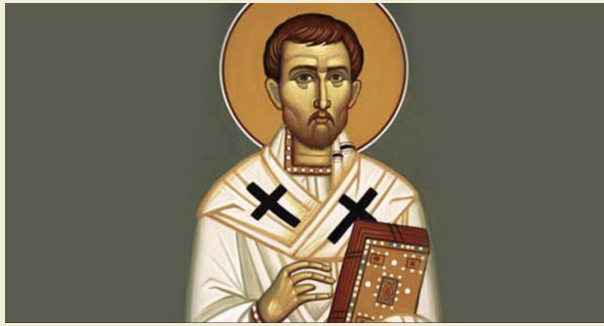


# ST. TIMOTHY ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Sunday  
December 19,  
2021



Tone 1  
Eothinon 4

## Sunday of the Forefathers (Ancestors)

Martyrs Boniface and Aglaïs of Rome \* Boniface the Merciful, Bishop of Ferentino in Tuscany  
Martyrs Eutychios and Thessalonica and Their Companions

### Resurrectional Apolytikion in Tone One

While the stone was sealed by the Jews, and the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body, Thou didst arise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. For which cause the heavenly powers cried aloud unto Thee, O giver of life. Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ, glory to Thy kingdom, glory to Thy providence, O Thou Who alone art the lover of mankind.

### Apolytikion of Sunday Before The Nativity in Tone Two

Great are the accomplishments of faith; for the three holy youths rejoiced in the fountain of flames as though at waters of rest. And the Prophet Daniel appeared a shepherd to the lions as though they were sheep. Wherefore, by their prayers, O Christ God, save our souls.

### 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

Blessed are Thou, O Lord, the God of our fathers. For Thou art just in all that Thou hast done to us.

### **The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews. (11:9-10, 32-40)**

Brethren, by faith Abraham sojourned in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God. And what more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets—who through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, received promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, and put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, so that they might rise again to a better life. Others suffered mocking and scourging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were killed with the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, ill-treated—of whom the world was not worthy—wandering over deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, though well attested by their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had foreseen something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect.

### The Gospel

### **The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (1:1-25)**

The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham. Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers, and Judah the father of Perez and Zerah by Tamar, and Perez the father of Hezron, and Hezron the father of Aram, and Aram the father of Amminadab, and Amminadab the father of Nahshon, and Nahshon the father of Salmon, and Salmon the father of Boaz by Rahab, and Boaz the father of Obed by Ruth, and Obed the father of Jesse, and Jesse the father of David the king. And David was the father of Solomon by the wife of Uriah, and Solomon the father of Rehoboam, and Rehoboam the father of Abijah, and Abijah the father of Asa, and Asa the father of Jehoshaphat, and Jehoshaphat the father of Joram, and Joram the father of Uzziah, and Uzziah the father of Jotham, and Jotham the father of Ahaz, and Ahaz the father of Hezekiah, and Hezekiah the father of Manasseh, and Manasseh the father of Amon, and Amon the father of Josiah, and Josiah the father of Jechoniah and his brothers, at the time of the deportation to Babylon. And after the deportation to Babylon: Jechoniah was the father of Shealtiel, and Shealtiel the father of Zerubbabel, and Zerubbabel the father of Abiud, and Abiud the father of Eliakim, and Eliakim the father of Azor, and Azor the father of Zadok, and Zadok the father of Achim, and Achim the father of Eliud, and Eliud the father of Eleazar, and Eleazar the father of Matthan, and Matthan the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom Jesus was born, Who is called Christ. So all the generations from Abraham to David were fourteen generations, and from David to the deportation to Babylon fourteen generations, and from the deportation to Babylon to the Christ were fourteen generations. Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When His mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child of the Holy Spirit; and her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. But as he considered this, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit; she will bear a son, and you shall call His Name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: "Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and His Name shall be called Emmanuel" (which means, God with us). When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him; he took his wife, but knew her not until she had borne a son; and he called His Name Jesus.

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## THIS WEEKS NATIVITY CALENDAR

- Wednesday - 6pm, Vespers
- Friday - 9am, Royal Hours
- Friday - 7pm, Matins followed by Divine Liturgy & the Nativity Feast
- Saturday - No Service

## CURRENT & UPCOMING EVENTS

- Food Drive: Collection Boxes in refectory for cans and boxed food
- Need icons? All icons are now discounted, so come on by the bookstore. Also in the St. Timothy bookstore:
  - 2022 Calendars
  - Nativity Icons
  - Cookbook with Fast-Friendly Recipes
  - "Hyme of Entry" by Archimandrate Vasileios
  - "Come, Let Us Worship" by V. Rev. Patrick B. O'Grady
- Theophany of the Lord, **Thursday January 6th**
- Synaxis of the Baptist, **Friday January 7th**
- BBQ and Shoot in honor of Mike and Rene Holland, **Saturday January 8th** - 10am to 4pm. RSVP to Mike Holland @ 530-646-9324 or Fr John @ 831-566-8861

## 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....Crawford Family (Arthur, Angelique, Currie, Monique, Illiana)

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](mailto: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.