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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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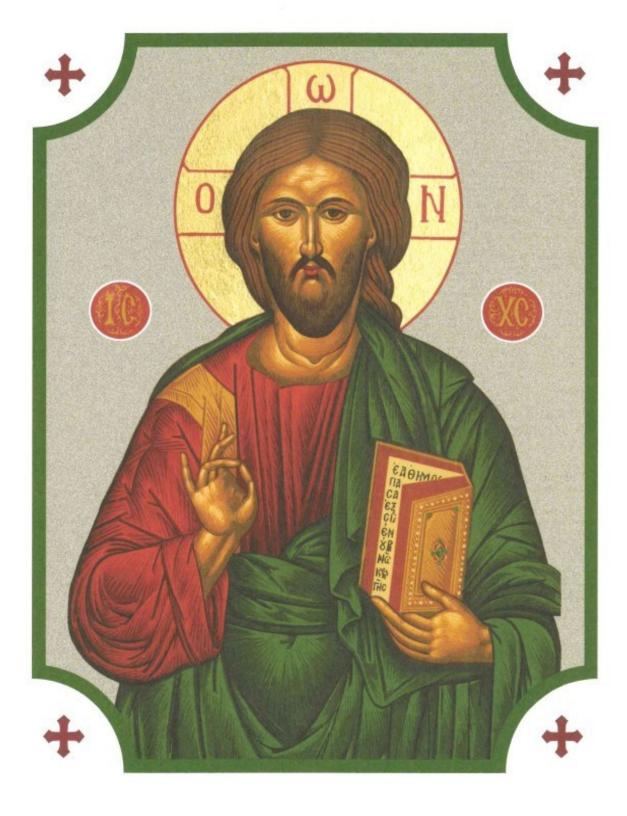


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Sunday Worship: Orthros: 8:30 AM, Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM. Weekday Worship: Orthros and Divine Liturgy 8:30 AM.

Sunday, October 19, 2025

Third Sunday of Luke

Matins Gospel Reading: John 20:11-18 Epistle Reading: St. Paul's Letter to the Corinthians 11:31-33; 12:1-9 Gospel Reading: Luke 7:11-16

Memorial Service:

Maria Mathios (40 days)

Today's Coffee Hour is sponsored by Mathios family.

SAINT SOPHIA **BAKING COMMITTEE**

Our Baking Ladies raised \$2022.00 for the Aristevi Foundation.

> Thank you for supporting our Baking Committee.





"Aristevi" in the Greek language means "to excel". Many trafficking survivors could not finish school due to their situations. Nashville is called the "Athens of the South" because of all the educational institutions in the area. As a Nashville based Foundation, we are focused on providing educational and vocational opportunities for trafficked survivors.

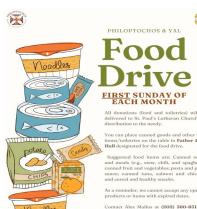
We help lift up the spirits and lives of trafficked survivors, by offering them vocational or educational financial support. We enhance their vocational lives and offer them opportunities that have been out of reach.

ALL PROCEEDS FROM THIS BAKE SALE WENT TO "ARISTEVI" CHARITY

SAVE THE DATE: OUR FALL PARISH ASSEMBLY MEETING WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9th AFTER DIVINE LITUGY IN FJ HALL.

STEWARDSHIP: Please be reminded that you must be current with your stewardship obligations to vote at the November 9th Parish Assembly Meeting and vote on December 9 for Parish Council Members. While we remain exceedingly grateful for the congregation's generosity, we are falling behind in our projected numbers of stewards and stewardship revenue for the year. Father Steve reminds us that to fulfill our Archdiocese Assessment, keep our lights on, pay our staff, etc., to "search your innermost heart, please consider the annual operating budget of the Cathedral breaks down to \$3,110 per steward, or just \$8.52 a day."

We welcome all our visitors -



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THE CATHEDRAL YOUTH CONNECTION

UPCOMING EVENTS

👞 Teen Talk (7th-12th Grade) October 12th

Join Father Gabriel for an open and honest Teen Talk, a safe space to discuss the challenges and questions of being an Orthodox teen today. This is a wonderful opportunity to seek guidance and connect with peers

Saint Sophia GOYA Basketball Tournament

October 18th-19th We are so proud to host this year's GOYA Basketball Tournament! This exciting event brings together young athletes from across our diocese for a weekend of spirited competition, fellowship, and faith We invite everyone to come celebrate our community spirit and cheer on the teams as they compete for the championship

Joy & Little Angels Frappe Fundraiser October 18th-19th

Stop by our Frappe Fundraiser during the basketball tournament to cool down and support our JOY and Little Angels groups! Enjoy a refreshing frappe while you watch the games. Your contribution helps us provide meaningful activities for our young parishioners.

Joy & Little Angels Faith Time & Pumpkin Decorating October 26th

Come get into the fall spirit with our youngest parishioners! We'll combine a fun, seasonal craft with a lesson that connects the beauty of the harvest season to our Orthodox faith. It's a perfect opportunity for our children to come together for fellowship, creativity, and spiritual



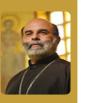
Learning, Laughter & Lunch

Our Sunday School Luncheon was a heartwarming celebration of faith, friendship, and community, Students, teachers, and families gathered to share a delicious meal, enjoy lively conversations, and honor the growth and spirit of our young learners. This joyful event reminded us of the blessings of coming together as a church. We are thankful for the many volunteers who worked tirelessly to ensure every detail was

This wonderful event also provided a great opportunity for parents and other community members to connect, share experiences, and support one another in nurturing the faith of our children. "This event showed how strong our community is and made me feel excited about the future of our cathedral." -Yianni Panagiotopoulos. Please join us for our next event which is Teen Talk with Father Gabriel on October 12th!

Message from Father Steve

Let no one despise your youth, but be an example to the llievers in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in rity." 1 Timothy 4:12



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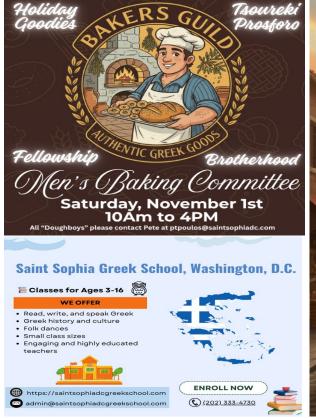
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The PROKEIMENON is from Psalm 117.14,18 The Lord is my strength and my song. Verse: The Lord has chastened me sorely.

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.





SAINT SOPHIA GREEK ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL

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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



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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 My ascending 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



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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.

