

Saint Luke, pray for us!



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"Let the little children come to me, and do not forbid them, for to such is the Kingdom of Heaven." Mark 10:14

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Being wise about God



Have you ever walked around in a library? Maybe you've walked around in the grown-up section, and you've seen books and books about things you don't even understand. Then you know how much there really is to learn!

In today's Gospel reading, our Lord reminds us how much there is to learn...about God. Jesus had special helpers, His disciples. God gave the disciples special help so they could help Him. These men were just regular people, but God gave them special help. In the Gospel, Jesus prays, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to babes; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will."

We know we have a lot to learn about God and about our faith! But the most important thing is that we know that Jesus is God, and that we want to help Him with His special work. We can learn more and more about everything. We can read every book in the library! But the most important thing is that we know God and that we want to serve Him.

Let's always remember how God gave special help to regular people. He did that so they could serve Him and serve others. Did you know that God will do this for us too, if we ask Him?

WORD SEARCH

Can you find these words in the jumble?

EVANGELIST
GOSPEL
HUMILITY
ICON
LEARNING
LIBRARY
LUKE
UNDERSTAND
WISDOM

E M W C D B L P Z M L T H L O
L V K S K V Z I W T J U E D Q
C P A L J Z B J I M M A T V F
Y B B N M S H B O S R O K Y L
K A D F G G H D A N L T L O U
R N C X B E S O I T E X G J N
L U K E J I L N B B P I O X D
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J R A Q R C K M T T G C J K S
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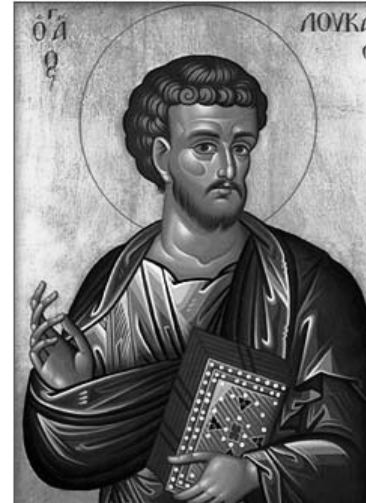
WHAT'S IN AN ICON?

Did you know Saint Luke was an artist too?

He drew some of the first icons of our church. Can you see who is in the icon he is drawing? It's Mary, the Theotokos.



SAINT LUKE THE EVANGELIST



Do you have a favorite author?

Maybe you really like a book series, and you wish it would never end. Maybe you keep wanting to read more and more.

The Holy Bible was written by lots of authors. And when you get to reading it, you might have a favorite author or a favorite chapter. Today we celebrate the feastday of Saint Luke. He is called an evangelist, because he wrote down the Good News (*evangelion*, in Greek) about our Lord, Jesus

Christ. Remember, we have four Evangelists: Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. They all wrote about Jesus' life, what He said, and what happened to Him.

One great thing about Saint Luke is that he wrote a sequel to his Gospel! You might have heard some stories from the Acts of the Apostles. That's the chapter of the Bible where we hear about the new Christian Church. We hear about how it grew and grew. We hear about the first Christians who gave so much to spread the good news of Jesus Christ. We hear about the dangerous adventures of Saint Paul and Saint Peter.

We love Saint Luke the Evangelist because he gave *us* the Good News too. And we can read that Good News anytime we want to read the Bible!

We celebrate Saint Luke today, October 18th.