

that, while human nature had rotted from sin, Christ came, and His achievement was to deliver it from the rotting of sins. While calling Christians salt, He showed that He entrusts to them as a painful care, that humanity not return again to rotting.

So what is sought for, is our response to the title of Christian faith, in a manner in which we will honor and not undermine it. The value of Christianity is inconceivably great for the demeriting of the falls of Christians to undermine, and so for this reason it is something for which we will give account!

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**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18**, *Luke the Evangelist, Marinos the Martyr*

**TONE OF THE WEEK: Tone Third**

**EOTHINON** *Nineth Eothinon*

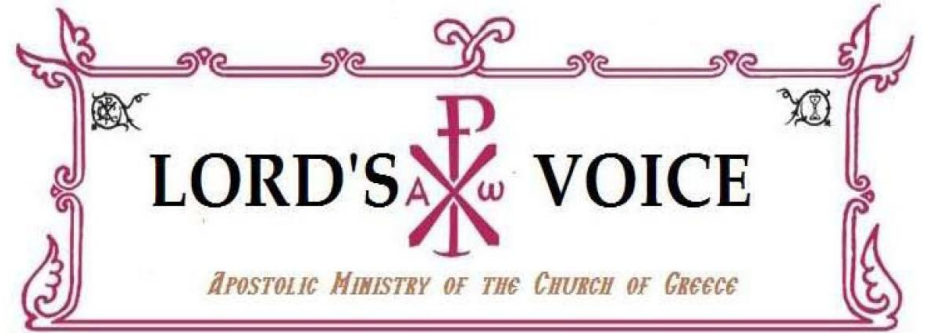
**EPISTLE** *St. Paul's Letter to the Colossians 4:5-11, 14-18*

**GOSPEL** *Luke 10:16-21*

**NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2015 6th Sunday of Luke**, *The Holy Martyrs Marcian and Martyrius the Notaries, Tabitha, who was raised from the dead by Peter the Apostle*

**EPISTLE:** *St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians 2:16-20*

**GOSPEL:** *Luke 8:26-39*



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## CONSISTENCY OF WORDS AND DEEDS

When our Christ wanted to focus His people's attention of on the necessity of being distinguished by consistency of words and deeds, He spoke about the majesty of spiritual life, but also about the tragedy of spiritually missing the mark, mainly as regards its effect on the rest of the people. "Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men." (Mt. 5:13). In other words, you disciples of Mine are the spiritual salt of people on the earth, because you have the destiny of making life pleasant and of preventing moral and spiritual rotting. If however, the salt is deprived of this special power which it has, with what will it be salted, so as to again obtain that which it lost? It no longer serves in anything, but it is thrown on the streets and is trampled upon by people.

Many substances, when they rot, are very useful as fertilizer. Not salt, however. The "saltless salt" cannot be used anywhere, so for this reason also, it is thrown away to be trampled upon, as completely superfluous. In other words? In other words, the sacred Chrysostom will explain, all the others, when they fall into some sin can obtain forgiveness, however, if he who preaches the

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**Psalm 18.4,1**

**Their voice has gone out into all the earth.**

**Verse: The heavens declare the glory of God.**

BRETHREN, conduct yourselves wisely toward outsiders, making the most of the time. Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer every one. Tychicos will tell you all about my affairs; he is a beloved brother and faithful minister and fellow servant in the Lord. I have sent him to you for this very purpose, that you may know how we are and that he may encourage your hearts, and with him Onesimos, the faithful and beloved brother, who is one of yourselves. They will tell you of everything that has taken place. Aristarchos my fellow prisoner greets you, and Mark the cousin of Barnabas (concerning whom you have received instructions if he comes to you, receive him), and Jesus who is called Justos. These are the only men of the circumcision among my fellow workers for the kingdom of God, and they have been a comfort to me. Luke the beloved physician and Demas greet you. Give my greetings to the brethren at Laodicea, and to Nympha and the church in her house. And when this letter has been read among you, have it read also in the church of the Laodiceans; and see that you read also the letter from Laodicea. And say to Archippos, "See that you fulfill the ministry which you have received in the Lord." I, Paul, write this greeting with my own hand. Remember my fetters. Grace be with you. Amen.

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faith suffers this, he has no excuse, no defense to retort so for this reason also, he is cast out, being mocked. And this refers not only

to Clergymen, but to all Christians, who with their life are called to become teachers of others.

**What is sought for**

And precisely there he projects what is constantly sought for by the Church throughout the ages, which particularly today, with the opportunity of the memory of the Holy glorious Apostle and Evangelist Luke, the Epistle Reading reminds us of.

**We are giving account**

The Apostle Paul speaks a bit about salt today, in order to give the way of Christian behavior in relationships to others. He says, let your word always be full of divine grace, salted with the salt of prudence, so that it is pleasant, on the one hand, but not also invalidating the message of salvation, since you must know how to respond to each one. Many forget the "in Grace". The Fathers however, as guardians of the self conscience of the Church denote precisely what Paul wants to say. When a Christian is speaking, he cannot be saying his own bright things in order to attract people to himself. The Christian points to Christ! Our Christian faith, the invaluable treasure which was handed down to us as a responsibility for us to handle, cannot be made a plaything of our own dispositions, or of the aims of the season and happenstances. "You are handling great things...therefore you need greater care," John Chrysostom will stress to us.

The salvation of the world, was secured in Christ by Christ himself, but the existence of this potential of salvation of the world unto the end of the years, Christ has entrusted as a responsibility to His Church. So for this reason, John Chrysostom will again say