

Welcome Guests

Guests are always welcome to worship with us! We look forward to meeting you and answering any questions you may have about Holy Orthodoxy or our parish.

If you are an Orthodox Christian, and are prepared through prayer, fasting, and recent confession, you are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

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ST. TIMOTHY ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
& FOURTEENTH SUNDAY OF LUKE

BLESSED XENIA OF ST. PETERSBURG, FOOL
FOR CHRIST

■ Righteous Mother Xenia the Merciful of Rome ■ Hieromartyr
Babylas of Sicily ■ Venerable Philotheos, Founder of Philotheou
Monastery on Athos

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE EIGHT

From the heights Thou didst descend, O compassionate One, and Thou didst submit to the three day burial, that Thou might deliver us from passion; Thou art our life and our Resurrection, O Lord, glory to Thee.

APOLYTIKION OF ST. XENIA OF ST. PETERSBURG IN TONE EIGHT

In thee, O wandering stranger, Christ the Lord hath given us an ardent intercessor for our kind. For having received in thy life sufferings and grief and served God and men with love, thou didst acquire great boldness. Wherefore, we fervently hasten to thee in temptations and grief, crying out from the depths of our hearts: Put not our hope to shame, O Blessed Xenia.

APOLYTIKION OF ST. TIMOTHY IN TONE FOUR

O holy apostle Timothy, master of unction measured in all thy deeds, clothed with an upright conscience as befits a priest, thou has drawn ineffable truths from Paul the vessel of election; thou hast kept the faith and completed a course equal to his, intercede with Christ God to save our souls.

KONTAKION OF THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN TONE ONE

Thou, O Christ God, Who by Thy Birth, didst sanctify the Virgin's womb, and, as is meet, didst bless Simeon's arms, and didst also come to save us; preserve Thy fold in wars, and confirm them whom Thou didst love, for Thou alone art the Lover of mankind.

THE READINGS

O Lord, save Thy people, and bless Thine inheritance.

Unto Thee have I cried, O Lord, my God.

FROM THE FIRST EPISTLE OF ST. PAUL TO ST. TIMOTHY. (1:15-17)

Timothy, my son, the saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. And I am the foremost of sinners; but I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display His perfect patience for an example to those who were to believe in Him for eternal life. To the King of Ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory to the ages of ages. Amen.

FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST. LUKE. (18:35-43)

At that time, as Jesus drew near to Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging; and hearing a multitude going by, he inquired what this meant. They told him, "Jesus of Nazareth is passing by." And he cried, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" And those who were in front rebuked him, telling him to be silent; but he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" And Jesus stopped, and commanded him to be brought to Him; and when he came near, Jesus asked him, "What do you want me to do for you?" He said, "Lord, let me receive my sight." And Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight; your faith has made you well." And immediately he received his sight and followed Him, glorifying God; and all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God.

SERVICES THIS WEEK

- ☐ Wednesday - 6pm, Vespers
- ☐ Friday - 6pm, Paraklesis: Hymn to the Mother of God
- ☐ Saturday - 6pm, Great Vespers

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ☐ Today is Sanctity of Life Sunday, scheduled each year to mark the anniversary of Roe v. Wade decision and support unborn lives. We use this Sunday to proclaim the value of God's precious gift of life by remembering the millions of innocents who have been aborted over the past four decades and reiterating our commitment to the defense of the defenseless.
- ☐ One more week left! Alpha Pregnancy Baby Bottles are still available in the parish hall and the due date has now moved to the end of January. Fill with any spare change or bills and help make a difference.
- ☐ The Sisterhood of St. Timothy Book Club begins this week, Thursday Jan 28th at 6:30pm. We're studying the Psalms using as a companion book "Christ in the Psalms" by Patrick Henry Reardon. (Alex has copies in the bookstore.) All women of the parish are welcome! Email with meeting link and details went out this past Friday. Talk to Kh Barbara with any questions.
- ☐ Today we will have a BBQ and shoot at the St. Joseph Retreat in Napa rain or shine.
 - Men and women are welcome to shoot whether you have shot a gun or not before. We will have a gun safety class before you shoot.
 - Bring what you want to BBQ for yourself and a side dish to share. Non-alcoholic cold drinks will be provided.
 - The retreat property is at 1931 Capell Valley Rd (Hwy 128) Napa. someone will be at the driveway to help you find your way in.

GOD GRANT YOU MANY YEARS!

Happy Birthday

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| • Marie George | January 24 | • Anna Abughazaleh | January 28 |
| • Mona Shamieh | January 26 | • Andrew Andrews | January 28 |
| • Naseem Fadayel | January 26 | • Gregory Marinos | January 30 |
| • Samya Abu-Dawood | January 27 | • Letensae Wube | January 30 |

Blessed Saint's Day

- Lula Kassa, St. Xenia of Petersburg, January 24
- Ksenia Nemtsova-Lin, St. Xenia of Petersburg, January 24
- Gregory Marinos, St. Gregory One of the Three Holy Hierarchs, January 30