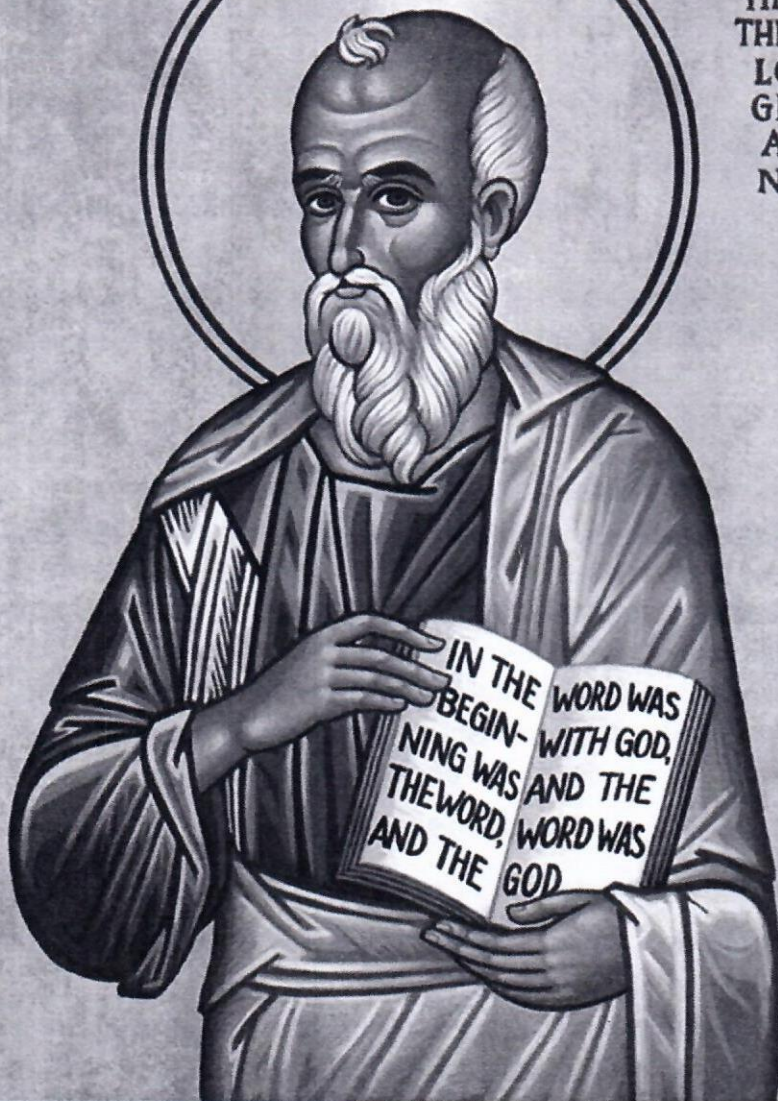


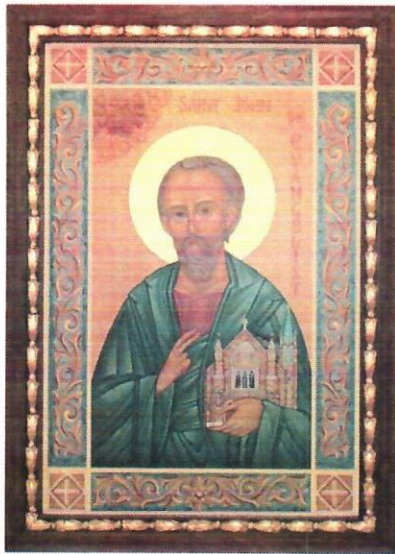
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***Jesus said, "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My Word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him. (John 16:23 )  
When a new person is baptized or Chrismated we say to that person, "Welcome Home!" The Church is where each person voluntarily belongs as one who believes in and belongs to Christ .***

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***We take this opportunity to welcome those guests worshipping with us.***

***Anyone wishing to request prayers for Health and Well-being, or a Trisagion prayer,  
please contact Fr. Seraphim***

***The Orthodox Church understands that the sacraments we experience are a fundamental part of the sacred life of a worshipping community that shares in "one body...one faith". (Eph. 4:5). Thus, we can only share Communion with those who are Orthodox and who have prepared themselves by prayer, fasting and Confession. If you are not Orthodox, or are not properly prepared, you are welcome to come forward and receive a blessing and then to take a piece of the blessed bread.***

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**DIVINE LITURGY FOR SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2025**  
**TONE 2 / EOTHINON 8; NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTE-**  
**COST & THIRD SUNDAY OF LUKE**

The Holy Prophet Joel; Martyr Varos and seven martyrs with him;  
Mother Cleopatra of Palestine; Venerable John of Rila

**RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE TWO**

When Thou didst submit Thyself unto death, O Thou deathless and immortal One, then Thou didst destroy hades with Thy Godly power. And when Thou didst raise the dead from beneath the earth, all the powers of Heaven did cry aloud unto Thee: O Christ, Thou giver of life, glory to Thee.

**APOLYTIKION OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST**

O beloved Apostle of Christ God, Come quick and save a people with no recourse. He who let you rest your head on his breast, will not reject your pleas on our behalf. Beseech him then, O wise and holy theologian. Dispel from us the dark and omanous clouds of disbelief. Grant us all of his peace and great mercy.

**ORDINARY KONTAKION IN TONE TWO**

O protection of Christians that cannot be put to shame, mediation unto the Creator most constant, O despise not the suppliant voices of those who have sinned; but be thou quick, O good one, to come unto our aid, who in faith cry unto thee: Hasten to intercession, and speed thou to make supplication, thou who dost ever protect, O Theotokos, them that honor thee.

## THE EPISTLE

(For the Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost)

***The Lord is my strength and my song.***

***The Lord has chastened me severely.***

### **The Reading from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (11:31-12:9)**

Brethren, the God and Father of the Lord Jesus, He Who is blessed forever, 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 14 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.

## THE GOSPEL

(For the Third Sunday of Luke)

### **The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (7:11-16)**

At that time, Jesus went to a city called Nain, and many of 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 Jesus said, “Young man, I say to you: arise.” And the dead man sat up, and began to speak. And Jesus 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!”



## THE SYNAXARION

On October 19 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the holy and glorious Prophet Joel.

### *Verses*

*Joel, who in tragic strains sang the earth's sufferings,  
Hath passed from the earth to a place above sufferings.  
On the nineteenth, death concealed Joel.*

Joel was the son of Phaneel of the tribe of Reuben. He lived 800 years before Christ, and foretold the misfortunes of the Israelites and their captivity in Babylon for the sins that they had committed against God. He called the people to fasting and the priests to penitent and tearful prayer that God would have mercy on them; and they heard him. Joel also prophesied the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles, and the outpouring of His grace on all the faithful. He foretold and described the Dreadful Judgment of God, and also the glory of God's holy Church.

On this day, we also commemorate the Martyr Varos and seven martyrs with him; Righteous Mother Cleopatra of Palestine; and Venerable John of Rila. By the intercessions of Thy saints, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.

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### THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

**"Just as there are seven spirits of virtue, so also there are seven spirits of wickedness. There is.... the spirits of the fear of God, and its opposites, the spiritual of irreverence, which does not fear God. There is the spirit of understanding, and its opposite, the spirit of incomprehension... Unless these seven spirits are cast out of the soul, one cannot follow Christ. First Satan must be cast out; only then can Christ dwell within."**

**St. Theophylact**

## **OCTOBER NOVEMBER SERVICES**

**OCT. 18TH SATURDAY — COMMUNITY BREAKFAST 8:30-10:30am  
GREAT VESPERS 5PM**

**OCT. 19TH SUNDAY — MATINS 9AM / DIVINE LITURGY 10AM  
COUNCIL MEETING 12 NOON**

**OCT. 22TH WEDNESDAY — SMALL COMPLINE @ 6PM followed  
by Light meal and Study Session 7-8 PM**

**OCT. 25TH SATURDAY — GREAT VESPERS 5PM**

**OCT. 26TH SUNDAY — MATINS 9AM / DIVINE LITURGY 10AM**

**OCT. 29TH WEDNESDAY — SMALL COMPLINE @ 6PM followed  
by Light meal and Study Session 7-8 PM**

**NOV. 1ST SATURDAY — GREAT VESPERS 5 PM**

**NOV. 2ND SUNDAY — MATINS 9AM / DIVINE LITURGY 10AM**

**NOV. 5TH WEDNESDAY — SMALL COMPLINE @ 6PM followed  
by Light meal and Study Session 7-8 PM**

**NOV. 8TH SATURDAY — GREAT VESPERS 5 PM**

**NOV. 9TH SUNDAY — MATINS 9AM / DIVINE LITURGY 10AM**

**NOV. 12TH WEDNESDAY — SMALL COMPLINE @ 6PM followed  
by Light meal and Study Session 7-8 PM**

**NOV. 15TH SATURDAY — COMMUNITY BREAKFAST 8:30-10:30 AM  
ADVENT FAST BEGINS TODAY**

**GREAT VESPERS 5PM**

**NOV. 16TH SUNDAY — MATINS 9AM / DIVINE LITURGY 10AM**



**PRAYERS ARE OFFERED FOR THE HEALTH AND WELL-BEING OF:**

Fr. Steven, Kh. Paraskeva, Carol, Debbie, Trish, Shannon, Justin,  
Perry Sassic & family, Roddy, Jan, Fr. Andrew, Frank, Charlene, Cindi,  
Harriet, Joann, Cindy, Ray, Marlene, Julianna, Elias, Margaret, Carrie,  
Lori, Oliver, Pauline, Despina, Julius, Jonathan, Kristen, Luca, Sam,  
Michael, Esteven, Phephile, Kryiel Ileana, and Kayla

Welcome to our new catechumen Jonathan K.

**FOR THOU ARE THE RESSURECTION, THE LIFE, AND THE REPOSE OF THY . . .  
SERVANTS WHO HAVE FALLEN ASLEEP ESPECIALLY:**

**Prayers are offered in memory of .....**

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## SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1) As Metropolitan Saba requested, we will receive special offering for seminary students each Sunday in October (12,19,26). Donations may be left in the bowl in the front of the church. Checks may be made out to St. John the Evangelist Church and marked for SEMINARY FUND.**
- 2) Between now and November 16th the BCOCM will be glad to receive donations for Thanksgiving boxes to those to whom we minister through the year the year. Each box will have food for each size family requesting one as well as a Turkey. Donations may be marked or made to BCOCN and left in the offering plate. Distributions will be made one week before Thanksgiving. Nearly 30 families will be helped with your donations. BCOCM really want to Thank you for your support.**
- 3) SPECIAL OLYMPICS AWARENESS DAY—Sunday October 19th, Teen Soyo raises awareness and collects funds for special OLYMPIANS! Please read Metropolitan Saba's message to all!**

## **THE CALL TO FOLLOW CHRIST**

from Orthodox Weekly Bulletin

One of the most significant developments in the Church in recent years has been the opening to men and women of a variety of ways to serve Christ and Church. When people spoke of "Vocations" in the past they invariably meant the call to the Priesthood or the Monastic Life. Certainly that is still true of the call, but "vocations" today convey a whole range of ways to serve the Faith.

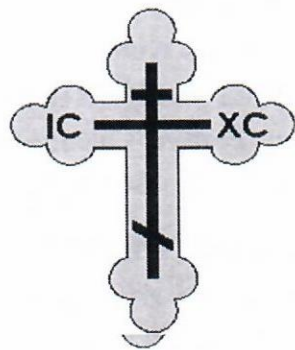
There is not only the need for clergy, but for musical directors, teachers, pastoral care workers, administrators, iconographers, vestment makers, parish leaders, chanters, readers and altar servers.

Still, it is the age-old call of Christ for people to dedicate themselves to Him in a special way that is the greatest need today. The Church needs leaders. The call of the Lord still sounds forth as Christ seeks those who will carry on His work. We need young men who can "shepherd the flock." A priest has the opportunity to make a difference in the lives of people. He serves them in the name of the Lord. He focuses his life on others, as Jesus did.

Happily, the Church today has a number of seminaries and colleges for the training of clergy, preparing them for the multiplicity of tasks that await them at parishes. These institutions also offer a variety of seminars, lectures and courses, for laypeople to develop skills to serve the Faith. Let the Cross inspire us to respond to Christ's invitation: "Come and follow Me."

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