

September 26<sup>th</sup> – Divine Liturgy – 10:30 a.m.  
Falling asleep of St. John the Evangelist

October 3<sup>rd</sup> – Divine Liturgy – 10:30 a.m.  
Dionysios the Areopagite

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Today, we will chant a One-Year Memorial Service  
for the repose of the soul of our beloved Ann Koukoulis,  
who departed this life on September 8, 2020.  
May her memory be eternal.

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Thank you to Amanda Nigiannis for bringing her craft  
supplies and the members of the Ladies Philoptochos, who  
met last week to make the beautiful fall decorations.

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Parish Council meeting following coffee hour

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September 17<sup>th</sup> – Sophia and her three daughters:  
Faith, Hope and Love

These saints were from Italy and contested for the Faith  
about the year 126, during the reign of the Emperor Hadrian.  
Faith was twelve years old, Hope, ten, and Love, nine; each  
was tormented and then beheaded, from the eldest to the  
youngest. Their mother Sophia mourned at their grave for  
three days, where she also fell asleep in peace; because of  
her courageous endurance in the face of her daughters'  
sufferings, she is also counted a martyr. The name Sophia  
means "wisdom" in Greek; as for her daughters' names,  
Faith, Hope, and Love (Charity), they are Pistis, Elpis, and  
Agape in Greek. (goarch.org)



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September 19, 2021

Sunday After the Holy Cross

Trophimus, Sabbatius, and Dorymedon the Martyrs

Plato the new Hieromartyr of Patmos

Theodore of Tarsus, Archbishop of Canterbury

### **Apolytikion**

Save, O Lord, Your people and bless Your inheritance,  
granting victory to the faithful over the enemy, and by Your  
Cross protecting Your commonwealth.

### **Resurrectional Apolytikion**

When the women Disciples of the Lord had learned from an  
Angel the joyful message of the Resurrection and rejected  
the ancestral decision, they cried aloud to the Apostles  
triumphantly: Death has been despoiled, Christ God has  
risen, granting His great mercy to the world.

### **Hymn of St. Spyridon**

### **Kontakion**

You who were lifted on the cross voluntarily, O Christ our God,  
bestow Your tender compassions upon Your new community  
to which You gave Your name. Cause our faithful emperors  
to be glad in Your power, granting them the victories against  
their adversaries. And for an ally, Lord, may they have You,  
peace as their armor, the trophy invincible.

### **Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians 2:16-20**

Brethren, knowing that a man is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ, and not by works of the law, because by works of the law shall no one be justified. But if, in our endeavor to be justified in Christ, we ourselves were found to be sinners, is Christ then an agent of sin? Certainly not! But if I build up again those things which I tore down, then I prove myself a transgressor. For I through the law died to the law, that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me; and the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

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### **Gospel Reading: Mark 8:34-38; 9:1**

The Lord said: "If anyone wishes to come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. For what does it profit a man, to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? For what can a man give in return for his life? For whoever is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of man also be ashamed, when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels." And he said to them, "Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the kingdom of God come with power."

