

Today is the Feast of St. Luke, the Evangelist.

Of course, if you had to look at Luke's resume ... if the ancients had resumes ... you'd see that he is the patron saint of physicians, surgeons, students, artists and butchers.

Physicians and surgeons makes sense, since he is purported to have been a physician. Butchers ... is probably distantly related to surgeons. Students ... probably again because physicians have to learn a lot of things.

He is patron of artists, because tradition holds that he was the first painter of icons. Most famously he is supposedly the painter of several historic icons of Our Lady with the Child Jesus ... similar to ... Although by the middle ages, he was credited with over 600 icons throughout Christendom.

He is also the patron saint of bachelors, bookbinders, brewers, butchers, Capena (Italy), glassmakers, glass workers, gold workers, goldsmiths, Hermersdorf (Germany), lace-makers, lace workers, notaries, sculptors and stained glass workers.

And, I'm not so sure why all of those ... nonetheless, today we will have the liturgy of anointing because it is the Feast of St. Luke.

We ask his intercession for all those who share the patronage of St. Luke.