

# SAINT LUKE THE EVANGELIST

THE LIFE OF CHRIST WITH SAINT LUKE



## ICONOGRAPHY

We were all made in the image of God, therefore Adam was the first icon and God the first iconographer. Saint Luke was the second iconographer and he depicted the Theotokos for us in the icon known as “The Directress”. When someone is directing, what are they doing? They guide other people - in this case, she’s directing us towards Christ.

Iconographers purposely do not depict people like they appear in a photo. Instead, they depict the saint focused on God, instead of anything in this world.

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### GOAL

After participating in the lesson, tell me about Saint Luke & when is his feast day?

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### AT CHURCH

Paraklesis:  
Listen & hear about St. Luke as an iconographer

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### AT HOME

Learn about the lives of the saints on the icons in our home.



**Icon:**  
is a holy image and provides us with a “window to heaven”



**Apostle:**  
is a person who is “sent out” to teach others about Christ



**Evangelist:**  
is a person who preaches the gospel  
~  
Matthew, Mark, Luke, John

## LIFE OF SAINT LUKE

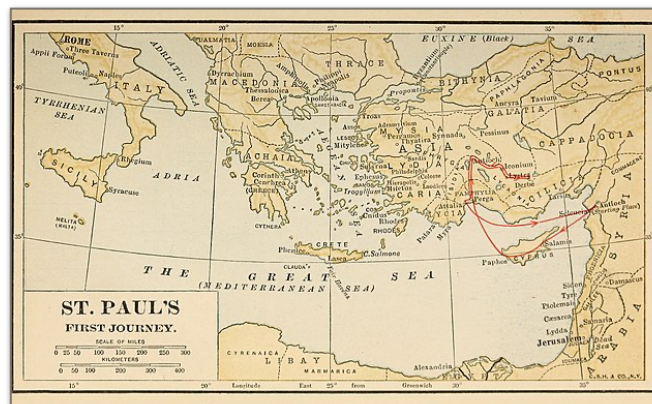
Commemorated on October 18th

Saint Luke was born in Antioch, probably to parents who were pagans. He studied hard during school and was incredibly smart. He was particularly talented as both a doctor and a painter. With his skills as a doctor, he helped to heal people, body and soul. With his skills as a painter, he provided us with an icon of the Theotokos. Today, iconographers still follow the guidance of St. Luke as they paint an icon.

When we talk about the apostles during our lessons on the gospels, we are referring to one of two groups of people:

- **12 apostles** - Jesus' 12 disciples who were sent out to teach others about Christ
- **70 apostles** - 70 additional men who were sent out to also teach others about Christ

Saint Luke is believed to be one of the 70 apostles. He traveled far and wide to tell everyone he met about Jesus' teachings, miracles, death, and resurrection. Saint Luke also traveled with Saint Paul on some of his missionary journeys.



*S*peechless be the lips of impious ones,  
 those who do not reverence your great  
 icon, the sacred one, which is called  
 Directress, and was depicted for us,  
 by one of the apostles, Luke the Evangelist.  
 - Small Paraklesis to the Theotokos

Saint Luke wrote both the Gospel of Luke and the Acts of the Apostles, which tells us about what the apostles did after Jesus' Ascension.

When Saint Luke was an elderly man, idolaters (*those who worshiped idols*) killed (*martyred*) him because of his deep faith in God.

SING: O HOLY APOSTLES

### EXTENDED LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES FOR TEACHERS & PARENTS:

- *The Synaxarion: September/October Volume* - October 18th
- *The Explanation of the Holy Gospel According to Luke* by Blessed Theophylact ~ There are 3 short accounts of Luke's life at the beginning of the book.
- YouTube: [Picturing Salvation - Chora's Brilliant Byzantine Mosaics and Frescoes](#) ~ A visual tour of the iconography in the Church of Chora
- **Browse our bookstore** for bedtime stories with your kids ~  
*Pictures of God: A Child's Guide to Understanding Icons* By John Kosmas Skinas

# GETTING TO KNOW YOU!

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Hello! My Name is:

Draw a picture of something  
you enjoy doing:

My patron saint is:

I am very good at:

My favorite feast day is:

Draw a picture or write how you could  
use your talent for the glory of God?

My favorite feasting food is:

My favorite fasting food is:

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## AT HOME

### FOR PARENTS

**I**t is the mother who most properly plants the first idea of God in the child's heart. Basil the Great says this very thing:

*“The teachings about God which I had received as a boy from my blessed mother I have ever held with increased conviction. On my coming to ripe years of reason, I did not shift my opinions from one to another; but carried out the principles delivered to me.”*

- St. Nektarios

*Motherhood and the Raising of Children*

### Teach our children about icons:

Read or tell your children about the lives of the saints depicted on each icon in your home or in your family altar.

Oftentimes, we have carefully chosen the icons we place in our family altar. Share with your children why you chose these icons. Are they your family's patron saints? Is there a story attached to choosing or receiving a particular icon? Your kids will enjoy learning why these icons are in their home and their special meaning to you.

Is there a story behind why you chose the patron saint you did for them?

### HOME ACTIVITY #1

#### Choose one:

- Let your child take a photo of your family altar to share with our parish community
- Take a photo of your child(ren) near your family altar
- Take a photo of your child beside the icon of their patron saint

**Then:** Text the photo to Jennifer Hock (859-630-9157) & look for everyone's photos in coffee hour slideshow and on the bulletin boards in the Sunday School hallway!



