

October 18th

# Holy Apostle & Evangelist Luke

## Stichera at the Aposticha at Vespers

Byzantine Chant Tone 5  
Special Melody: *Rejoice*

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1) Rich - ly was grace poured forth on thy lips,  
O blest A - pos - tle, by that Heav - en - sent tongue of fire,  
which made thee a fier - y tongue that, through preach - ing, sent words of  
light, to il - lu - min - ate those wor - thy of the light,  
but scorch - ing with sear - ing beams those who rath - er de - sired the dark,  
when thou didst write thy ho - ly Gos - pel and taught - est it;  
and thou wast the sweet scent of life for those wish - ing life,  
e - ven as Paul thy teach - er hath de - clared, O all - laud - ed Luke,  
but thou wast al - so thē ō - dor of death to  
those not de - sir - ing life. Now we im - por - tune thee:  
grant God's peace and life and light and Great Mer - cy to us all.

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Verse: His sound hath gone forth into all the earth, and his words unto the ends of the world.

2) As thou thy - self didst say, we have known  
the truth and cer - tain - ty of those things thou didst de - clare,  
di - vine - ly in - spired from Heav - en, see - ing thou took - est in  
hand to write down for us the things sure - ly be - lieved,  
where - of thou hadst been in - formed, e - ven as the eye - wit - ness - es  
de - liv - ered to thee; and their e - qual didst thou be - come  
and the min - is - ter of the Word Who as - sumed our flesh,  
Whom af - ter His A - ris - ing thou be - held - est with burn - ing heart,  
when with Him thou and Cle - o - pas went to Em -  
- ma - us and ate with Him. With His god - ly fer - vor  
fill our souls as we re - vere thee, O seer of mys - ter - ies.

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Verse: The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament proclaimeth the work of His hands.



3) Re - jice, thou who a - lone didst with joy  
 write that Re - jice of the good tid - ings the Vir - gin heard,  
 and how she was called the Moth - er of God by John in the  
 womb, whose con - cep - tion, thou didst al - so write for us;  
 and how God the Word took flesh; His temp - ta - tions and mir - a - cles;  
 His words, His Pas - sion, Cru - ci - fix - ion and will - ing Death,  
 Ris - ing from the dead and As - cen - sion, which thou didst see;  
 like - wise, the Spir - it's dread de - scent, thē Acts of Christ's mes - sen - gers,  
 and of Saint Paul in par - tic - u - lar, whose com -  
 pan - ion thou wast, O Luke, phy - si - cian and teach - er,  
 and thou light un - to the Church, which do thou ev - er pre - serve.