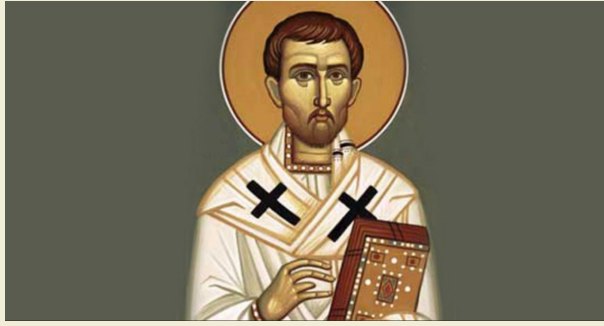


ST. TIMOTHY ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Sunday
December 12,
2021



Tone 8
Eothinon 3

Sunday of the Forefathers (Ancestors) of Christ & Spyridon Bishop of Trimythous, the Wonderworker

John, Metropolitan of Zichnon * Hieromartyr Alexander, Archbishop of Jerusalem

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 the Forefathers in Tone Two

Thou hast justified by faith the ancient Forefathers, and through them Thou hast gone before and betrothed unto Thyself the Church of the Gentiles. Let the saints, therefore, take pride in glory; for from their seed sprouted forth a noble fruit, and it was she who gave birth to Thee without seed. Wherefore, by their pleadings, O Christ God, save our souls.

Apolytikion of spyridon in Tone One

Thou wast shown forth as a champion of the First Council and a wonderworker, O Spyridon, our God-bearing Father. Wherefore, thou didst speak unto one dead in the grave, and didst change a serpent to gold. And while chanting thy holy prayers, thou hadst Angels serving with thee, O most sacred one. Glory to Him that hath glorified thee. Glory to Him that hath crowned thee. Glory to Him that worketh healings for all through thee.

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 has kept the faith and completed a course equal to his, intercede with Christ God to save our souls.

Kontakion of Preparation of Christ's Nativity in Tone Three

On this day the Virgin cometh to the cave to give birth to God the Word ineffably, Who was before all the ages. Dance for joy, O earth, on hearing the gladsome tidings; with the Angels and the shepherds now glorify Him Who is willing to be gazed on as a young Child Who before the ages is God.

The Epistle

The saints shall boast in glory. Sing unto the Lord a new song.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Ephesians. (5:8-19)

Brethren, walk as children of light—for the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth—proving what is acceptable to the Lord; and have no communion with the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them; for it is a shame even to speak of the things which they do in secret. But all things when they are exposed are made manifest by the light, for everything that is made manifest is light. Therefore, he says: "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine upon thee." See then that you walk circumspectly, not as unwise, but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil. Therefore, do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit; speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and chanting in your heart to the Lord.

The Gospel

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (14:16-24)

The Lord spoke this parable: "A man once gave a great banquet, and invited many; and at the time for the banquet he sent his servant to say to those who had been invited, 'Come; for all is now ready.' But, one by one, they all began to make excuses. The first said to him, 'I have bought a field, and I must go out and see it; I pray you, have me excused.' And another said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to examine them; I pray you, have me excused.' And another said, 'I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.' So the servant came and reported this to his master. Then the householder in anger said to his servant, 'Go out quickly to the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in the poor and maimed and blind and lame.' And the servant said, 'Sir, what you commanded has been done, and still there is room.' And the master said to the servant, 'Go out to the highways and hedges, and compel people to come in, that my house may be filled. For I tell you, none of those men who were invited shall taste my banquet.' For many are called, but few are chosen."

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THIS WEEKS CALENDAR

- Today - Womens Christmas Tea, Potluck & White Elephant Gift Exchange after Divine Liturgy
- Wednesday - 6pm, Vespers
- Thursday - 6:30pm, Catechism Class
- Friday - 6pm, Evening Service
- Saturday - 6pm, Great Vesper

CURRENT & UPCOMING EVENTS

- Food Drive: Collection Boxes in refectory for cans and boxed food
- Now Available in the Bookstore
 - 2022 Calendars
 - Natvity Icons
 - Cookbook with Fast-Friendly Recipes
- Did You Know our St. Timothy's Facebook site has 1,295 followers; 531 USA, Egypt 186, Phillipines 150, Canada 46, Austalia 27, Greece 23, Georgia (Russia) 23, Ethiopia 21, and United Kingdom. Anyone with a FB account can post on our page or contact David McKee/January Al-Zouhbi

Prayer List

For Health and Physical Healing....Maria Negoita, young daughter of Andei Negoita; Jerry Moore, neighbor of Fr John, cirrhosis of the liver; Colleen Callahan, sister of Alex Callahan, moved to hospice for failure to thrive; Vincent Davis, friend of January Al-Zouhbi, stroke with partial paralysis; Kevin, acquaintance of the Hollands, run over by truck this year and in continued pain

For Strength and Comfort....Andrei Negoita & family; Alex Callahan & family

For Mental and Emotional Health....Angelique Crawford & Family

New to the weekly bulletin! The prayer list will include names of our parishoners, immediate family members and friends that are in need of prayers. Please submit specific prayer requests to jane_alzouhbi@yahoo.com and include the following; First Name, Last Name, and the Specific Prayer request. Out of respect to our parishoners, family members and friends please ensure you have received authorization from the person or their immediate family.

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.

His Eminence, **Metropolitan JOSEPH, Archbishop of New York & Metropolitan of all North America**

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Please contact Father John with any pastoral needs or questions.