

Glory to Jesus Christ!
Слава Иисусу Христу!

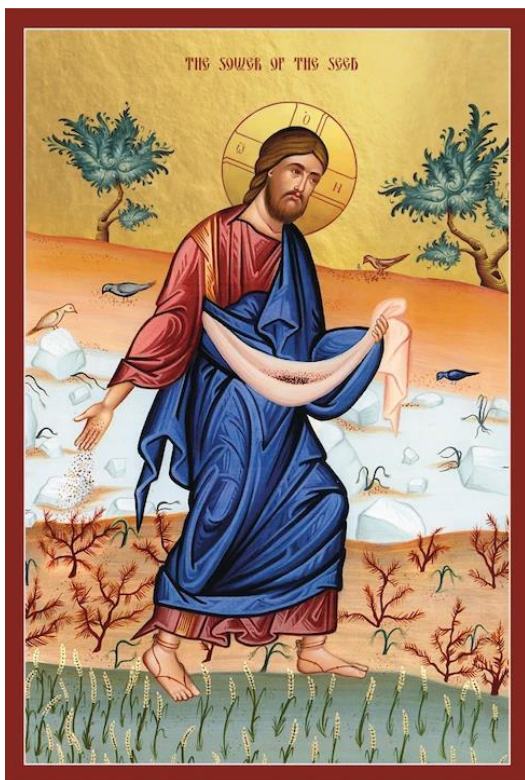
St. Mary ~ Holy Protection
Byzantine Catholic Church
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Glory Forever!
Слава на вики!

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18 OCTOBER 2026 / 7535
TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
THE HOLY APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST LUKE



LITURGY SCHEDULE:

Sat. Oct. 17 17:00 Vigil: **21st Sunday after Pentecost** Suffrages *pro populo*

Sun. Oct. 18 10:30 **21st Sunday after Pentecost** Suffrages for
+The Cantor Charles Galbach – daughter Loretta

Sat. Oct. 24 17:00 Vigil: **22nd Sunday after Pentecost**
Suffrages for **+John Sliz** – Fr. Regis Dusecina

Sun. Oct. 25 10:30 **22nd Sunday after Pentecost** Suffrages *pro populo*



10 / 11 / 2026

Adult: \$912

Candles: \$51

Holy Day: \$70

COLLECTION

Fuel: \$125

TOTAL: \$1158

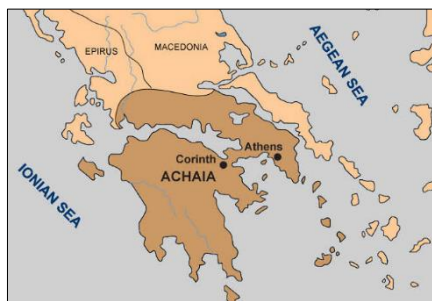
ATTENDANCE:

Sat. 10

Sun. 34 + 6



THE HOLY APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST LUKE was an Antiochean, a physician by trade, and



a disciple and companion of Paul. He wrote his Gospel in Greek after Matthew and Mark, after which he wrote the Acts of the Apostles, and dedicated both works to Theophilus, who, according to some, was Governor of Achaia. He lived some eighty-six years and died in Achaia, perhaps in Patras, the capital of this district. His emblem is the calf, the third symbolical



beast mentioned by Ezekiel (1:10), which, as Saint Irenaeus says, is a symbol of Christ's sacrificial and priestly office.

THE HODEGETRIA ICON OF THE THEOTOKOS (Παναγία Οδηγήτρια) is historically the first icon of the Church, painted by the Holy Evangelist Luke. According to the tradition of the Synaxaristés, Saint Luke painted the Icon of the Most Holy Theotokos from life, and she received it with great joy and blessed it saying, «May the grace of Him Who was born of me be with this Icon.» The Icon, which was rescued from Palestine, was sent to Constantinople, during the reign of Theodosios II the Younger by Empress Eudokia, as a gift to the Emperor's sister, Saint Poulkheria, who placed it in the Monastery of the Guides, which she founded. Later it was moved to the Blachernae church. The Icon performed countless miracles, such as the rescue of Constantinople from the Arabs in the year 717. It was, however, destroyed by the Ottomans during the Fall of Constantinople in 1453. A copy of the Icon can be found in the Monastery of Xenophontos on Mount Athos. The Mother of God holds her Divine Child with her left hand, and with her right hand she indicates that the way we must follow on our earthly pilgrimage is that which leads us to Christ, Who said: "I am the way (ὁδός), and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, except through Me" (John 14:6).



«And as for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bring forth fruit with patience.» The *good ground* is the good souls that are thirsty for truth and hungry for love. As a thirsty deer hastens to find water (Ps. 41/42:1), so these good souls pass through the arid desert of this world, seeking to satisfy their hunger and quench their thirst with eternal truth and enduring love. When dew and heavenly manna fall on such souls from Christ's lips, they bathe in joy and grow up high towards heaven, bringing forth uncountable fruit. Only one path passes through these souls: the path on which Christ walks; it is closed to all other travellers and passers-by. In these souls there are no heaps of rock or thickets of thorns, but only clean, soft and fruitful earth, on which only one seed grows: that which is sown by Christ the Lord. It says that they keep it *in an honest and good heart*. Good people do not keep Christ's word written down on paper, for paper is external to man and can be lost. Neither do they only keep it in their minds, for the mind is on the surface of a man, and it could be forgotten. But they keep it in their inner-most selves, in their hearts, *in an honest and good heart*, where it will not be lost or forgotten but will grow like yeast and bear fruit like wheat, making a man merry as with wine and anointing his whole life as with oil, so that it shines like the sun."

St. Nikolai Velimirović, Bishop of Ochrid



~ ANNOUNCEMENTS ~

- **A SPAGHETTI DINNER** will be held at **St. John the Baptist Byzantine Catholic Church** in **Scottsdale** this **Sunday, October 18th** from **Noon to 3:00 pm**. Requested donation: adults: \$12, children 12 and under \$6. Dinner includes: spaghetti w/ meatballs, salad, roll, dessert, and beverage. Take-out available. There will also be a basket raffle. For information, call: 724-220-5062.



- **44th ANNUAL CARPATHO-RUSYN CELEBRATION** at **St. John the Baptist Byzantine Catholic Church** in **Uniontown** will be next **Sunday, October 25th** from **Noon to 17:00** in the Church Social Hall. In addition to the many traditional ethnic food items being offered, entertainment will include the Rusyn folk music ensemble **SOKYRA** who will perform at 13:00 and 16:00. **SLAVJANE** Folk Dancers will perform at 14:30. All are welcome; **admission is free**. See posters in Narthex for details or go to the parish website for more information: stjohnbaptist-byzcath-uniontown.org. or call 724-438-1382 (leave message).



- **CHRISTMAS IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER!** Open house days at the religious gift shop at Mount Saint Macrina in Uniontown will be on December 5, 8, and 10 from noon until 3:30 pm. 10% discount every day, plus prizes, free wrapping, refreshments. Please bring a donation of a non-perishable food item. For additional information, call 724-439-6180.

