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THE SUNDAY GOSPEL (Luke 10:16-21)
The apostolic authority

The Lord said to his disciples, "He who hears you hears me, and he who rejects you rejects me, and he who rejects me rejects him who sent me." The seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in your name!" And he said to them, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. Behold, I have given you authority to tread upon serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing shall hurt you. Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you; but rejoice that your names are written in heaven." In that same hour he rejoiced in the Holy Spirit and said, "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."

THE POWER OF THE NAME OF JESUS

On this Sunday, the Church calls us to celebrate the Apostle and Evangelist Luke, who, according to an ecclesiastical tradition, was numbered among the Seventy Apostles, whom the Lord sent out two by two to proclaim the word of salvation.

The Evangelist Luke came from Antioch of Syria. He is the author of two books of the New Testament: the third Gospel and the Acts of the Apostles. He is the most historical of the four Evangelists and the one who has handed down to us the greatest number of testimonies concerning the Most Holy Theotokos. He was a precious

coworker and companion of the Apostle Paul, a distinguished physician, a painter of icons of the Mother of God, and an excellent master of the Greek language. During the Passion of the Lord he was in Jerusalem, and on the morning of Pascha he was walking with Cleopas toward the village of Emmaus, saddened by all that had happened to Christ. Yet this sorrow was transformed into ineffable joy when the Risen Lord, who had appeared to them without their being able to recognize Him, "was made known to them in the breaking of the bread" (Luke 24:35). He revealed Himself as He broke the bread in the mystery of the Divine Eucharist, and He granted them the honor of becoming witnesses and heralds of His Resurrection. It is said that later, after preaching the Gospel in various places, he became Bishop of Thebes in Boeotia, where he died a martyr's death.

The work of the Disciples of Christ

The Seventy Disciples of the Lord, filled with the power of the Name of their Master and the enlightenment of His word were delivering people from the influence of unclean spirits, whose chief work is the slander of God to man and the slander of one person to another. Whereas the Holy Spirit of God, being the Spirit of peace, unity, and reconciliation, binds people together with the love of Christ – expressed as forgiveness, understanding, and humble-mindedness – the opposite spirit produces continual divisions, confusion, turmoil, injustice, darkness, and destruction. The power of the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ, the Grace of prayer, the blessing of the Divine Liturgy, and the intercessions of the Saints preserve the faithful from "the fiery darts of the evil one" and help them cultivate in their lives the ascetical struggle to live the Gospel and the spirit of true repentance.

The inscription of the names of the faithful in the Kingdom of God

The Lord instructs His Disciples not to rejoice because the demonic spirits obey them, but rather to rejoice because their names have been written in Heaven, that is, in the Kingdom of God, "in the book of life" (Philippians 4:3). The possibility of the believer's citizenship in the Kingdom of God is granted by God through the gift

of divine adoption, that is, through faith in the Truth of God, which is sealed by the mystery of Baptism, and thereafter by participation in the Divine Eucharist, "for the remission of sins and for life everlasting."

Thus, a person acquires the awareness that already from the present, from within historical reality, he foretastes the final triumph of the Kingdom of God and eternal life, that is, "the ever well-being with Christ," to be eternally with Christ and to rejoice in the vision, the ineffable light, and the love of Christ. For this is what means blessedness, Paradise, the Kingdom of God.

Archimandrite N. K.

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Elder Marinos the Martyr.

3rd Tone – Eothinon: 9 – Epistle: Colossians 4:5-11 – Gospel: Luke 10:16-21

NEXT SUNDAY: October 25, 6th Sunday of Luke
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