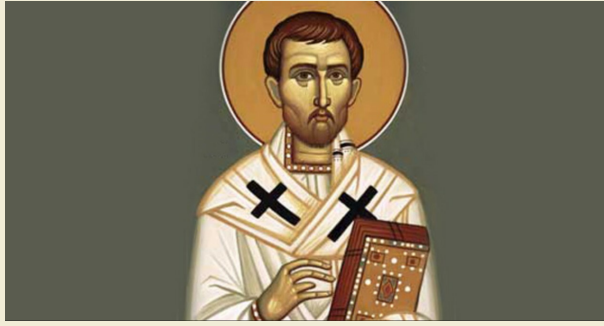


# ST. TIMOTHY ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Friday  
December 24,  
2021



Feast  
Day

## The Nativity of Our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ

### Apolytikion of The Nativity of Christ in Tone Four

Thy Nativity, O Christ our God, hath given rise to the light of knowledge in the world; for they that worshipped the stars did learn therefrom to worship Thee, O Sun of Justice, and to know that from the east of the Highest Thou didst come. O Lord, glory to Thee.

### 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

Let all the earth worship Thee, and sing to Thee. Shout with joy to God, all the earth.

### **The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Galatians. (4:4-7)**

Brethren, when the time had fully come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the Law, to redeem those who were under the Law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" Therefore, you are no longer a slave but a son; and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.

### The Gospel

### **The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (2:1-12)**

Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, saying, "Where is He who has been born king of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the East, and have come to worship Him." When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it is written by the prophet: 'And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judea, are by no means least among the rulers of Judea; for from you shall come a ruler who will govern My people Israel.'" Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star appeared; and he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found Him bring me word, that I too may come and worship Him." When they had heard the king they went their way; and lo, the star which they had seen in the East went before them, until it came to rest over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy; and going into the house they saw the child with Mary His mother, and they fell down and worshiped Him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered Him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

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## THIS WEEKS CALENDAR

- Saturday - No Service
- Sunday - 8:15am Orthros, followed by Divine Liturgy
- Wednesday - 6pm, Vespers
- Friday - No Service
- Saturday - Great Vespers

## CURRENT & UPCOMING EVENTS

- 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
- Royal Hours @ 9:00am, then Festal Orthros, Divine Liturgy & Lesser Blessing of the Waters @ 6:00pm, **Wednesday January 5th**
- 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 @ St. Joseph's Retreat Center, 1931 Capell Valley Road in Napa. RSVP to Mike Holland @ 530-646-9324 or Fr John @ 831-566-8861.
- Greater Blessing of the Waters, **Sunday January 9th**

## 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 [january\\_alzouhbi@yahoo.com](mailto:january_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.