



■ † 11th Sunday of St. Luke: Sunday of the Holy Forefathers

## The Called and the Chosen\*

Such is the spirit of the age: antichristian

“**M**any are called, but few are chosen” (St. Matthew 22:14).

All Christians are called; chosen are those Christians who believe and live in a Christian manner.

In the early years of Christianity, preaching called people to the Faith. Nowadays we are Christians from birth. We come from Christians and have our upbringing among Christians. And glory be to God! We travel down half the road—that is, our entrance into Christianity and the taking root of its principles in our heart—from our very childhood, without any labour.

One would expect that our faith would thenceforth be all the stronger and our life all the more correct. It used to be that way, but at some point in time things started to be different with us.

Unchristian principles, which ruin young people, are permitted in our schools, and unchristian customs, which corrupt them after they leave school, have entered into society.

If, in accordance with the word of God, there have always been only a few chosen, it is no surprise that in our time there are even fewer of them. Such is the spirit of the age: antichristian!

What will come next?

If our manner of education and social customs are not changed, true Christianity will weaken more and more, and



ultimately will entirely come to an end. Only the name “Christian” will remain, but the spirit of Christianity will not be there. The spirit of the world will fill everything.

**W**hat is one to do? Pray [and repent]...



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(\*) St. Theophan the Recluse, *Thoughts for Each Day of the Year According to the Daily Church Readings from the Word of God*.