

# THE SYNOPTIC GOSPELS

THE LIFE OF CHRIST WITH SAINT LUKE



## SAINT LUKE THE EVANGELIST

We refer to Saint Luke as the evangelist because he wrote one of the four gospels. In Greek, gospel is evangelion. An evangelist is someone who brings the gospel (good news) of Christ to others.

In this icon, we see Saint Luke actively writing, using the materials available to him during his time. He was a well educated man and his writing reflects his knowledge.

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### GOAL

Saint Luke wrote the Gospel of Luke and is one of the 4 evangelists.

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### AT CHURCH

We hear the gospel being read every Sunday during the Divine Liturgy.

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### AT HOME

Read the daily gospel reading as part of your family prayers or during dinner together



Class routine:  
Move my photo from  
“home” to “church”



Class routine:  
Light a candle -  
respectfully  
prayerfully  
without playing



Class routine:  
Venerate our icon



Sing “Lord have  
mercy” in  
English, Greek,  
Arabic, Romanian

## CLASSROOM ROUTINE

Review classroom routine, if needed, for any new students. Otherwise, have them do their routine and begin the lesson for the day.

Take photos of any kids who were not here last week.

## LIFE OF SAINT LUKE

Commemorated on October 18th

*For those who were unable to cover the life of Saint Luke last week because of time or you would like to review his life.*

Sometimes we give titles to our saints to help us tell them apart. There is more than one Saint Luke, so how do we know who is who? Saint Luke the Evangelist wrote the Gospel of Luke and also the Acts of the Apostles. Do you remember the four men who wrote the gospels? (Sing "[Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John](#)") Saint Luke the Evangelist is also sometimes called Saint Luke the Apostle because he was one of the 70 apostles.

He was a doctor, knew how to read and write in many languages, and was also an excellent painter. Additionally, he traveled with Saint Paul during part of his missionary journeys.

*After reading or telling the story to the children, ask them to summarize / narrate back to you about Saint Luke's life. In order for them to articulate a story back to you, they have to be able to organize their thoughts and remember some details about the story. This is a great review for them and aids in the the lesson to be stored in long term memory. **This will take approximately 10 - 20 minutes each week.** Today: Aim for about 10 min.*

## THE GOSPELS

Sing, "[Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John](#)" together.

## GETTING TO KNOW YOU

An activity of your choosing to get to know each of the kids' names

## SING, "LORD, HAVE MERCY"

English: Lord, have mercy

Greek: Kyrie eleison

Arabic: Ya Rab Urham

Romanian: Doamne, miluiește

We will spend this year learning to sing, "[Lord, have mercy.](#)" *Today: Sing only in English 3x*

PreK & K can focus on English and Greek. 1st & 2nd grade can focus on English, Greek, Arabic, and Romanian.

## EXTENDED LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

[The Remarkable Gospel of St. Luke](#) - Search the Scriptures Podcast

[Crash Course on the Gospels: Conclusion](#) - Search the Scriptures Podcast

*The Gospel of Luke: Good News for the Poor* by Fr. Lawrence Farley, pages 15 - 21

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## AT HOME

### FOR PARENTS

**I**llumine our hearts, O Master Who lovest mankind, with the pure light of Thy divine knowledge. Open the eyes of our mind to the understanding of Thy gospel teachings. Implant also in us the fear of Thy blessed commandments, that trampling down all carnal desires, we may enter upon a spiritual manner of living, both thinking and doing such things as are well-pleasing unto Thee. For Thou art the illumination of our souls and bodies, O Christ our God, and unto Thee we ascribe glory, together with Thy Father, Who is from everlasting, and Thine all-holy, good, and life-creating Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen

- A Prayer Before Reading Holy Scripture

### Teach our children about the gospels:

Where can we learn more about Holy Scripture? Oftentimes Father Vasile will provide insight to each Sunday's gospel during his sermon. Ask your kids questions about Father's sermon or start a conversation on the way home about that day's gospel reading.

There are also several great commentaries on the gospels from - the Church Fathers, Saint Theophylact, Fr. Lawrence Farley, and Dr. Jeannie Constantinou. You can even listen to Dr. Jeannie's podcasts on Ancient Faith Radio in the car and then explain the podcast on their level during dinner.

## HOME ACTIVITY #2

We read the gospel to our children:

### Choose one:

- During dinner each night this week
- During our family prayer time each evening this week

