collect more this year, they would ***not*** go to waste. With your continued help, **we can** match or exceed the number of recipients for whom we make a difference!

Important Notes:

1. Whole frozen turkeys or frozen turkey breasts of *any size* are welcome since the unprecedented need has affected families large and small.
2. Turkeys can be delivered to the church office between 9am - 3pm weekdays (please call first @ 610-353-1592 to make sure we haven't stepped out); or drop them off on Sunday when you come for Liturgy.
3. **Our drive will continue through Tuesday, November 17th. Please note the shortened collection period this year, enabling our partner organization(s) to distribute them the week prior to Thanksgiving.**

So as we prepare our own tables with delicious food for Thanksgiving and the Holidays, we hope you'll consider this opportunity to help others as well. Let's inspire hope for hundreds of families this season. If you have any questions, please reach out to me or our FTIN Chair Alan Pcsolyar.

"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat." Matthew 25:35

Thank you so much for your help in this meaningful ministry to those in need.

LET'S GET MERRY

SENIOR MEN'S GROUP

Christmas Party

Tuesday December 8th from 12-3pm

Anthony's Restaurant in Springfield

Menu selections:

salmon, chicken, or crab cakes

Appetizers/wine provided for each table

$50 per person (cash only)

Sitting is limited - reserve by December 2nd

For reservations, contact Peter Karamolengos, Tom Antonakis, Kostas Bouikidis

Greetings ISLAND

Collecting donations for Yiayia's Attic

Drop off donations in the
old Board Room
Sundays Nov. 8,15,22
9:00-1:00
Wednesdays Nov 11,18,25
12:00-3:00

We are collecting jewelry, holiday items,
fine china, crystal, glassware
& festive decorations.
No linens,clothing, books, handbags
or broken items will be accepted.



PHILOPTOCHOS SOCIETY NEWS

SAVE THE DATE

Baking for Boutiques & Greek Treats Greek Pastries Booth - "Tuesdays at 10" - Nov 3, 10, 17, 2026

Bag Bingo - Friday, November 6, 2026

Yiayia's Attic at Boutiques & Greek Treats 2026 Drop Off Dates
Sundays, Nov. 8, 15, and 22, 2026 / Wednesdays, Nov. 11, 18, and 25, 2026

St. Luke Christmas Card and Poinsettia Offerings
Christmas Card deadline: November 8, 2026 / Poinsettia Offering deadline: December 20, 2026

Wreath Making Workshop - Sunday, Nov. 29, 2026

Christmas Tree Decorating Social - Tuesday, December 1, 2026

12th Annual Boutiques & Greek Treats - Saturday, December 5 - Sunday, December 6, 2026

Fall Raffle - Drawing during Boutiques & Greek Treats, Sunday, December 6, 2026

Coffee Hour Volunteers- Coffee Hour began on Sunday, Oct. 4, 2026. The schedule for volunteers has been released, so please look for your name and, hopefully, you will be able to come and volunteer on the day you are assigned. If you cannot make it for that day, please find a replacement. We thank you all for your help. Effie Guthrie, Betsy Pappas and Diana Palumbo, Chairladies

Reception Sponsorship- Sponsor a St. Luke Community Reception! Celebrate faith, honor loved ones and help build community by sponsoring an upcoming reception. Your sponsorship supports joyful, meaningful receptions and is recognized with gratitude. For questions, please contact info@stlukephiloptochos.org.

Bag Bingo-The Ladies Philoptochos Society is excited to introduce a brand-new fundraising event - **Bag Bingo** - on **November 6, 2026 in the Community Center!** Join us for a fabulous night of bingo, beautiful designer bags, luxury raffles, and wonderful company - all supporting our Philoptochos mission! Tickets: $35 per person. *More details on the flyer.*

St. Luke Christmas Card and Poinsettia Offerings- As we approach the joyous holiday season, we warmly invite you to join in our Annual Christmas Card and Poinsettia Offering.
Christmas Card - Send your love and holiday wishes to fellow parishioners! Your name(s) will be included in a beautiful Christmas card shared with the entire St. Luke community - Minimum Donation: $20. Due: November 8, 2026

Poinsettia Offering - Honor or remember your loved ones with a poinsettia that will adorn our church throughout the Christmas season - Donation: $20. Due: December 20, 2026
Please submit your donation electronically at our Christmas Store tab on stlukephiloptochos.org or by scanning the QR code. Questions? Email: Christmas@stlukephiloptochos.org .
With appreciation, The Philoptochos Christmas Committee

Wreath Making Workshop- You are invited to the Wreath Making Workshop! The event will be held again this year at St. Luke's Social Hall on Sunday, November 29, 2026, at 3 pm. BYOB and bring a friend, your own hand pruners and glue guns! Any questions? *Please see flyer or contact Alexandra Vamvakidou at alvam2002@gmail.com.*

Christmas Tree Decorating Social- Join us on Tuesday, December 1, 2026, at 5:00 pm for our Christmas Tree Decorating Social as we decorate the St. Luke trees in the church and Social Hall. All are welcome! Snacks and wine provided; BYOB welcome. We'll also set up the trees on Sunday, November 29, 2026, after church. For details, contact Betsy (bggeorgelos@gmail.com) or Maria (mscavitto@comcast.net).

Cape May Fall Raffle- Our Cape May Fall Raffle is back! Chances are $20 each and are available for purchase on our website and through Philoptochos board members. The prize package features resort accommodations, gift cards to two of historic Cape May's favorite restaurants, and more- a $1,300 value! *More details on the flyer.*

Baking for Boutiques & Greek Treats Greek Pastries Booth, "Tuesdays at 10"- Join us on Tuesday, Nov. 3, 10, 17, 2026 to prepare Greek treats for Boutiques & Greek Treats!

Yiayia's Attic at Boutiques & Greek Treats 2026- Please drop off items for the Yiayia's Attic sale at Boutiques & Greek Treats in the old Board Room, Sundays, Nov. 8, 15, and 22, from 9:00 am to 1 pm, and Wednesdays, Nov. 11, 18, and 25, 2:00 to 3 pm. We are collecting jewelry, holiday items, fine china, crystal, glassware and festive decorations. No linens, clothing, books, handbags, or CD's or broken items will be accepted.

12th Annual Boutiques & Greek Treats 2026- Saturday, December 5th 10-4 & Sunday, December 6th noon-4. Join us for shopping, Greek lunch & pastries, American desserts, raffles, wreaths, Yiayia's Attic & more! Stay tuned for: our "Tuesdays at 10" Baking days, November Sundays Coffee Hour Pre Sales, and our Sign-Up Genius page. Interested vendors & volunteers contact: boutiquesgt@gmail.com or 610-353-1592.

Philoptochos Charity Committee- On September 26th, our chapter purchased 100 of each of the following items: drawstring bags, combs, chap sticks, razors, and deodorant, for $266. The drawstring bags were filled with the smaller items to create hygiene kits at

the FOCUS Philly Center at St. Sophia's on September 30, and were then distributed, along with meals, to the homeless at the Upper Room in Norristown.

On Saturday, October 10th, our Philoptochos volunteers went to Malcolm X Park and joined Sharing Excess for another meaningful outreach effort, handing out fresh produce to neighbors who needed it most. We spent the afternoon distributing produce and greeting our guests. We presented them with a $300 Check.

On December 15 at 11 am, members of our chapter will visit Pine View Healthcare & Rehabilitation Center, directly across Malin Road from St. Luke's, with Father Christ as he gives Orthodox residents the Sacrament of Holy Communion. We will present them with cards, flowers and Greek treats. We recently have been going into individual rooms rather than congregating in the community area. However, our final plan will depend on the health of each resident. For information about outing, contact Anna Hadgis, anna.hadgis@gmail.com.

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

Our Ladies Philoptochos would like to thank the following sponsors for their donations:

-Anonymous, for her sponsorship of: Sunday, October 18, 2026, St. Luke the Evangelist, in memory of her loved ones.

-Christina Thomas, for her sponsorship of: Sunday October 18, 2026, St. Luke the Evangelist, in loving memory of her parents, Speros and Ute Thomas.

Upcoming sponsorship opportunities include:

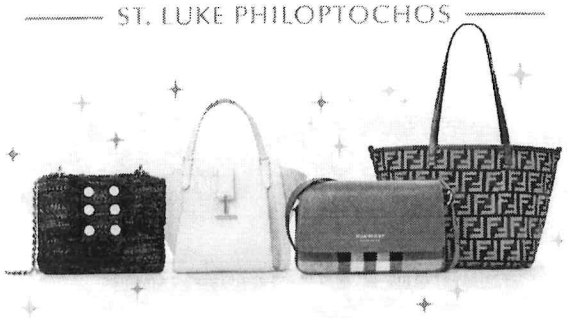
Sunday, November 1st - Ss. Cosmas and Damianos
Monday, November 9th - St. Nektarios the Wonderworker
Saturday, November 21st - Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple
Wednesday, November 25th - St. Katherine the Great Martyr
Monday, November 30th - St. Andrew the First Called Apostle

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

Philoptochos Stewardship Information- As a valued member of Philoptochos, your membership contribution is instrumental in supporting our philanthropic mission. Every membership empowers us with the resources and credibility needed to extend our reach and deepen our impact—so we can truly help those who need us most. If you haven't done so, offer your Stewardship by using the link below. The minimum is $35 per year. Note: Questions, reach out to Stewardship Chairperson Stacy Floratos at membership@stlukephiloptochos.org.

BAG BINGO

ST. LUKE PHILOPTOCHOS



Friday, November 6, 2026

7:00 PM

St. Luke Community Center
35 N. Malin Rd
Broomall, PA 19008

Join us for a night out with bingo, beautiful bags, and even better company!

Admission $35 | Scan to Purchase Tickets
BYO beverages, apps, & treats to share!
Table Theme Decorating Contest!
bagbingo@stlukephiloptochos.org

YOU ARE INVITED TO THE

Ladies Philoptochos Wreath Workshop

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29TH AT 3PM
THE SOCIAL HALL AT ST. LUKE

BYOB and bring a friend, your own hand pruners and glue guns! Appetizers and treats will be served!

Tickets are $40.

PURCHASE TICKETS BY NOVEMBER 23RD

Any questions? Please contact Alexandra Vamvakidou
alvam2002@gmail.com

SCAN TO PURCHASE TICKETS

St. Luke Ladies Philoptochos Presents

"Cape May Escape" Raffle

Back By Popular Demand!

$20.00 per ticket



Enjoy a 2-night stay in historic & charming Cape May, NJ $1250 value

SCAN to Purchase Raffles

Drawing on
Sunday afternoon, December 6, 2026
at Boutiques and Greek Treats
St. Luke's Community Center

Includes: a $1000 Gift Certificate for accommodations at a Cape Collection Boutique Hotel (thecapecollectioncapemay.com) and $250 in Dining Gift Cards!

Need not be present to win

12th Annual Holiday Market!

BOUTIQUES & GREEK TREATS

DECEMBER 5TH 10-4
DECEMBER 6TH 12-4

St. Luke Philoptochos Society
35 N. Malin Rd. Broomall, PA
610-353-1592

Flea Market
Greek Lunch
Raffles
Vendors
Pastries



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Contact for more info:
StLukeFundraisers@gmail.com

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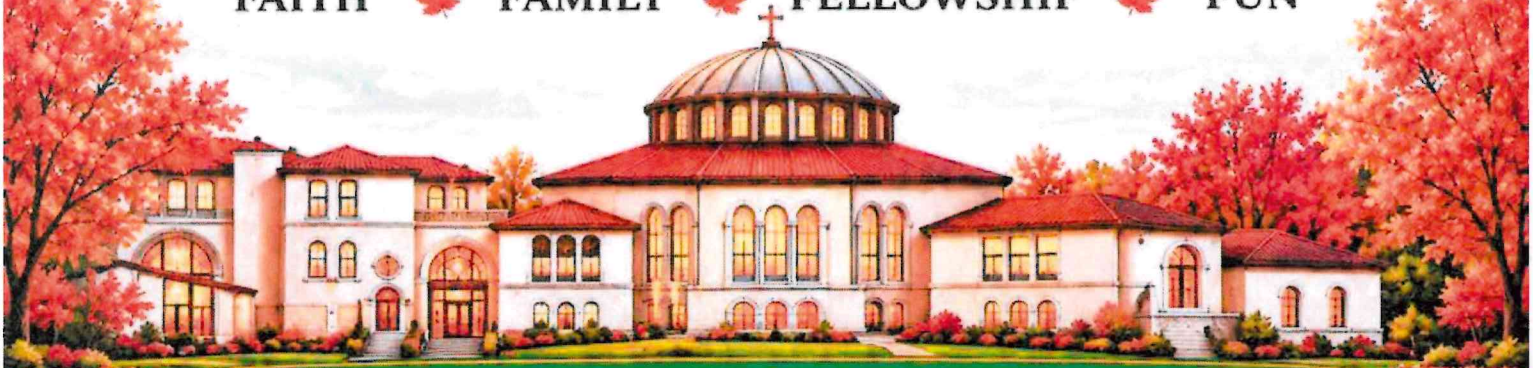
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Fall Community Night

FAITH ✦ FAMILY ✦ FELLOWSHIP ✦ FUN



COME TOGETHER. CONNECT. BELONG.

♡ Bring Your Family. Invite a Friend. ♡

Join us for a special evening designed to bring our entire parish community together for fellowship, friendship, and fall fun!

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2026

4:00 PM – 7:00 PM

- S'MORES STATION
- PUMPKIN FUN
- FUN FOR ALL AGES
- FOOD & FELLOWSHIP
- TAVLI & GAMES
- MUSIC & FELLOWSHIP
- TIME TO RELAX, SOCIALIZE & CONNECT

"How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!"
— Psalm 133:1

FREE EVENT • NO COST TO ATTEND

- SCAN TO REGISTER

We can't wait to see you there! ♡

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GO GREEN?

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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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