

THE WORLD'S MOST PRECIOUS BOOK

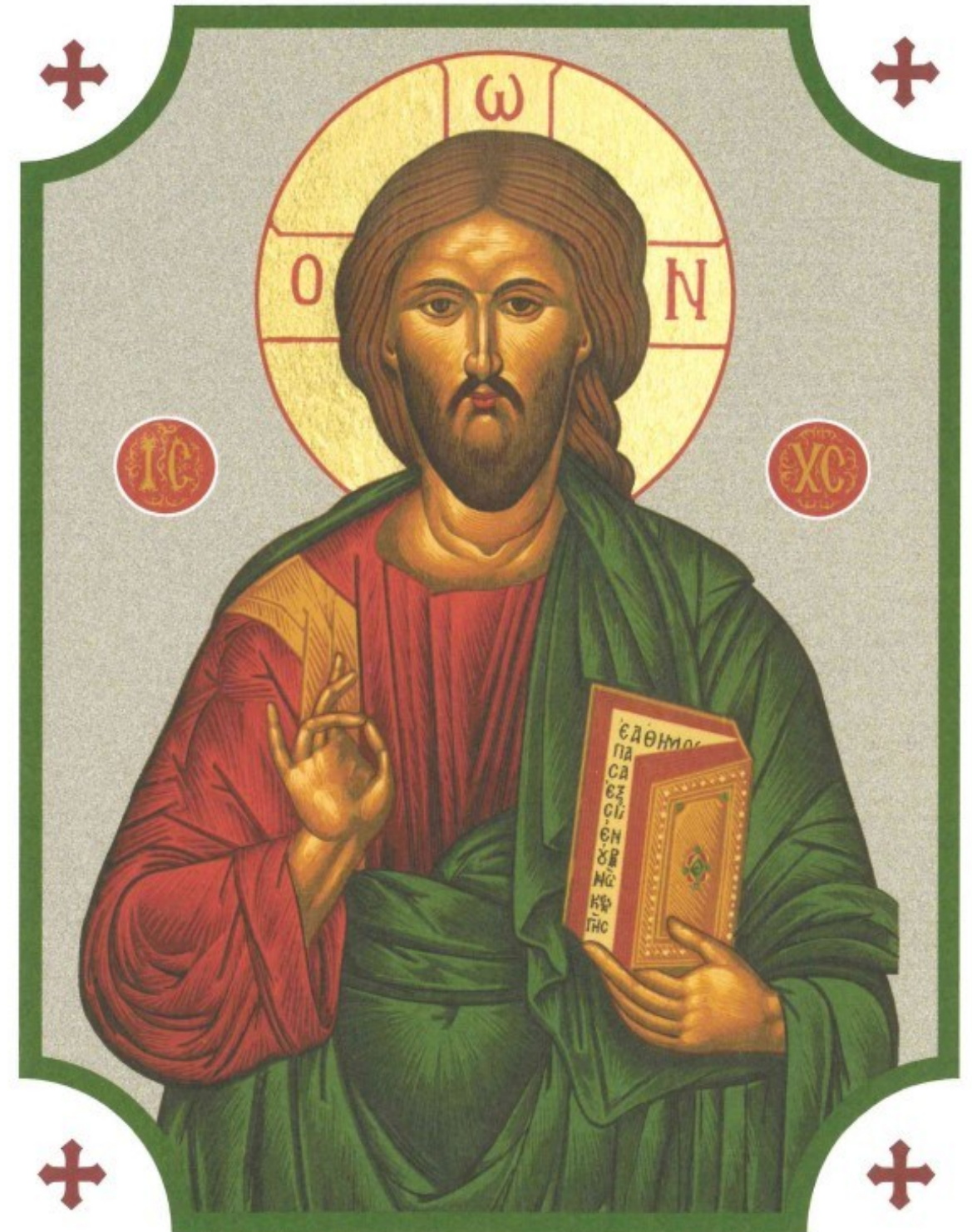

You may be surprised to learn that the best-selling book of all time is the Holy Bible! Since 1800, over 5 billion copies of the Bible have been sold. It has been translated into some 349 languages and dialects.

The Bible is actually a collection of books divided into two distinct sections: the Old Testament, which traces the rise and development of the Israelites – God's chosen people – and the New Testament, which deals with the life and teachings of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. It is our belief that the entire Bible is to be viewed as the inspired word of God.

The Bible is our guide for proper living. For this reason, the reading of the Sacred Scriptures is always an integral part of our Sunday worship in the Church. We hear St. Paul's letters to the Christian communities of his time. His advice to the early Church members often "hit home" and touch upon problems that still confront us today as we struggle to follow Christ. Week after week, the writings of the Four Evangelists – Matthew, Mark, Luke and John – are presented to us. Through their writings, Christ and His message come to life for us, as we trace the steps of His ministry, becoming first-hand "witnesses" to His glory. It is no wonder that we adorn God's Book with gold and jewels and give it a place of honor on the altar in our churches.

We should not be content, however, with the fact that the Bible tops the "best seller" list. It should also be the world's most "widely-read" book as well! We should all set aside some time daily to allow the Lord to "speak" to us through the Holy Scriptures.

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NATIVITY FAST BEGINS


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FAMILY LITURGY AND COMMUNION
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15th
Divine Liturgy 9:00am

Please join the Ladies Philoptochos for breakfast and children's crafts in FJ Hall immediately following the Liturgy

Father Steve will briefly discuss the "Cross" with the children

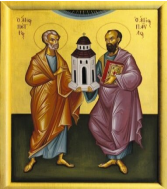
THE NATIVITY FAST IS ONE OF FOUR MAIN FAST PERIODS THROUGHOUT THE ECLESIASTICAL YEAR. BEGINNING ON NOVEMBER 15 AND CONCLUDING ON DECEMBER 24, THE NATIVITY FAST GIVES INDIVIDUALS THE OPPORTUNITY TO PREPARE FOR THE FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR IN THE FLESH ON DECEMBER 25. BY ABSTAINING FROM CERTAIN FOODS AND DRINKS, PARTICULARLY FROM MEAT, FISH, DAIRY, AND OLIVE OIL, AND WINE, AS WELL AS BY USING MORE ENERGY ON PRAYER AND ALMSGIVING, WE CAN REJOICE IN THE BIRTH OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR. THE FAST IS TO REMIND US OF OUR DEPENDENCY ON GOD.





The PROKEIMENON is from Psalm 117.14,18
The Lord is my strength and my song.
Verse: The Lord has chastened me sorely.

The Epistle Reading is from St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians 11:31-33;12:1-9



Brethren, the God and Father of the Lord Jesus, he who is blessed for ever, knows that I do not lie. At Damascus, the governor under King Aretas guarded the city of Damascus in order to seize me, but I was let down in a basket through a window in the wall, and escaped his hands.

I must boast; there is nothing to be gained by it, but I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven -- whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows. And I know that this man was caught up into Paradise --whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows -- and he heard things that cannot be told, which man may not utter. On behalf of this man I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. Though if I wish to boast, I shall not be a fool, for I shall be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think more of me than he sees in me or hears from me. And to keep me from being too elated by the abundance of revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan, to harass me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I besought the Lord about this, that it should leave me; but he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." I will all the more gladly boast of my weaknesses, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

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`Ο Ναός τής Αγίας Σοφίας τού Θεου

October 19, 2025



3rd Sunday of Luke
The Tone for this day is the Second
The Morning Gospel of the Orthros is the Eighth

Reading is from the Gospel According to John 20:11-18

At that time, Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb, and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus has lain, one at the head and one at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "Because they have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid Him." Saying

this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom do you seek?" Supposing Him to be the gardener, she said to Him, "Sir, if you have carried Him away, tell me where you have laid Him, and I will take Him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned and said to Him in Hebrew, "Rabboni," which means Teacher. Jesus said to her, "Do not touch Me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to My brethren and say to them, I am ascending to My Father and your Father, to My God and your God." Mary Magdalene went and said to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord," and she told them that He had said these

THE SAINT SOPHIA CATHEDRAL
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3rd Sunday of Luke

The Gospel According to Luke 7:11-16

At that time, Jesus went to a city called Nain, and his disciples and a great crowd went with him. As he drew near to the gate of the city, behold, a man who had died was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow; and a large crowd from the city was with her. And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her and said to her, "Do not weep." And he came and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And he said, "Young man, I say to you, arise." And the dead man sat up, and began to speak. And he gave him to his mother. Fear seized them all; and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has arisen among us!" and "God has visited his people!"

Today we Commemorate Joel the Prophet

The Prophet Joel, whose name means "Yah is God," was of the tribe of Reuben, the son of Bathuel, and lived from 810 to 750 B.C. (but some say in the 7th century B.C.). His book is divided into three chapters, and is the second in order of the minor Prophets. He foretold the coming of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost (Joel 2:28, and quoted by the Apostle Peter in Acts 2:17), and the saving power of the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ (Joel 2:32).

We also Commemorate John the Wonderworker of Kronstadt

Saint John of Kronstadt was a married priest, who lived with his wife in virginity. Through his untiring labours in his priestly duties and love for the poor and sinners, he was granted by our Lord great gifts of clairvoyance and miracle-working, to such a degree that in the last years of his life miracles of healing--both of body and soul--were performed countless times each day through his prayers, often for people who had only written to him asking his help. During his lifetime he was known throughout Russia, as well as in the Western world. He has left us his diary My Life in Christ as a spiritual treasure for Christians of every age; simple in language, it expounds the deepest mysteries of our Faith with that wisdom which is given only to a heart purified by the grace of the Holy Spirit. Foreseeing as a true prophet the Revolution of 1917, he unsparingly rebuked the growing apostasy among the people; he foretold that the very name of Russia would be changed. As the darkness of unbelief grew thicker, he shone forth as a beacon of unquenchable piety, comforting the faithful through the many miracles that he worked and the fatherly love and simplicity with which he received all. Saint John reposed in peace in 1908.

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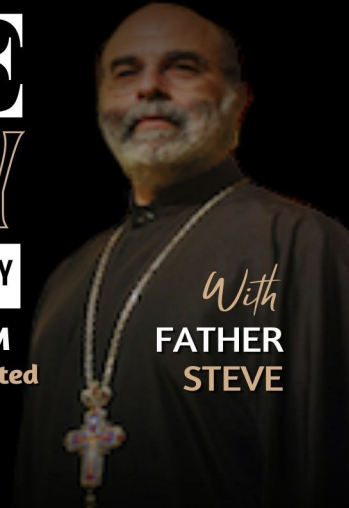
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