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Reading and Explanation of Holy Scripture

The Fathers of the Church not only read the Holy Scriptures themselves, they also insistently encouraged the faithful to read them. Saint John Chrysostom writes:

Reading the Holy Scriptures, dearly beloved, is a great good. It arouses the soul to an appreciation of wisdom, directs the mind to heaven, brings one to a thankful attitude, prevents our getting excited over any earthly reality, brings our thinking to rest in the world beyond, brings ourselves to do everything with a view to reward from the Lord, and to deal with the trials of virtue with great readiness. (#48)