

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

February 14, 2021

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SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST &
SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW

■ Venerable Auxentios, Priest of Bithynia ■ Venerable Abraham and
Maron of Syria ■ New-Martyrs Nicholas of Corinth & George, Tailor of
Mitylene ■ Venerable Cyril, Equal-to-the-Apostles and Enlightener of the
Slavs

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE THREE

Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad, for the Lord hath done a mighty act with His own arm. He hath trampled down death by death, and become the first-born from the dead. He hath delivered us from the depths of Hades, granting the world the Great Mercy.

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.

ORDINARY KONTAKION IN TONE TWO

O protection of Christians that cannot be put to shame, mediation unto the Creator most constant, O despise not the suppliant voices of those who have sinned; but be thou quick, O good one, to come unto our aid, who in faith cry unto thee: Hasten to intercession, and speed thou to make supplication, thou who dost ever protect, O Theotokos, them that honor thee.

THE READINGS

Make your vows to the Lord our God and perform them. God is known in Judah; His Name is great in Israel.

FROM THE SECOND EPISTLE OF ST. PAUL TO THE CORINTHIANS. (6:16-7:1)

Brethren, you are the temple of the living God; as God said, "I will live in them and move among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.

Therefore, come out from them, and be separate from them," says the Lord, "and touch nothing unclean; then I will welcome you, and I will be a father to you, and you shall be My sons and daughters," says the Lord Almighty. Since we have these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit, and make holiness perfect in the fear of God.

FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST. MATTHEW. (15:21-28)

At that time, Jesus went to the district of Tyre and Sidon. And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and cried, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely possessed by a demon." But He did not answer her one word. And His disciples came and begged Him, saying, "Send her away, for she is crying after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before Him, saying, "Lord, help me." And He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master's table." Then Jesus answered her, "O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire." And her daughter was healed instantly.

SERVICES THIS WEEK

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ☐ Beginning this Sunday, February 14th, the Sisterhood will be rolling out "Sweets for Seminarians". Each Sunday in the Parish Hall we will feature different individually wrapped desserts. In exchange for a sweet treat we are kindly asking for a donation, of your choosing, to the Seminarian program.
- ☐ The next Sisterhood of St. Timothy Book Club meeting is Thursday February 18th @ 6:30pm and all women are welcome! We're studying the Psalms using as a companion book "Christ in the Psalms" by Patrick Henry Reardon. (Alex has copies in the bookstore.) Talk to Kh Barbara with any questions.
- ☐ SAVE THE DATE: Eastern Diocese Virtual Spring Retreat is March 4-7. With the blessing of His Eminence Metropolitan JOSEPH and led by His Grace Bishop THOMAS, all are invited to join us for the 2021 Spring Retreat of the combined Eastern Dioceses of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America.

GOD GRANT YOU MANY YEARS!

Happy Birthday

- Gracie Bezzerides February 14
- Maya Rantisi February 14
- Kennedy Qirreh February 20

Happy Anniversary

- John & Mandy Fashho, February 14