



ST.GEORGE'S DIVINE SERVICES

Saturday, Oct. 18

St. Luke, Apostle and Evangelist

Readings: 2 Cor. 11: 31-12:9; Lk. 8:5-15

4:00 P.M. Vigil Divine Liturgy (McKees Rocks)

Sunday, Oct. 19

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost/The Holy prophet Joel

Readings: 2 Cor. 11: 31-12:9; Lk. 8:5-15

9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Supplications will be offered for **+Ann Adams, given by Char Rumsky & Bella**

Supplications will be offered for **+Patricia Della Ragione, given by Luigi & family**

Thursday, Oct. 23

St. Longinus, Martyr

Readings: Phil. 1:20-27; Lk. 9:7-11

6:30 P.M. Akathist to the Mother of God "Healer of Cancer"

Saturday, Oct. 25

St. Marcian & Martyrius, Martyrs

Readings: Gal. 1: 11-19; Lk. 16:19-31

4:00 P.M. Vigil Divine Liturgy (McKees Rocks)

Sunday, Oct. 26

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost/St. Demetrius, Great Martyr

Readings: Gal. 1: 11-19; Lk. 16:19-31

9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Supplications will be offered for **+Krzysztof Szczypczyk, 40th day,**
given by Anna Kuncik

Supplications will be offered for **+Yustyna Czelepis, given by Pyptyks**

Eternal light Candle offering for October 19, 2025

Blessed memory of **+Larry Merritt** requested by Anna Merritt

What does the parable say about the one who received the seed that fell on good soil?

Match the words with the numbers below.

“ _____ ”

6	10	19	1	4
11	18	7	9	
15	5	2		
1	17	13	14	
20	22	23		
25	12	24	21	
16	3	8		

The Prophet Joel (continue)

The Outpouring of the Spirit (ch. 2:28-32) Under the theme of the coming “day of the Lord,” Joel calls his nation to forsake their sins, and promises an outpouring of the Spirit “afterward.” We read: “And it shall come to pass afterward that I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall [dream dreams](#), your young men shall see visions. And also on My menservants and on My maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days.”

“And I will show wonders in the heavens and in the [earth](#): blood and fire and pillars of smoke. The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the coming of the great and awesome day of the Lord. And it shall come to pass *that* whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be ^[a][saved](#). For in Mount [Zion](#) and in Jerusalem there shall be deliverance, as the Lord has said, among the remnant whom the Lord calls” (ch. 2:28–32).

The expectation of such an outpouring of the [Holy Spirit](#) was strong among the devout men of the old testament. In the New Testament, a partial fulfillment of the prophecy of Joel took place at the outpouring of the [Holy Spirit](#) at [Pentecost](#). It was quoted by the apostle Peter in his [Pentecost](#) sermon in Acts 2: 17-21 as the “early rain” or an autumn [blessing](#). This prophecy will have a complete fulfillment just before the [second coming](#) of [Christ](#) when the [Holy Spirit](#) will fall in a greater measure known as the “[latter rain](#)” or the spring [blessing](#) (ch. 2:23).

The Final Judgment (ch. 3:1-16) The book concludes with a portrayal of the final judgment, where God gathers the nations for an account of their actions. The imagery is apocalyptic, emphasizing the cosmic scale of God’s judgment. In this climactic moment, Joel’s prophecy reaches its zenith, affirming the sovereignty of Yahweh over all creation.

Influence on Later Scripture The impact of Joel’s words extends beyond the boundaries of his book. His prophetic utterances influenced other biblical writers and found echoes in later scripture. The imagery of the locust invasion and the concept of the “Day of the Lord” reverberate in the writings of other prophets, emphasizing the interconnectedness of biblical themes.

Influence on Revelation The apocalyptic imagery found in the prophet’s description of the final judgment resonates with the book of Revelation. John, the author of Revelation, draws on the language and symbolism employed by Joel, reinforcing the continuity of prophetic themes throughout the biblical narrative.

Legacy Joel’s legacy extends beyond the pages of scripture. His message of repentance, restoration, and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit continues to inspire believers across generations. The enduring relevance of his prophecy lies in its timeless call to align with God’s purposes and embrace the hope of divine renewal. **Source: BibleAsk.org**

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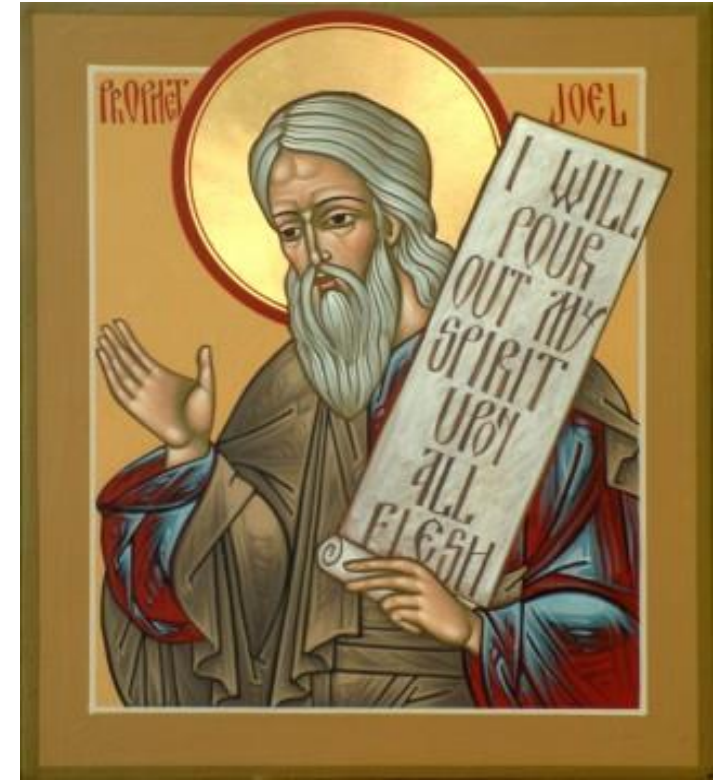
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Holy Prophet Joel

Changeable Part:

See the special insert available in the church vestibule.



Announcements:

Next Coffee Social – Thanks to Anna Kuncik who is sponsoring our October Coffee Social. We hope you can attend as these coffee socials provide fellowship, food and fun with our church family. If you want to sponsor a future coffee social, please see Vicki Senko or Fr. Igor.

Sarris Christmas Candy sale! (last weekend to place an order)

It is time for a Sarris Candy sale fundraiser. As last year, we will have this fundraiser, twice a year, before Christmas and before Easter. Twenty five percent of the proceeds from the sale will go to St. George Church. The order forms are available in the vestibule. Orders are due October 18-19. Delivery and pickup will be on Sunday, December 7 after Divine Liturgy. You only need to return the price sheet. **Make checks payable to St. George Church.**

Mark your calendar:

We are planning to restart Adult religious Classes. The second Adult Religious Class is on November 13, 2025. Special thank you to Don Fontana for coordinating these classes and parishioners for attending.

October: Cancer Awareness

During this month of October we will be celebrating on Thursday evenings the Akathist Hymn to the Mother of God “Healer of Cancer.” Please come for the second celebration of this Prayer Service on Thursday, October 23rd, at 6:30 p.m. We invite all to come who are in need of the healing touch of the Queen of Heaven. The hymns of this particular Akathist Service will console anyone who is suffering from cancer, or who has loved ones that are ill. Come and bring a friend for this Divine Service that gives strength and hope during a time of suffering and pain. As part of this Akathist Service Holy Anointing will be administered to those who wish to receive it.

St. John the Baptist Ukrainian Catholic Church (109 South Seventh Street, South Side of Pittsburgh) will celebrate 135year of Historic church building with Open House. On October 18, 2025 from 10:00am till 2:00pm. Activities include tours on the hour from 10:00am until 2:00pm. Light refreshments at Church Hall. Pyrohy for sale 3 for \$5.00. Eat-In and Take out. Please visit oldest church building of Ukrainian Catholic Church in America.

PARISHIONERS’ PRAYER LIST - Our parish’s listing for people IN NEED OF OUR PRAYERS who might be suffering illnesses – especially, but not only, if they are unable to attend church services because they are shut-in either at home, or in hospitals and nursing homes. The names we have received are: Barbara Fedora, Thomas Kunsak, Kathee Shabla, Dorothy Waslo and Msgr. George Appleyard (The Willows, 1215 Hulton Rd, Oakmont, PA 15139). As a parish family, we also wish a speedy recovery for Jeff Chulack, Andy Salo and Mary Siweckyj!

Don’t forget there are white envelopes in the vestibule for liturgy intentions and pink envelopes for Eternal Light Candle offerings.

Collection- May God bless you...

The total for Sunday of October 12, 2025, was **\$829.00 + \$360.00**
(Collection: \$520.00, Loose & candles: \$39.00, Pyrohy: \$360.00, Hall rental: \$200.00, Eternal Light candle: \$70.00)

Sincere thanks to all of you for your kindness and generosity!



The Prophet Joel

In the vast tapestry of biblical figures, Joel emerges as a prophet whose words transcend the boundaries of time and culture. The prophet’s book stands as a testament to the enduring relevance of God’s message and the call to repentance. As we delve into the depths of Joel’s prophecy, we encounter a divine narrative that challenges, convicts, and ultimately points toward the redemptive grace of Yahweh, the God whom Joel proclaimed.

The name Joel means “Yahweh is [God](#).” Understanding Joel’s message requires situating him within the broader historical context of the Old Testament. The post-exilic period, marked by the return of the Israelites from Babylonian captivity, was characterized by challenges and the need for spiritual renewal. Joel’s prophecy addressed these circumstances, calling the people to repentance and a renewed commitment to [God’s covenant](#).

His Book: Comprising only three chapters, this concise yet powerful text is a literary masterpiece that vividly portrays the prophet’s visions and the divine messages he received. The structure of the book provides a framework for understanding Joel’s revelations.

A Call to Attention (ch. 1:1-4) The book commences with a solemn call to attention, summoning the [elders](#) and inhabitants of the land to heed the words of the prophet. Joel’s urgent plea reflects the gravity of the impending events and the divine judgment that looms on the horizon.

The Devastation of Locusts (ch. 1:2-12) Joel employs vivid imagery to describe the devastating impact of a locust invasion. These swarming insects become symbolic of a larger spiritual [truth](#) – the consequences of disobedience and the need for repentance. The agricultural devastation serves as a metaphor for the spiritual desolation that befalls those who turn away from [God](#).

The Day of the Lord (ch. 2:1-11) One of the central themes in Joel’s prophecy is the concept of the “Day of the Lord.” This eschatological vision foretells a time of divine intervention, where God’s justice and judgment will be unmistakably manifest. Joel calls the people to repentance, urging them to return to the Lord before the imminent arrival of this day.

Restoration and Blessing (ch. 2:18-27) In the midst of judgment, Joel reveals God’s merciful character. Upon genuine repentance, the prophet assures the people of divine restoration and blessings. The barrenness caused by disobedience will be replaced with abundance, illustrating God’s unwavering commitment to His [covenant](#) with Israel.