

## The 18<sup>th</sup> Day of October

⊕ Holy Apostle and Evangelist Luke.

### Great Vespers

After the Introductory Psalm, “Blessèd is the man...,” the first Kathisma.

At “Lord, I call...,” 8 stichera, in Tone 8: *To the melody, “What shall we call thee?...”*

**W**hat shall we now call thee, O Apostle? /  
Heaven, for proclaiming the glory of God? /  
Splendor, for illumining the world with light? /  
A cloud of grace raining down water divine? /  
A cup of divine wisdom pouring out the wine bringing joy to our hearts? ///  
Pray for the salvation of our souls! *(twice)*

**W**hat shall we now call thee, O one pleasing to God? /  
The golden ark bearing the Covenant of Christ? /  
A river of blessings flowing to us from paradise? /  
A star shining with the light of wisdom? /  
The lamp illumining the Church of Christ? /  
Bread of life and the spiritual drink from the banquet table of the Lord? ///  
Pray for the salvation of our souls! *(twice)*

**W**hat shall we now call thee, O eye-witness of God? /  
Dynamic minister of the mysteries of Christ? /  
Wise craftsman carving the new tablets bearing the commandments of grace? /  
Preacher and scribe of the New Law /  
Coming to us from Sion? ///  
Pray for the salvation of our souls!

**W**hat shall we now call thee, O glorious one? /  
Treasury guarding the gifts of heaven? /  
Physician of our souls and bodies? /  
Writer of the Acts of the Apostles? /  
Companion and fellow worker with the Apostle Paul? /  
Many are thy names, O Luke, for many are thy deeds! ///  
Pray for the salvation of our souls!

**W**hat shall we now call thee, most-eloquent preacher? /  
The disciple announcing to us the glad tidings of Christ? /

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The physician healing all the passions of our souls? /  
Lamp, radiating with the light of wisdom? /  
The footing and foundation of the Faith /  
Who wrote the all-precious Gospel for our sake? ///  
Pray for the salvation of our souls!

**W**hat shall we now call thee, O most wondrous one? /  
Faithful witness relating the account of wisdom? /  
Recorder of the acts and the teachings of the apostles? /  
Unshaken pillar of piety and indestructible bastion of the Church? /  
Countless are thy names, and countless are thy deeds! ///  
Pray for the salvation of our souls!

**Glory..., in the Tone 6: (by Anatolius)**

**O** Apostle of Christ, /  
Transcriber of His divine teachings /  
Who built the foundation of the Church: /  
Truly hast thou healed the hearts of those /  
Who had dwelt in the gloom of unbelief /  
And had entered into the depths of despair; /  
And following the example of the chosen Apostle, Paul, /  
Thou hast saved them from the violence of the stormy sea. /  
Therefore, we entreat thee, O wondrous Luke, enrichment of Antioch, ///  
Intercede before our God and Savior for those who in faith celebrate thy holy  
memory.

**Now and ever..., Dogmatic Theotokion, in the same Tone:**

**W**ho will not bless thee, O Most Holy Virgin? /  
Who will not sing of thy most pure childbearing? /  
The Only-begotten Son shone timelessly from the Father, /  
But from thee He was ineffably incarnate; /  
God by nature, yet man for our sake; /  
Not two persons, but one in two natures. /  
Entreat Him, O pure and all-blessèd Lady, ///  
To have mercy on our souls.

**Or, on a Saturday evening or a Friday evening, the Dogmatic Theotokion in the Tone of the Week.**

## **The Entrance and the Prokeimenon of the Day.**

### **Three Readings:**

#### **The Reading from the First General Epistle of John (1 John 1:1-7):**

<sup>1:1</sup> That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, concerning the Word of life; <sup>2</sup>for the life was manifested, and we have seen it, and bear witness, and proclaim unto you that eternal life which was with the Father and was manifested unto us; <sup>3</sup>that which we have seen and heard we declare unto you, that you also may have fellowship with us; for truly our fellowship is with

the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup>And these things we write unto you that your joy may be full. <sup>5</sup>This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare unto you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all. <sup>6</sup>If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. <sup>7</sup>But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the Blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

#### **The Reading from the First General Epistle of James (James 1:1-12):**

<sup>1:1</sup> James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, to the twelve tribes that are scattered abroad: Greetings. <sup>2</sup>My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into various temptations, <sup>3</sup>knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. <sup>4</sup>But let patience have its perfect work, that ye may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing. <sup>5</sup>If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, Who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him. <sup>6</sup>But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind. <sup>7</sup>For let not that man suppose

that he will receive anything from the Lord; <sup>8</sup>he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways. <sup>9</sup>Let the lowly brother glory in his exaltation, <sup>10</sup>but the rich in his humiliation, because as a flower of the field he will pass away. <sup>11</sup>For no sooner is the sun risen with a burning heat than it withers the grass; its flower falls, and its beautiful appearance perishes. So the rich man also will fade away in his pursuits. <sup>12</sup>Blessèd is the man who endureth temptation; for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love Him.

#### **The Reading from the General Epistle of Jude (Jude 1:1-7,17-25):**

<sup>1:1</sup> My beloved, Jude, the servant of Jesus Christ, and brother of James, to

those who are called, sanctified by God the Father, and preserved in Jesus

Christ: <sup>2</sup>Mercy unto you, and peace and love be multiplied. <sup>3</sup>Beloved, while I was very diligent to write unto you concerning our common salvation, I found it necessary to write unto you exhorting you to contend earnestly for the faith which was once delivered to the saints. <sup>4</sup>For certain men have crept in unawares, who long ago were marked out for this condemnation, ungodly men, who turn the grace of our God into lasciviousness and deny the only Lord God and our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>5</sup>But I want to remind you, though ye once knew this, how that the Lord, having saved the people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed those who did not believe. <sup>6</sup>And the angels who did not keep their proper domain, but left their own habitation, He hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness for the judgment of the great day; <sup>7</sup>as Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities around them in a similar manner to these, having given themselves over to fornication and gone after other flesh, are set forth as an example, suffering the punishment of

eternal fire. <sup>1:17</sup>But you, beloved, remember ye the words which were spoken before by the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ: <sup>18</sup>how that they told you there should be mockers in the last time who should walk according to their own ungodly desires. <sup>19</sup>These are sensual persons, who cause divisions, not having the Spirit. <sup>20</sup>But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most Holy Faith, praying in the Holy Spirit, <sup>21</sup>keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto life everlasting. <sup>22</sup>And on some have compassion, making a distinction; <sup>23</sup>and others save with fear, pulling them out of the fire, hating even the garment defiled by the flesh. <sup>24</sup>Now to Him Who is able to preserve you without sin, and to present you spotless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy, <sup>25</sup>to the only Most-wise God our Savior through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, from before all ages, and now, and unto all ages. Amen.

**If the Superior or Rector wishes the Litya, then, the stichera to the temple, and these of the Saint, in Tone 4: *To the melody, "As one valiant among the martyrs ...."***

**T**hou didst submit thyself to the will of the Master /  
 Who abundantly enlightened thy soul and made an apostle of thee /  
 To preach His ineffable Divinity, O blessed one, /  
 And to fish men from the sea of delusion ///  
 With the rod of divine grace, O wondrous Luke.

**T**he brilliant light of the Spirit /  
 Like a flame descended on thee, O blessed one, /  
 And His divine radiance enabled thee /  
 To cast away the darkness of godless delusion /

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With the wisdom and light of thy teachings, /  
O preacher of the divine mysteries, /  
Thou adornment of the apostles ///  
And eye-witness of Christ, O Apostle Luke.

**T**he brilliant light of thy teachings /  
Illumined those who sat in the darkness of error. /  
By faith, making them children of our Master and God /  
Whom thou didst emulate even unto death, /  
Thyself becoming an heir of His glory ///  
As a wise and godly preacher and a disciple of Truth.

**Glory..., in Tone 2:**

**F**orsaking all the cares of the world /  
Thou didst follow after Christ /  
And being inspired by the Holy Spirit /  
Thou didst go unto the Gentiles perishing in darkness /  
And brought them to the light of the knowledge of God. /  
And completing thy divine struggles and suffering /  
Thou didst commend thy soul to Christ, /  
Entreat Him now, O most blessed Apostle Luke, ///  
That He may grant our souls great mercy.

**Now and ever..., Theotokion, in the same Tone:**

**I**n thee I put my whole trust, /  
O Mother of God, ///  
Keep me under thy protection! /

**At the Aposticha, these stichera, in Tone 5: To the melody, "Rejoice...."**

**G**race poured from thy lips, O blessed Luke, /  
Like a tongue of fire /  
Enlightening those seeking light with the words of the precious Gospel /  
And burning with flaming arrows those desiring to dwell in darkness; /  
For truly, in the words of thy holy teacher, the Apostle Paul, /  
Thou wast the fragrance of life for those truly seeking life /  
But to those who did not, thou wast the stench of death. ///  
So, grant unto us peace, light, life, and great mercy.

**Verse:** The heavens are telling the glory of God, and the firmament proclaims His handiwork!

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**We** have come to know the true Word of God, /  
Through thy words, O blessed apostle, as thou didst say, /  
For thou didst relate to us the reports of witnesses, /  
And the things which thou thyself didst come to know,  
O minister of the mysteries, /  
Being thyself an eyewitness of the Incarnate Word /  
Whom thou didst see at Emmaus after His Resurrection from the dead /  
When thou didst sit and eat bread with Him /  
Together with Cleopas, your hearts afire. ///  
Fill our souls with His divine warmth as we honor thee.

**Verse:** Their proclamation is gone out into all the earth, and their words to the ends of the universe!

**Rejoice**, for recording the greeting of the Angel /  
When he announced the glad tidings to the pure Virgin; /  
**Rejoice**, for telling us how the Baptist called her the Mother of the Lord /  
When he recognized Him from Elizabeth's womb /  
**Rejoice**, for describing for us the incarnation of the Word, /  
His temptations, His miracles, words, and Passion, /  
Of the Cross, His Death and Resurrection, /  
His Ascension, which thou didst see, and the descent of the Holy Spirit; /  
And for recording the Acts of the Apostles, and of Paul, with whom thou didst travel. /  
O apostle, physician, and luminary of the Church, ///  
Do thou preserve her forever

**Glory..., Tone 6:**

**O** most wise fisherman, /  
O holy disciple and husbandman of the Savior; /  
Thou didst write down the account His sufferings /  
And traversed the world with faith; /  
Gathering together the deluded nations /  
And bringing them all to God; /  
As an offering of sweet-smelling incense thou hast ascended to heaven /  
Where thou standest now before the Judge of all: /  
Pray that we may be delivered from all our transgressions ///  
And from all torments on the Judgment Day.

**Now and ever..., Theotokion, in the same Tone:**

**Christ**, the Maker, Redeemer, and Lord proceeded from thy womb /

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O all-pure Virgin, /  
And putting on my nature, set man free from the ancestral curse. /  
So we sing to thee without ceasing, O all-pure Virgin, as Mother of God /  
With the angelic salutation: /  
Rejoice, O Sovereign Lady ///  
Protection, refuge, and salvation of our souls

**The Troparion of St. Luke, in Tone 3:**

**O** holy Apostle and Evangelist Luke /  
Intercede with our merciful God, /  
That He may grant to our souls ///  
The remission of our transgressions.

**Or, this Troparion of St. Luke, in Tone 5:**

**Let** us exalt the holy and glorious Apostle Luke, /  
With sacred hymns of praise, /  
Who wrote down for the Church the Acts of the Apostles /  
And was the author of the splendid Gospel of Christ. /  
For he is a physician of our human illnesses /  
And he heals our spiritual infirmities ///  
Praying ceaselessly for our souls.

**Glory ..., now and ever..., Resurrectional Theotokion, in the same Tone:**

**Rejoice**, O impassible gate of the Lord! /  
Rejoice, O wall and protection of those who run to thee! /  
Rejoice, O unshakeable refuge! /  
Rejoice, O Virgin Mother of thy God and Creator! ///  
Cease not to pray for those who praise and worship Thy Son!

**Matins**

After “**God is the Lord,**” the Troparion of the Saint, twice; Glory..., now and ever..., Theotokion.

**After the 1<sup>st</sup> Kathisma, the Sessional Hymn, in Tone 3:**

**Come** and let us all praise Luke the apostle /  
As the guide and pilot of the faithful. /  
For he abolished the errors of idolatry /  
And raised us up to the light of life, /  
Teaching us to believe in the Holy Trinity. /

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Therefore we piously honor him on this day ///  
As we faithfully glorify Christ our God. *(twice)*

**Glory ... now and ever..., Theotokion, in the same Tone:**

**R**ejoice, Virgin Mary, Mother of God, /  
Thou holy mountain and paradise of Eden, /  
From whom Christ-God the Word was born without seed ///  
Who made life flourish in the world!

**After the 2<sup>nd</sup> Kathisma, the Sessional Hymn, in Tone 3: *To the melody, "The beauty of virginity..."***

**W**hen travelling with Cleopas to the town of Emmaus /  
After the Resurrection, O holy Apostle Luke, /  
The Lord stood concealing His likeness asking questions of thee. /  
And when He broke the bread and gave it to thee /  
Thou didst straightway recognize the Savior. ///  
Beseech Him now to grant us great mercy. *(twice)*

**Glory ..., now and ever..., Theotokion, in the same Tone:**

**T**hough being a vineyard without a husbandman /  
Thou didst sprout a most beautiful Cluster of grapes /  
From which flows for us the wine of salvation /  
Making glad the souls and bodies of all. /  
Therefore, blessing thee as the source of all goodness /  
Together with the Angel we cry ot to thee: ///  
Rejoice, O all-joyous Lady!

**Polyeley and Magnification:**

**W**e magnify thee, // O apostle of Christ and evangelist Luke, / and we honor thy labors and sufferings / which thou didst endure in proclaiming Christ.

*Selected Psalm verses:*

**T**he heavens are telling the glory of God, and the firmament proclaims His handiwork!  
**T**he heavens shall confess Thy wonders, O Lord, and Thy truth in the congregation of the saints!

**After the Polyeley, the Sessional Hymn, in Tone 4:**

**T**hou didst fish for the souls of believers /  
With thy fishing rod of wisdom /  
And thou didst draw them out from the depths of the abyss /

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Into the sea of reason, /  
O all-blessed Apostle Luke. /  
Thus, being taught by Paul, thou didst cleanse thy heart /  
With the radiance of the Spirit, /  
And by thy teachings thou didst instruct the nations /  
Healing the infirmities of passions by thy miracles, /  
Ceaselessly praying to Christ God ///  
That He may save our souls. (*twice*)

**Glory ... now and ever..., Theotokion, in the same Tone:**

**H**aving thee, O Theotokos /  
As our hope and our protection, /  
We do not fear the assaults of the enemy ///  
For we have thee as the deliverance of our souls

**1<sup>st</sup> Antiphon of the 4<sup>th</sup> Tone (The Song of Ascents), “From my youth...”**

**The Prokeimenon, in Tone 4:**

Their proclamation is gone out into all the earth / and their words to the ends of the universe! *Verse:* The heavens are telling the glory of God, and the firmament proclaims His handiwork!

Let every breath praise the Lord!...

**Gospel: (67) John 21:15-25**

**After Psalm 50 (51), the Post-Gospel sticheron of St. Luke, in Tone 3:**

**W**hen travelling with Cleopas to the town of Emmaus /  
After the Resurrection, O holy Apostle Luke, /  
The Lord stood concealing His likeness asking questions of thee. /  
And when He broke the bread and gave it to thee /  
Thou didst straightway recognize the Savior. ///  
Beseech Him now to grant us great mercy.

**The Canon**

The Supplicatory Canon to the Theotokos (*Paraklesis*), with 6 troparia, including the irmos, and that of the Saint, with 8 troparia.

**Ode 1**

**The Supplicatory Canon to the Theotokos, Tone 8**

*Irmos:* **H**aving crossed the water as though it were dry land and escaped from the

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*wickedness of the Egyptians, the children of Israel cried aloud: Let us sing to our Redeemer and our God.*

**Refrain:** Most Holy Theotokos, save us!

**D**istressed by many temptations, I flee to thee, seeking salvation. O Virgin and Mother of the Word, deliver me from my burdens and afflictions.

**T**he increase of passions troubles me and fills me with great distress. Calm my soul, O Maiden, by the peace of thy Son and God, O all-blameless one.

**I**mplore thee who gavest birth to our Savior and God, O Virgin: deliver me from perils, for, fleeing now unto thee for refuge, I lift up both my soul and my thoughts before thee.

**A**iling am I in body and soul; do thou vouchsafe me the divine visitation and thy care, O thou who alone art the Mother of God, for thou art good and the Mother of the Good One.

### **The Canon of the Saint, Tone 8**

**Irmos:** *Let us sing a song of victory, O ye people, to our wondrous God, who delivered Israel from bondage: We raise our song to Thee, who alone art Lord and Master!*

**Refrain:** Holy apostle of Christ Luke, pray to God for us!

**T**hou wast true to the meaning of thy name O Luke, when, like a splendid messenger of God mounted on a chariot, thou didst bear His Light before all men, and drowned all the chariots and mounted horsemen of the enemy.

**T**hou didst shower the parched ground of the earth made arid by the stifling heat of unbelief with the divine knowledge of the water of Life, O blessed Apostle Luke.

**G**lory...,

**M**ade bright as the flashes of lightning by the shining light of the Holy Spirit, and by the purity of thy life, O thrice-blessèd one, truly thou didst shine like a gift from God upon the whole world, illumining the hearts of all the faithful.

**N**ow and ever..., Amen.

**Theotokion:** Rejoice, O most holy temple! Rejoice, O fleece that received the dew of God! Rejoice, O sealed well-spring of the stream of immortality! Rejoice, O Lady, and preserve thy flock unharmed by all enemies.

**Katavasia:** "I shall open my mouth..."

**Ode 3**

**The Supplicatory Canon to the Theotokos**

*Irmos:* **O** Lord, Creator of the vault of heaven and Founder of the Church, strengthen me in Thy love, for Thou art our supreme desire and the support of the faithful, O Thou who lovest mankind.

**I** have thee as the protection and intercession of my life, O Virgin, Mother of God. Pilot me to thy haven, O giver of blessings, O support of the faithful, O thou only all-praised one.

**I** pray thee, O Virgin, to dispel the tumult of my soul and the storm of my grief; for thou, O Bride of God, hast given birth to Christ, the Prince of Peace, O only immaculate one.

**P**our forth on us from the wealth of thy generosity, O thou who hast brought forth the Benefactor and Cause of all good; for thou canst do all things, O blessed one of God, since thou didst bear Christ, the One mighty in power.

**I** am tortured by grievous sicknesses and morbid passions. Help thou me, O Virgin, for I know thee, O all-blameless one, to be an inexhaustible treasury of unfailing healing.

**The Canon of the Saint**

*Irmos:* None is as holy as the Lord, and none is righteous as our God, whom all creation doth praise, singing: None is righteous save Thee, O Lord.

**T**hy lessons blazed forth like the sun, O blessed Evangelist Luke, and thy words adorn the very foundations of the Church, for they made the gloom of pagan deception vanish by the fervor of faith.

**W**ith thy divinely-inspired tongue and the words of thy godly mouth, like a master craftsman didst thou fashion beautiful tablets of stone telling to all of the Incarnation of God, O richly-bless't Evangelist Luke.

**T**hou wast enveloped by the most-luminous cloud, O all-wise one, when thou didst received the new Law when it was inscribed upon thy heart by the finger of the Spirit.

*Theotokion:* **N**one is as blameless as thee, O Lady, and none more pure than thee, O immaculate one, for thou didst bear God the Word, who alone is greatly merciful, within thy womb.

*Katavasia:* "O Theotokos, living and abundant fountain..."

**Sessional Hymn, in Tone 8:** *To the melody, "Of Wisdom...."*

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**B**eing the companion of the great Apostle Paul /  
Thou didst patiently endure great sufferings together with him; /  
And thou didst also finish the course of thy life in martyrdom, /  
O great and all-laudable Apostle of the Lord. /  
Having preached to all the Good News of Christ thou hast enlightened the world, /  
Thou dwellest now in the heights of heaven. /  
O blessed and most honored Evangelist and Apostle Luke, /  
Entreat Christ God that He may grant the remission of sins ///  
To those who celebrate thy holy memory with faith and love. *(twice)*

**Glory..., now and ever.... Theotokion:**

**O** most pure Lady Theotokos, /  
Thou swift cloud that bore the Sun of Wisdom, /  
Thou golden lampstand of the Light divine, /  
Enlighten my miserable soul /  
Which I have darkened and blinded by my passions, /  
And illumine me with the brilliant dawn of dispassion; /  
That I may wash my filthy heart and cleanse the evil of my deeds /  
With tears of compunction and repentance /  
So I may call to thee with love: /  
O Ever-virgin Mother of God, /  
Pray to Christ God to grant me remission of my sins, ///  
For I, thy servant, have placed my only hope in thee.

**Ode 4**

**The Supplicatory Canon to the Theotokos**

***Irmos:** I have heard the mystery of Thy dispensation, O Lord; I have considered Thy works and glorified Thy Godhead.*

**O** Bride of God, who gavest birth to the Lord and Master, still thou the turmoil of my passions and the stormy seas of my sins.

**O**, bestow thy compassion on me, thy servant, out of the depths of thy tender mercy; for thou didst give birth to the Compassionate One, the Savior of all those who praise thee.

**W**hile delighting in thy gifts, O immaculate one, we sing a song of thanksgiving to thee, knowing thee to be the Mother of God.

**A**s I lie on the bed of my pain and infirmity, do thou help me, as thou art a lover of goodness, O Ever-virgin Mary Theotokos.

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**H**aving thee as our staff and hope, and as our salvation's unshakable defense, we are then delivered from all adversity, O thou all-praised one.

### **The Canon of the Saint**

*Irmos:* The prophet perceived Thee with divine vision, O Word, when he foretold that Thou wast to become incarnate of the Theotokos alone, the Mountain overshadowed by the grace of God; and with awe, he glorified Thy power.

**A**s a courageous steed of the King of all, O divinely-wise one, thou didst stir the seas of the nations, seasoning the brackish water of unbelief with the salt of God.

**D**rawing His bow, Christ loosed thee as a sharp arrow, aflame with beams of piety, to illumine our souls.

**H**eal the passions of our souls and bodies with thy spiritual skill, O most wise and blessed one, of those who lovingly praise thee.

*Theotokion:* **O** Mary Theotokos, Bride of God, deliver us from every cruel transgression and misfortune, and guide us to the tranquil haven of salvation by thy holy intercession.

### **Ode 5**

#### **The Supplicatory Canon to the Theotokos**

*Irmos:* **E**nlighten us by Thy commandments, O Lord, and by Thine uplifted arm grant us Thy peace, O Lover of mankind.

**F**ill my heart with gladness, O pure Lady, with thine incorruptible joy, for thou didst bear the Cause of all Joy.

**D**eliver us from dangers, O pure Theotokos, who gavest birth to Eternal Redemption, and to the Peace that passes all understanding.

**D**ispel the darkness of my sins by the radiance of thy splendor, O Bride of God, for thou didst bear the divine and pre-eternal Light.

**H**eal the infirmity of my soul, O pure Lady, when thou hast deemed me worthy of thy visitation, and grant me health by thy blessed intercessions.

### **The Canon of the Saint**

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

**T**hy words, O Evangelist, are like the dew of heaven that extinguished the burning heat of deception and idolatry.

**B**earing the knowledge of the awesome Judgment of God in thy heart, thou didst

teach mankind the true meaning of salvation.

**A**scending to the summit of the mountain of the virtues, O blessed Luke, thou didst preach the Good News of the kingdom of God to all.

*Theotokion:* **O** Mary Theotokos, who knew no wedlock, render all the devices of the enemy to be in vain, and gladden the souls of those who praise thee.

### Ode 6

#### The Supplicatory Canon to the Theotokos

*Irmos:* **I** will pour out my prayer before the Lord; I will make known to Him my sorrow, for my soul has been filled with afflictions, and my life has drawn near to hell, and like Jonah I will pray: O God, raise me up from corruption.

**M**y nature, held by corruption and death, hath He saved out of death and corruption; for unto death hath He submitted Himself. Wherefore, O Virgin, do thou intercede with Him Who is thy Lord and Son, to deliver me from the wickedness of the enemy.

**I** know thee as the protection of my life, and most safe fortress, O Virgin; disperse the horde of temptations, and drive away demonic vexation. Unceasingly I pray to thee: Deliver me from the corruption of passions!

**We** have acquired thee as a wall of refuge, and the perfect salvation of our souls, and a relief in afflictions, O Maiden, and we ever rejoice in thy light. O Sovereign Lady, do thou also now save us from passions and dangers.

**B**edridden, I lie supine with sickness now and there is no healing for my flesh; but to thee, O good one who gavest birth to God, the Savior of the world and the Healer of infirmities, I pray: Raise me up from the corruption of illness.

#### The Canon of the Saint

*Irmos:* **Grant me a robe of light, O Thou who clothes Thyself with light as with a garment, O greatly merciful Christ our God.**

**H**aving tasted of the cup of wisdom, thou gavest all to drink of the knowledge of Christ God, O wise Evangelist Luke.

**C**hosen to be the apostolic companion of Paul, O most blessed and divinely-eloquent Luke, thou didst fish amongst the nations with the net of dogma and truth.

**T**hou wast like a cloud raining down upon us with the shower of life, O apostle, making the spring of salvation to flow for us all.

*Theotokion:* **We** worship Thy Son, who destroyed the worship of idolatry, together

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with the Father and the Spirit, O Virgin Mary Theotokos.

*Katavasia:* “Let us clap our hands in gladness...”

**The Kontakion of St. Luke, in Tone 2: To the melody, “The steadfast...”**

Let us praise the divine Apostle Luke /  
As a preacher of true piety, /  
A teacher of the ineffable mysteries /  
And a blazing star of the Church. /  
For the Word who alone knoweth the secret hearts of men ///  
Chose him with the wise Paul, to be a teacher of the Gentiles.

*Ikos:* Enriched with heavenly knowledge by the hand of the Master thou wast entrusted with the portion of the Gentiles, O most-laudable one. And with thy life being set afire by the Word, thou didst become a greater transmitter of the Law than Moses, O Apostle and Evangelist Luke! Through the Spirit thou didst explain the divine Faith, being like a tablet inscribed by the finger of God. Therefore, Christ who alone knoweth the hearts of men, hath so glorified thee!

### Ode 7

#### The Supplicatory Canon to the Theotokos

*Irmos:* *The children of Judæa who dwelt of old in Babylon trampled underfoot the flames of the furnace by their faith in the Trinity, as they sang: Blessèd art Thou, O God of our fathers.*

**H**aving willed to accomplish our salvation, O Savior, Thou didst dwell in the womb of the Virgin, and didst show her forth unto the world as its intercessor. Blessèd art Thou, O God of our fathers.

**P**ray to Him, the dispenser of mercy Whom thou didst bear, O pure Mother, and implore Him to deliver from all transgressions and defilements the souls of those who with faith cry out: Blessèd art Thou, O God of our fathers.

**A** treasury of salvation and a fountain of incorruption is she who gave Thee birth; a tower of safety, and a gate of repentance hast Thou proved her to those who cry: Blessèd art Thou, O God of our fathers.

**G**rant healing from physical weakness and spiritual infirmities to those who with love draw near to thy protection, O Virgin Theotokos, for thou gavest birth to Christ our Savior.

#### The Canon of the Saint

*Irmos:* *In Babylon of old, the pious youths did not worship the image made of gold, but standing, covered with dew in the midst of the fiery furnace they sang: Blessèd and exalted above all art*

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*Thou, O God of our fathers!*

**B**eing a faithful disciple of the ineffable mysteries of Christ God, O most wise one, thou didst preach His divine Gospel to the faithful, and they sang: Blessèd and exalted above all art Thou, O God of our fathers!

**T**hou wast adorned with the beauty of the virtues, O most blessèd Apostle and Evangelist Luke, and thou wast illumined by the radiance of divine majesty, as thou didst cry: Blessèd and exalted above all art Thou, O God of our fathers!

**T**hou wast like a beacon in the middle of the night blazing with radiant light, driving away the darkness of pagan deception with the radiance of thy pious words, as thou didst cry aloud: Blessèd and exalted above all art Thou, O God of our fathers!

*Theotokion:* **O** Luke, eye-witness of the Lord and His Crucifixion, thou didst live a life inspired by the very words of God; thou didst relate the Good News to all of the birthgiving of the Virgin, and didst lovingly portray her in her holy icons, which we faithfully venerate as we glorify Christ.

### Ode 8

#### The Supplicatory Canon to the Theotokos

*Irmos:* **The King of heaven whom the hosts of angels praise, let us praise and exalt throughout all ages.**

**D**isdain not those who need thy help, O Virgin, and who hymn and supremely exalt thee unto all ages.

**T**hou healest the infirmity of my soul and the pains of my body, O Virgin, that I may glorify thee, O pure one, unto all ages.

**T**hou pourest forth a wealth of healing, on those who with faith sing praises unto thee, O Virgin, and who supremely exalt thine ineffable Childbearing.

**T**hou drivest away the assaults of temptations, and the attacks of the passions, O Virgin; Therefore, we sing thee hymns unto all ages.

#### The Canon of the Saint

*Irmos:* **Thou, who art glorified upon the holy mountain where Thou didst reveal to Moses the mystery of the Ever-virgin in the bush not burned by fire, do we magnify throughout all ages!**

**T**hy dew-drops of thy words of wisdom are like the showers of divine grace that quench the flames of the furnace of deception, O divinely-wise preacher and holy messenger of Christ.

**B**eautiful are thy feet that carried thee on thy mission to preach the Gospel of the Prince

of Peace, O blessed one. Him, do we magnify throughout all ages.

**C**hrist, the Light of the world, the Lord of glory, the fullness of the essence of the Father, sent thee to enlighten those sitting in darkness. Him, do we magnify throughout all ages.

***Let us bless the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, the Lord!***

***Theotokion:*** We praise and glorify forever the Lord who made abode in the Virgin's womb, and through her, hath renewed the first-born Adam in a manner past all description and human understanding.

***We praise, bless, and worship the Lord, singing and exalting Him throughout all ages.***

***Katavasia:*** "The Offspring of the Theotokos..."

***The Magnificat is sung.*** "My soul magnifies the Lord..."

## Ode 9

### The Supplicatory Canon to the Theotokos

***Irmos:*** ***Saved through thee, O pure Virgin, we confess thee to be truly Theotokos, and with the choirs of angels we magnify thee.***

**O** Virgin, who didst give birth to Christ, Who doth wipe away every tear from every face: turn not away from the torrent of my tears.

**O** Virgin, who didst receive the fullness of joy, and didst banish the grief of sin: fill my heart with joy.

**B**e thou the haven and protection, the unshakable wall, the refuge, the shelter, and the joy of those who flee to thee, O Virgin.

**I**llumine with the rays of thy light, O Virgin, those who piously confess thee to be the Theotokos, and banish from them the darkness of ignorance.

**I** am brought low by mine afflictions and infirmities, but do thou, O Virgin, heal me, bringing me from illness into health.

### The Canon of the Saint

***Irmos:*** *With magnify thee, O Theotokos who knew no wedlock, with unceasing praise, for in a manner past all understanding, God made His abode in thine all-pure womb at the word of the Archangel, O thou who art more glorious than the heavenly hosts.*

**I**n preaching the Gospel thou didst proclaim to all the salvation of the world, and

breathing in the very inspiration of the Spirit, thou wast revealed as a great and holy instrument of God, O most honored and divinely-eloquent Apostle and Evangelist Luke

**Witnessing** the acts of the Savior's apostles, thou wast moved by God to record them faithfully, thus setting them forth as a lasting and inspiring model, O most glorious preacher and Evangelist Luke.

**Thou** didst ascend to the heights and didst thus attain thine ultimate desire, for thou standest now before Christ delighting in the divine vision bestowed by Him. Therefore, we all call thee blessed, O divinely-inspired Evangelist Luke.

*Theotokion:* **We** magnify thee, O Mother of God, for thou didst bear in thine arms the unapproachable God of all, who is hymned and praised in heaven by all the angelic hosts, and who ever grants salvation to all mankind through thee, O Lady Theotokos.

*Katavasia:* "Let every earth-born exult..."

### **The Exapostilarion of the Saint:**

**O** Luke, thou holy apostle and initiate of the holy mysteries of Christ, who, together with the divine Paul wast a teacher of the Gentiles, and wast a companion of the most pure Mother of God, whose icon thou didst so lovingly portray: pray thou for us who bless thee and celebrate thy sacred falling asleep, O eye-witness and wise Evangelist of God.

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

**Let** us praise the most excellent writer of the divine Gospel and fellow traveler with Paul as a disciple of grace. For thou, O blessed one, didst proclaim the incarnation of the Word, His love for mankind and His Passion. Therefore, having assembled here together, we worthily glorify thee.

### **Now and ever..., Theotokion:**

**Ineffable** was thy birth-giving, O Virgin Bride, for being the most pure temple, thou gavest birth to God the Word who by Pre-eternal counsel came to dwell in thee. Therefore, we worthily praise and glorify thee, O all-pure one.

**At the Praises, 4 stichera, in Tone 1: To the melody, "Thou wast covered in light..."**

**Come**, and let us honor with hymns of praise /  
The Apostle Luke, the disciple of Christ, /  
The most wise composer of the holy Gospel, /  
The chosen vessel, and living icon, the boast of every Church, /  
For he preached the wonderful works of God, ///

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Enlightening those on earth with the bright rays of the knowledge of God.

**M**astering the art of healing souls /  
More assuredly than the art of healing bodies /  
Thou didst excel at both for thou wast filled with the wisdom of God /  
And by healing both the soul and the body /  
Mankind was called to the knowledge of God. /  
Being lifted, as on wings, to His love, they rise daily to heaven ///  
Through thine intercessions for all those who praise thee.

**T**hose drowning in the sea of ignorance /  
Were pulled from the depths to the knowledge of God /  
By the net of thy words, O all blessed one, /  
And were offered by thee to Christ. /  
Being also an apostle of the Savior /  
Thou wast a wise herald and narrator of His acts of grace /  
And thou didst receive in return eternal life as an honor well-deserved ///  
O most holy Apostle Luke.

**In Tone 8: (by Leo the Magistrate)**

**C**ome, all creation, and let us praise in song /  
The true healer of the spirit, /  
The disciple of the Savior, /  
The ever-memorable apostle Luke, /  
For he heals the sickness of ungodliness /  
By anointing in the baptistry of Christ; /  
And with the divine water of the Holy Gospel flowing from his lips /  
He satisfies and enlivens all the earth.  
His proclamation has gone out into the ends of the universe ///  
And he ever prays for the salvation of our souls.

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

**C**ome, all ye faithful assembled /  
And like David let us praise the mystical herald of the Word, /  
The holy Apostle Luke.  
Thy tongue is like the swift pen of Christ /  
Enlightening the eyes of the pagans leading them to the knowledge of God. /  
Proclaiming the Good News of Christ and the Acts of the Holy Apostles, thy friends. /  
Standing now before the Holy Trinity ///

Pray thou for the salvation of our souls.

**Now and ever..., Theotokion, in the same Tone:**

Acept, O Sovereign Lady /  
The prayers of us, thy servants, ///  
And deliver us from every danger and necessity.

**Great Doxology, Troparion, usual Litanies, and the Dismissal.**

**Liturgy**

**At the Beatitudes, 8 troparia from the Third and Sixth Odes of the Canon of the Saint.**

**1-2.** Thy lessons blazed forth like the sun, O blessèd Evangelist Luke, and thy words adorn the very foundations of the Church, for they made the gloom of pagan deception vanish by the fervor of faith. *(twice)*

**3.** With thy divinely-inspired tongue and the words of thy godly mouth, like a master craftsman didst thou fashion beautiful tablets of stone telling to all of the Incarnation of God, O richly-bless't Evangelist Luke.

**4.** Thou wast enveloped by the most-luminous cloud, O all-wise one, when thou didst received the new Law when it was inscribed upon thy heart by the finger of the Spirit.

**5.** Having tasted of the cup of wisdom, thou gavest all to drink of the knowledge of Christ God, O wise Evangelist Luke.

**6.** Chosen to be the apostolic companion of Paul, O most blessèd and divinely-eloquent Luke, thou didst fish amongst the nations with the net of dogma and truth.

**7.** Thou wast like a cloud raining down upon us with the shower of life, O apostle, making the spring of salvation to flow for us all.

**8. Theotokion:** We worship Thy Son, who destroyed the worship of idolatry, together with the Father and the Spirit, O Virgin Mary Theotokos.

**The Troparion of St. Luke, in Tone 3:**

O holy Apostle and Evangelist Luke /  
Intercede with our merciful God, /  
That He may grant to our souls ///  
The remission of our transgressions.

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**Or, this Troparion of St. Luke, in Tone 5:**

Let us exalt the holy and glorious Apostle Luke, /  
With sacred hymns of praise, /  
Who wrote down for the Church the Acts of the Apostles /  
And was the author of the splendid Gospel of Christ. /  
For he is a physician of our human illnesses /  
And he heals our spiritual infirmities ///  
Praying ceaselessly for our souls.

**The Kontakion of St. Luke, in Tone 2: To the melody, “The steadfast....”**

Let us praise the divine Apostle Luke /  
As a preacher of true piety, /  
A teacher of the ineffable mysteries /  
And a blazing star of the Church. /  
For the Word who alone knoweth the secret hearts of men ///  
Chose him with the wise Paul, to be a teacher of the Gentiles.

**The Prokeimenon, in Tone 8:** Their proclamation is gone out into all the earth / and their words to the ends of the universe! *Verse:* The heavens are telling the glory of God, and the firmament proclaims His handiwork!

**The Epistle:** (260-ctr) 2 Col. 4:5-9,14,18

**The Alleluia, Tone 1:** The heavens shall confess Thy wonders, O Lord, and Thy truth in the congregation of the saints! *Verse:* God is glorified in the council of the saints!

**The Gospel:** (51) Luke 10:16-21

**The Communion Hymn:** Their proclamation is gone out into all the earth / and their words to the ends of the universe!

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