

THE EPISTLE

St. Luke Greek Orthodox Church

35 North Malin Road

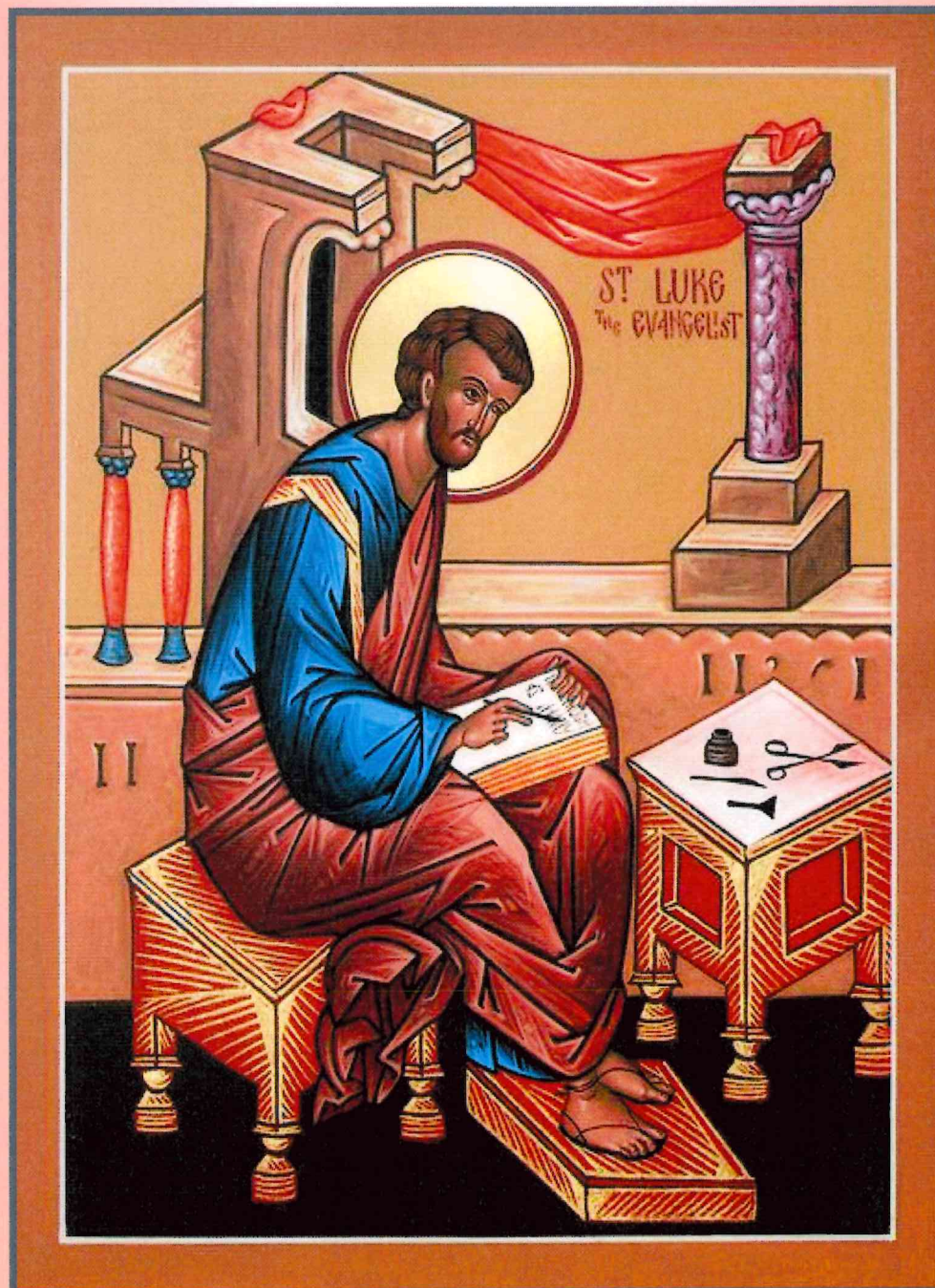
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Rev. Father Christ Kontos, Protopresbyter

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OCTOBER 2026



OCTOBER PASTORAL MESSAGE

Friends,

October is a month of celebration for our St. Luke family. First and foremost, we celebrate the recent success of the Greek Affair. This year's festival was marked by **χαρμολύπη - joyful sorrow**, as we dedicated it in memory of John while joyfully welcoming Chef Walt, who was exceptional. Our Lord blessed us with decent weather and even provided a little rain on Sunday to help clean things up.

More importantly, He brought us together as a family like never before. To our General Chair, Alexi Sioutis, and his assistants Andrew Papageorge and Tony Palmieri; our Philoptochos Baking Chairs, Maria Carafides, Karen Kotapka, and Diane Sioutis; Martha Dicamillo with her beautiful flowers, our Dance Troupe Director, Cynthia Costanzo, and instructors; the countless leaders who chaired our many booths: from Pizza, Loukoumades, Gyros, Calamari, Souvlaki, Ice Cream, Hospitality Tent, Church Tours, talented Christina Egonopoulos, sponsors & food donors and the new Dips Tent, to the Indoor and Outdoor restaurants & bars, pastries and Greek Coffee, our Treasurer Steve Fooskas, techs John Pylaras & Andrea Papadopoulos, as well as all of our volunteers and, of course, Vida, we thank you for making this Greek Affair a success.

Coming together for the glory of God and in support of St. Luke through this 49-year-old labor of love remains a blessing for all who participate.

October is also a month in which we celebrate our Patron Saint, St. Luke. Our celebration begins on October 17th with Great Vespers, where we will be joined by area clergy. Our celebration continues the next morning with Sunday Divine Liturgy. Our gracious Ladies Philoptochos will host receptions following both services.

Our St. Luke family is stronger than ever, and I give thanks to Almighty God for blessing us as we continue our good works in His Vineyard!

With brotherly love in Christ, I pray the intercessions of St. Luke be with you always,



Rev. Father Christ Kontos, Protopresbyter



CONGRATULATIONS, DEACON NIKOLAOS

Congratulations to Deacon Nikolaos who was ordained to the Holy Diaconate on Sunday, September 13th.

By the Grace of God, Deacon Nikolaos will continue serving at St Luke while assisting Fr Christ with his pastoral duties. We are blessed!

Congratulations to Dn. Nikolaos and to Diakonisa Corina! Axios, good Deacon! Axios!



Rev. Father Christ Kontos, Protopresbyter

DID YOU KNOW?

What does "deacon" mean? Deacon comes from the Greek word, "diakos" which means "one who serves". A deacon's roll is to assist a priest or bishop in performing their priestly duties.

Do we kiss a deacon's hand?

The better question might be, why do we kiss a priest's or bishop's right hand? It is because through the priest or bishop's hand he gives the Church's priestly blessing and offers the Holy Eucharist. The gesture honors Christ and the priesthood entrusted to him, not the man personally. A deacon is ordained clergy, but he does not possess the priestly authority to bless the faithful or consecrate the Holy Gifts; his ministry is to assist the bishop or priest. Therefore, we honor a deacon, but do not ask for or kiss his hand as we do after receiving a priestly blessing.

How do we address a deacon?

Just as a priest has numerous titles, we simply call him "Father". Similarly, a deacon can have numerous titles; to avoid confusion, he is called "Deacon".

What's with "Diakonisa"? Diakonisa (in Greek), or Deaconess, refers to a deacon's wife. Similarly, a priest's wife is called "Presvytera". It does not mean she has been ordained as a deaconess, even though the same Greek word was historically used to an ordained female deacon.

AXIOS-Worthy- Ἀξιος?

Axios simply means "worthy". It is an outward joyful expression acknowledging an ordained clergyman's worthiness.

October 2026 Ecclesiastical Calendar

Sunday, October 4th

2nd Sunday of Luke

Hierotheos, Bishop of Athens; Domnina and her daughters

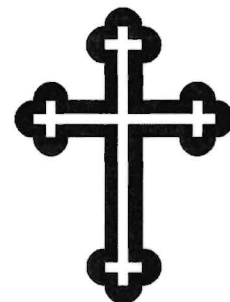
8:50am Orthros and 10:00am Divine Liturgy

Sunday, October 11th

Sunday of the 7th Ecumenical Council

Philip the Apostle of the 70; Theophanes, Bishop of Nicaea

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



Join us as we celebrate our beloved Patron Saint Luke

Saturday Evening, October 17th

Great Vespers and Blessing of the Loaves

6:00pm Vespers and Artoklasia

Fellowship Reception to Follow in the Community Center

Sunday, October 18th

Saint Luke the Evangelist

8:50am Orthros and Divine Liturgy

Fellowship Luncheon to Follow in the Community Center

Sunday, October 25th

6th Sunday of Luke

Marcianos & Martirios; Tabitha, raised by Peter

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

Monday, October 26th

St. Demetrios the Myrrhstreamer @ St. Demetrios in Upper Darby

9:00am Orthros and Divine Liturgy

Luncheon to Follow

Wednesday, October 28th

OXI Day

Holy Protection of the Theotokos; Terrance and Eunice

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

OCTOBER 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 10am Senior Men 7pm Greek Affair Wrap-up Meeting  <i>CC GYM FLOOR CLEANING (NO ENTRY)</i>	2 10am Senior Men  <i>CC GYM FLOOR CLEANING (NO ENTRY)</i>	3  <i>CC GYM FLOOR CLEANING (NO ENTRY)</i>
4 10:30am Sunday School/SPARK	5	6 10am Senior Men 5pm Greek School 5:30pm Elements of Theology 6:30pm Girls Basketball 7pm Parish Council 8:00pm Adult Volleyball	7 11am Bible Study 7:00pm Boys Basketball	8 10am Senior Men 7pm Greek Dance 7:15pm Choir	9 10am Senior Men	10
11 10:30am Sunday School 12pm Philoptochos General Assembly 12pm GOYA Meeting 12:15 Choir	12 Golf Outing  4:30pm FTIN Cooking	13 10am Senior Men 5pm Greek School 5:30pm Elements of Theology 6:30pm Girls Basketball 8:00pm Adult Volleyball	14 11am Bible Study 7:00pm Boys Basketball	15 10am Senior Men 7pm Greek Dance 7:15pm Choir	16 10am Senior Men	17 6pm St Luke Name Day Vespers
18 St. Luke Feast Day 	19	20 10am Senior Men 11am Philoptochos Whitehorse Visitation 5pm Greek School 5:30pm Elements of Theology 6:30pm Girls Basketball 8:00pm Adult Volleyball	21 11am Bible Study 7:00pm Boys Basketball	22 10am Senior Men 7pm Greek Dance	23 10am Senior Men 6:30pm Philoptochos Chefs Table Cooking Class	24
25 10:30am Sunday School, Grandparents Day, Open House	26 6pm BGT Kitchen	27 10am Senior Men 10am BGT Baking 5pm Greek School 5:30pm Elements of Theology 6:30pm Girls Basketball 8:00pm Adult Volleyball	28 11am Bible Study 7:00pm Boys Basketball	29 10am Senior Men 7pm Greek Dance	30 10am Senior Men	31 



**His Eminence Archbishop
Elpidophoros of America**

Cordially invites you to the

2026

**DELAWARE VALLEY REGION
AMBASSADOR AWARDS BANQUET**

on

Sunday, November 8th, 2026

at

“The Adelphia”

1750 Clements Bridge Road, Deptford, NJ 08096

Cocktail Hour: 5:00 pm

Program and Dinner: 6:00 pm

Tickets: \$100.00

Please contact and make checks payable to
your local parish to purchase tickets.

RSVP by October 23rd, 2026



**FEAST DAY OF
SAINT LUKE**

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17TH

Joining us on Saturday evening, October 17th, as we commence
the celebration of the Feast Day of our patron Saint Luke.

Vespers begin at 6:00 PM.

Our Philoptochos will graciously host a reception following Vespers
in the St Luke Community Center.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18TH

Following the Liturgy, please join us for a luncheon in the
St. Luke Community Center, graciously hosted by our Philoptochos
for our parish and guests.

If you are able to assist with any of these important events,
please reach out to Carnation Karros at
president@stlukephiloptochos.org.

All are welcome!

PARISH LIFE

Forty-Day Blessing



On September 27, 2026, Father Andrew offered the Forty Day Blessing for **Ariana Evdokia Tobin**. Congratulations to **Billy & Demi Tobin** as we anticipate the Baptism!

On September 27, 2026, Father Andrew offered the Forty Day Blessing for **George Nicholas Spyropoulos**. Congratulations to **Niko & Amelia**

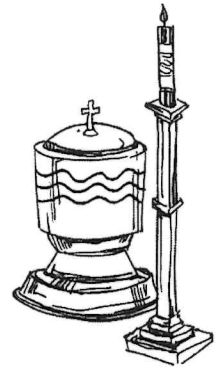
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Baptisms & Chrismations

The daughter & son of **Juan & Sonida Lopez** was baptized on September 17, 2026. Their sponsor, **Grigor Gjoni**, baptized them with the name *Sophia & Christopher*. May Our Lord continue to bless you, **Sophia Grace Lopez & Christopher David Lopez**.

The son of **Luke & Christina Miller** was baptized on September 27, 2026. His sponsor, **Valentina Stabilo**, baptized him with the name *Charles*. May Our Lord continue to bless you, **Charles James Miller**.

The daughter of **Steven & Constance Paffas** was baptized on September 27, 2026. Her sponsor, **Sophia Paffas**, baptized her with the name *Helen*. May Our Lord continue to bless you, **Eleni Maria Lonergan**.



Funerals



Marian Peter Roebas fell asleep in the Lord on August 26, 2026. Her funeral service was held on September 2, 2026.

Christine Gaffney fell asleep in the Lord on September 19, 2026. Her funeral service was held on September 25, 2026.

Maria (Papaspriidakou) Caravasos fell asleep in the Lord on September 21, 2026. Her funeral service was held on September 29, 2026.

We extend our condolences and prayers to the family. MAY HER MEMORY BE ETERNAL.



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.

COFFEE HOUR SCHEDULE

OCTOBER – Chairs: Betsy Pappas & Diana Palumbo

4-October	Maria Navrosidis	Litsa Gavrilas Krantz
11-October	Sandra Liacouras	Jeannie Fischer
18-October	<i>NO COFFEE HOUR</i>	<i>NO COFFEE HOUR</i>
25-October	Paula Pastris-Farrell	Soula Archidiacono

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	<i>THANKSGIVING</i>

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
October 4	Anna Andreadis	Tom Trantas
October 11	Gus Pappas	Sonya Pappas
October 18	Linda Lemperes	Anna Hadgis
October 25	Kathy Fisfis	Angelina Scavitto
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

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)

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

As we welcome October, we're reminded of our patron saint, St. Luke the Evangelist, who was not only a man of faith, but also a physician. His life is a wonderful reminder that stewardship is about more than what we give. It's also about how we care for people.

Perhaps St. Luke had what we would call a great "bedside manner." He understood that caring for someone wasn't just about what you did for them, but how you made them feel.

That same spirit was evident during Greek Affair. Thank you to everyone who welcomed our guests with warmth, kindness, patience, and a genuine smile. You didn't just serve our guests. You made them feel cared for and welcome. That is stewardship in action.

As we move through the fall, may we continue that same spirit of caring for one another through our time, talent, treasure, and simply being there.

Thank you for helping make St. Luke the special community that it is. 

Warm Regards, Niki Thomson - Stewardship Chair

2026 Stewardship:

The stewardship goal for 2026 is increasing to \$630,000.

Campaign Progress for 2026 Stewardship

- \$630,000.00 Goal
- **\$532,965** Pledged
- **-\$97,035** Pledges needed
- **\$453,363.87** Received
- **-\$176,636.13** Total needed
- **Total Pledges: 412**

August Stewardship Update:

Stewardship August 2026

As of 08/31/2026		As of 08/31/2025		Difference
# of Stewards	412	# of Stewards	387	25
Pledged	\$ 529,495.00	Pledged	\$504,416.62	\$ 25,078.38
Given	\$ 452,461.37	Given	\$407,975.17	\$ 44,486.20
Mean*	\$ 1,177.46	Mean*	\$1,194.87	\$ (17.41)
Median	\$ 835.00	Median	\$850.00	\$ (15.00)
Mode	\$ 1,000.00	Mode	\$500.00	\$ 500.00
* Less the five highest and lowest pledges.		* Less the five highest and lowest pledges.		

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Welcome to the 2026-2027 Sunday School year! Here is the Sunday School Schedule for September 2026:

October 4: Worship and Classes, SPARK SUNDAY

October 11: Worship and Classes

October 18: No Classes, St. Luke Nameday

October 25: Worship and Classes, Grandparents' Sunday and Open House

The calendar for the entire 2026 -2027 Sunday School year is posted on our website (<https://www.ss.st-luke.org>) and will also be emailed to all families who register their children for the 2026-2027 school year.

We are very excited to have begun the Sunday School year. As a reminder, after Holy Communion, students of all grades should go to the Education Building and join the class that matches the grade they attend at their regular school. Please see the updated chart below:

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS 2026-2027

Level	Teachers	Room #	Floor
3-year-olds	Lisa Palmieri* and Kathy Zarvalos	Room 103	First Floor
Pre-K	Faithe Kalisperis* and Marinela Tsapournas	Room 101	First Floor
11th/12th Grade	Danny Milinkovic* and Evan Palmieri	Room 100	First Floor
Kindergarten	Helen Kopitas and Marilena Ristas*	Room 201	Second Floor
1st Grade	Phoebe Harris and Thomas Ristas*	Room 205	Second Floor
2nd Grade	Evie Karros and Eleni Kornblatt*	Room 203	Second Floor
3rd Grade	Jen Kyriakodis and Sophia Tsakiris*	Room 202	Second Floor
4th Grade	Marina Despotopolou* and Fotini Kathopoulis	Room 200	Second Floor
5th/6th Grade	Elene Mironides* and Christian O'Donnell	Room 204	Second Floor
7th/8th Grade	Art Karros* and George Kevgas	Room 206	Second Floor
9th/10th Grade	Heidi Galanos and Peter Pavlis*	Room 209	Second Floor

** indicates lead teacher*

REGISTRATION- To register your child for the 2026-2027 Sunday School year, please click on the following link: <https://www.ss.st-luke.org/registration>; OR use the QR code below:



Please be sure to indicate on the registration form the name(s) of those who are permitted to pick up your child/children from Sunday School if you are not able to do so. Teachers will not dismiss a child to someone they do not know unless you have given permission. This policy is an important facet of our Youth Safety program, which we take very seriously.

OPEN HOUSE- Please mark your calendars! This year's Sunday School Open House will be held on Sunday, October 25, 2026, immediately following Holy Communion. Father Christ will offer a special blessing for all the Yiayias and Papous who are an essential part of our village and play such a meaningful role in our children's lives by passing on our Orthodox faith and cherished Hellenic traditions. As we celebrate and recognize the important role grandparents play in nurturing and passing on the Orthodox faith to future generations, we warmly invite all parents and grandparents to visit our Sunday School classrooms with their children. Open House is a wonderful opportunity for our teachers to connect with families, introduce the new national Sunday School curriculum for each grade level, share what students will learn throughout the year, and establish the best ways to maintain meaningful communication between teachers, students, and families. We look forward to welcoming our families into the classrooms and beginning another year of learning, worshipping, and growing together in Christ!

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.

PHILANTHROPIC AND SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES- Our children's religious education is rooted in worship, prayer, and service to others. Throughout the year, our Sunday School students and families will have meaningful opportunities to put their faith into action by serving our neighbors in need.

This summer, through the extraordinary generosity of the Saint Luke community, our FOCUS Backpack Fundraiser raised enough money to provide more than 768 backpacks and school-supply kits to local children. We distributed the backpacks to students at Chester Charter Scholars Academy, schools within the School District of Philadelphia, St. Laurence Roman Catholic School, and Stonehurst Hills

Elementary School, as well as to children attending back-to-school events at firehouses throughout Upper Darby.

Our Sunday School team was grateful for assistance with distribution from two remarkable community partners: John De Massi and Tom Thornton, President of the Upper Darby Professional Firefighters, IAFF Local 2493. Both men identified significant needs in their township and personally delivered backpacks filled with school supplies to children and families at the start of the school year. They also generously shared our collaborative efforts on social media. We are deeply humbled by the response of our Saint Luke parishioners and profoundly grateful to these gentlemen for their dedication to helping our neighbors and communities thrive.

This year, our Sunday School will also coordinate monthly food donations, meal preparation, and delivery for individuals experiencing homelessness through FOCUS Philadelphia. The FOCUS Philly Center is located at St. Sophia Greek Orthodox Church in Jeffersonville, Pennsylvania. In July and August, we began our monthly FOCUS ministry by cooking, donating needed items, and coming together in fellowship to serve individuals and families experiencing homelessness in Norristown and Philadelphia.

Through these ministries, we hope our children will learn that serving others is an essential expression of our Orthodox Christian faith and an opportunity to serve Christ Himself. We will share additional information about serving at the FOCUS Philly Center in October and throughout the coming year in our weekly bulletins, emails to Sunday School families, and social media posts.

For more information about Open House, registration, reading in church, service opportunities, or any other programs/activities, please contact Jane Kelly, Panayota Kevgas, and Sophia Milinkovic at stlukesundayschool@gmail.com.

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? If so, find us at the Festival of Ministries on Sunday, September 13th. 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:

Fall Hayride: *Tentative* date Saturday, October 17th, Location TBD

Friday with Father: November 6th (5-6:30pm)

Friendsgiving: November 10th after Greek School, 7pm

Kalanta: Sunday, December 6th (3-8pm) *with practice dates to follow

Friday with Father: January 15th (5-6:30pm)

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"

ST. LUKE GREEK FOLK DANCE GROUPS

Congratulations to our Ellinakia and Olympian Dance Groups for their outstanding performances during September's Greek Affair!



Our Greek Folk Dance Groups are looking forward to a new year and we're excited to welcome new members! No previous dance experience is necessary!

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

Rehearsals are held on Thursday evenings at Saint Luke. Our first practice of the new dance season with new members is scheduled for Thursday, October 8th. We hope you'll join us!

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.

Spread the Word and Join YAL!

If you know someone 18-35 years old, then the St. Luke's Young Adult League (YAL) may be for them! Not only is it a chance to meet young people from other churches, but it can make them closer to those who also go to St. Luke's. The goal is to bring everyone together and share great memories through our faith and almsgiving. Our last event was at Sproul Lanes this past May and we plan to have more!!

To join, please email Deacon Nikolaos Schwarz at nikosicxc@gmail.com. Also, scan our GroupMe below or look up @stlukeyal on Instagram!



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

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.

FTIN's **October Cook** is scheduled for Monday evening, **OCTOBER 12th** beginning at **4:30pm**.

We'd also like to extend a Save-the-Date alert for November's **Thanksgiving Cook** which will take place on **Monday, NOVEMBER 16th**.

And be on the lookout for information on FTIN's annual Frozen Turkey Drive which will be announced towards month-end.

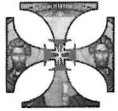
Supporting FTIN – How can I help?

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 donate, please contact:

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



UPCOMING EVENTS

Scan for Details

Join Us!



PHILOPTOCHOS GENERAL ASSEMBLY &

Breast Cancer Awareness Presentation

AFTER LITURGY
Sunday Oct 11

Scan to RSVP

All Welcome!
Join us in the St. Luke Social Hall

www.stlukephiloptochos.org
info@stlukephiloptochos.org

KEYNOTE SPEAKER
DR. ELENA LAMB MD, MS, FACS
BREAST SURGICAL ONCOLOGIST

Come Join Us

At the Chef's Table

A Cooking Class

October 23, 2026 | 6 PM

St. Luke Community Center Kitchen

We will recreate the 'Sip & Savor' Salmon Cakes with Christina Thomas.

\$30 per person | Good food. Great company. A beautiful table.

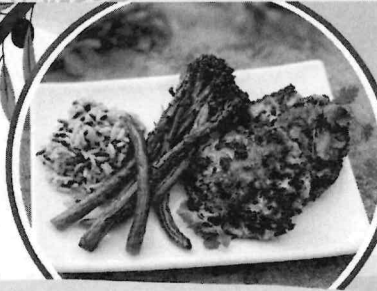
LEXI DAHLIN & KATIE COHEN ZAHNISER
philoptochos

BEYOND TABLESCAPES
MAKING



Scan to RSVP
by October 15

For more information, please
email Carnation Karros:
president@stlukephiloptochos.org



Enter to Win

BAG BINGO

ST. LUKE PHILOPTOCHOS

November 6, 2026 • 7:00 PM

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

Admission \$35
BYOB, Apps, and Treats to Share!



Scan to
Purchase Tickets

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

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 for Tickets!

SAVE THE DATES

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

Flea Market
Raffles Vendors
Greek Lunch
Pastries



Interested Vendors call 610-353-1592



SCAN to
Purchase
Raffles

"Cape May Escape" Raffle

Back By Popular Demand!

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

\$20.00
Per Ticket

Drawing on Sunday afternoon, December 6, 2026
at Boutiques and Greek Treats • St. Luke's Community Center
Includes a signed Certificate of Appreciation and a Cape Collectible Boutique Hotel
(thescapemayescape.com) and \$250 in Dining Gift Cards!

Need not be present to win



PHILOPTOCHOS SOCIETY NEWS

SAVE THE DATE

Sharing Excess - Saturday, October 10, 2026

October General Assembly Meeting - Sunday, October 11, 2026

St. Luke Name Day Vespers and Lunch

Saturday, October 17, 2026 and Sunday, October 18, 2026

'At the Chef's Table' Cooking Class - Friday, October 23, 2026

Bag Bingo - Friday, November 6, 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

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

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

Sharing Excess- Our next food-distribution service activity will take place on Saturday, October 10 - visit our website VOLUNTEER Tab to sign up.

General Assembly- Our first General Assembly of the year is scheduled for October 11th after Liturgy. We are pleased to welcome Dr. Elena Lamb who will speak to us on the very important topic of breast cancer awareness. *For more details, please see the flyer.*

St. Luke Name Day Celebrations- Our Philoptochos will be hosting a St. Luke Name Day reception following Vespers on Saturday, October 17, and a luncheon following Liturgy on Sunday, October 18. Volunteers are invited to help prepare and/or serve meals for these community events that honor our blessed Patron Saint. Chairladies Maria Vamvakidou and Christina Mahjouri (Vespers), and Diane Sioutis and Vicky Ntontos (luncheon) would so appreciate your help! Visit the VOLUNTEER Tab on our website to sign up.

Reception Sponsorship- Sponsor a St. Luke Community Reception! Celebrate faith, honor loved ones and help build community by sponsoring one of St. Luke's upcoming receptions:



St. Luke Name Day Vespers on Saturday, October 17, and St. Luke Name Day Luncheon on Sunday, October 18. Your sponsorship supports joyful, meaningful receptions and is recognized with gratitude. Scan the QR code for details and to become a sponsor. For questions, please contact

info@stlukephiloptochos.org.

'At the Chef's Table' Cooking Class- On Friday, October 23 at 6 PM, we will recreate the salmon cakes from our 'Wine Event' with our AMAZING Christina Thomas. Come out, prepare the meal, enjoy a glass of wine, and dine with your friends!

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. *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 - Minimum 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 below. Thank you for supporting this meaningful tradition. Questions? Email:

Christmas@stlukephiloptochos.org

With appreciation, The Philoptochos Christmas Committee



Wreath Making Workshop- You are invited to the Ladies Philoptochos Wreath Making Workshop! The event will be held again this year in the Community Center at St. Luke's 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 (mescavitto@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! *Details on the flyer.*



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 & our Sign-Up Genius. Interested vendors & volunteers contact us at: boutiquesgt@gmail.com or 610-353-1592. We thank you!

Philoptochos Charity Committee- A Whitehorse visit with residents and Father Christ is planned for October 20th at 11:00 am so that they may receive the Sacrament of Communion and can meet with our Philoptochos sisters. Pastries and plants will be given to each resident. In addition, on December 15th at 11:00 am, Father and our Philoptochos sisters will visit with the Orthodox residents at Pine View so that they may receive Communion and pastries and holiday plants from our ladies.

This summer, the third-grade team at Chester Charter Scholars Academy (CCSA) confirmed November 9 for our annual reading visit. We will read with the students and present each child with a brand-new book to take home—along with the book they receive at the start of the school year. We are seeking volunteer readers who can join us for one hour on Monday morning, November 9, to read with students who love sharing their enthusiasm.

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. *Upcoming sponsorship opportunities include:* Sunday October 18th – St. Luke the Evangelist

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

- Anonymous, for his sponsorship of: Monday, July 27, 2026, Saint Panteleimon the Great Martyr & Healer icon, for the well-being of his loved ones.
- Joanne Kusturiss, for her sponsorship of: Saturday, August 15, 2026, Dormition/Koimisis of the Theotokos icon, for the well-being of her family.
- Anonymous, for her sponsorship of: Saturday, August 15, 2026, Dormition/Koimisis of the Theotokos floral, for the well-being of her children and extended families.
- Harry Diakatos, for his sponsorship of: Saturday, August 15, 2026, Dormition/Koimisis of the Theotokos floral, in loving memory of Ani Diakatos.
- Anonymous, for her sponsorship of: Saturday, August 15, 2026, Dormition/Koimisis of the Theotokos floral, in loving memory of her parents.
- Niki Tsetsekos, for her sponsorship of Tuesday, September 8, 2026, Nativity of the Theotokos icon, for the well-being of her family.
- Maria Kalisperis, for her sponsorship of: Monday, September 14, 2026, Elevation of the Holy Cross icon, in loving memory of Stavros Kalisperis.
- Anonymous, for her sponsorship of: Monday, September 14, 2026, Elevation of the Holy Cross floral, for the well-being of her son.

If you would like to sponsor an icon, pay online through the Philoptochos website; scan QR code, or mail 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.



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🍁 **4:00 PM – 7:00 PM** 🍁



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— Psalm 133:1

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MONDAY OCTOBER 12, 2026

REGISTRATION 11AM

SHOT GUN START 12PM

AFTER PARTY TO FOLLOW

Paxon Hollow Country Club

850 Paxon Hollow Road

Media, PA 19063

ENTRY FEE

\$200 PER GOLFER

- Green fees & cart
- Lunch, Beer/Soda Cart
- Player gift
- After Party Dinner Reception



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DEADLINE OCTOBER 7

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- Platinum Sponsorship \$7000
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- Gold Sponsorship \$4000
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- Putting Sponsor \$500
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