

Prayer is Answering the Word of God

Isidore said:

'Anyone who wants to be always united to God must pray often and read the Bible often. For in prayer it is we who are speaking to God, but in the readings it is God speaking to us.'

'All spiritual progress is based on reading and meditation. What we do not know, we learn in the reading; what we have learned, we preserve by meditation. Reading the Bible provides us with a two-fold advantage. It instructs our minds, and introduces us to the love of God by taking our attention off vanities.'

'None can understand the meaning of the Bible if they do not acquire familiarity with it through the habit of Bible reading.'

Augustine said:

'Nourish your soul with Bible reading. It will prepare a spiritual feast for you.'

Jerome said:

'Anyone who is assiduous in reading the Word of God becomes weary while reading, but afterwards is happy because the bitter seeds of the reading produce sweet fruits in the soul.'

'Let us study while we are on earth that Reality which will stay in our minds also when we are in heaven.'

Defensor Grammaticus (ca. 7th century)

NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Icon of the Holy Prophet Joel -- October 19th



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Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory forever! Слава Ісусу Христу! Слава навіки!

Reader Great Vespers: 2nd & 4th Saturdays, 5:00pm
Divine Liturgy in English, Sundays 10:30am
Holy Mystery of Repentance (Confession): Sundays, 9:45am
 The church is open for prayer M-F, 9-5, unless otherwise announced.

OCTOBER 19, 2025 – 19TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (TONE 2); THE HOLY PROPHET JOEL; THE HOLY MARTYR VARUS; OUR VENERABLE FATHER JOHN OF RILA

GIVING REPORT - The in-pew collection for October 12 was \$1,650.33.

We invite you to continue supporting the ministry of our parish as the baskets are passed on Sundays, or find us on tithe.ly, our e-giving platform. Thank you for your generosity, dedication, and support!

WEEKDAY DIVINE LITURGY - Join us for the Divine Liturgy on Wednesday, Oct 22, 6:00pm, as we commemorate the Holy Apostle Jame, Brother of the Lord in the Flesh.

READER GREAT VESPERS is served on the second and fourth Saturday of each month at 5:00pm. Join us on Oct 25. Contact Subdeacon David for more information: dmwallace@gmail.com. Coming to vespers is a great way to familiarize yourself with the samohlasni tones used during the Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts on the Wednesdays and Fridays of Great Lent.

WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB will next meet on Thurs, October 30, 8:00pm, to pray and discuss *Always Believe in Love: Selected Writings of Elizabeth of the Trinity*. Newcomers welcome! Contact Kate for location info: kateclairenelson@gmail.com

NEXT SUNDAY! THE 4th ANNUAL PARISH CHILI COOKOFF & PUMPKIN DECORATING - Sunday, October 26th after the Divine Liturgy. Bring a pot of your best chili. There are a variety of categories to enter. Pumpkin decorating for the children; pumpkins provided. Scan the QR code for more information and to sign-up!



PLEASE PRAY FOR: Nancy & Jon Anderson, Julie, Lisa Behnke, Alison Bernhoft, Yevhenia Borys, Robert Matthew, Carrie Chuff, Elizabeth Deegan, Clara Anne Duda, Fr Michael Duesterhaus, Robert Dulaine, Pat Fagan, Danylo (Neyko) Fedoryka, Emma Flournoy, Katie Flynn, Lilian Garland, Jerry Gawron, CR Gauth, Samuel Gauth, Josie Hacker, Brigid and Marlena Hess, Ellen Hitchens, Janet Hitchens, Oksana Horszynska, Ihor Hulawyj, Sarah Kelt, Dixie Lane, Catherine Luckey, Destiny Makins, Michael Marshner & Family, Bridget McDonald, Laura McMahan, Vince McLaughlin, Thomas Pavick, Robert Rice, Chris Saboe, Betsy Sayre, Truman L Sayre, Jr, CJ & Theresa Sidrow, Amy Smith, Karena Tapsak, and Fr George Worschak. *Teresa Fedoryka is our prayer coordinator; please email bulletin prayer requests to ssjoachimandannaucc@gmail.com.*

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Troparion, Tone 2 (p. 333). When You went down to death, O Life Immortal,* You struck Hades dead with the blazing light of Your divinity.* When You raised the dead from the nether world,* all the powers of heaven cried out:* “O Giver of Life, Christ our God, glory be to You!”

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

Kontakion, Tone 2 (p. 334). You rose from the tomb, O almighty Saviour;* and Hades, seeing this wonder, was stricken with fear; and the dead arose.* Creation saw and rejoices with You, and Adam exults.* And the world, my Saviour, sings Your praises for ever.

Now and for ever and ever. Amen.

Theotokion, Tone 2 (p. 334). The tomb and death could not hold the Mother of God,* unceasing in her intercession and an unfailing hope of patronage,* for as the Mother of Life she was transferred to life* by Him Who had dwelt in her ever-virgin womb.

Prokeimenon, Tone 2 (p. 336). The Lord is my strength and my song of praise, and He has become my salvation. *verse:* The Lord has indeed chastised me, but He has not delivered me to death.

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 11:31–12:9. Brothers and Sisters, the God and Father of the Lord Jesus (blessed be he forever!) knows that I do not lie. In 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 from his hands. It is necessary to boast; nothing is to be gained by it, but I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. I know a person 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 such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows— was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, but he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.” So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me.

Alleluia, Tone 2. (p. 336). *Verse 1:* The Lord will hear you in the day of tribulation; the name of the God of Jacob will shield you. *verse 2:* Lord, grant victory to the king and hear us in the day that we shall call upon You.

Gospel: Luke 6:31–36. The Lord said, do to others as you would have them do to you. “If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

Communion Verse. Praise the Lord from the heavens;* praise Him in the highest.* Alleluia, alleluia,* alleluia.