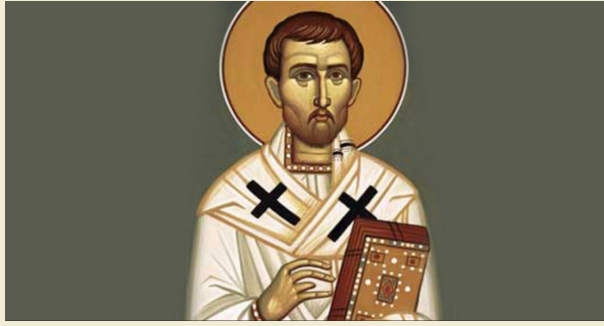


ST. TIMOTHY ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Sunday
December 26,
2021



Tone 2
Eothinon 5

Synaxis of the Most Holy Theotokos & Sunday After the Nativity of Christ

Commemoration of Joseph the Betrothed * David the Prophet and King
James the Brother of God

Resurrectional Apolytikion in Tone Two

When Thou didst submit Thyself unto death, O Thou deathless and immortal One, then Thou didst destroy hell with Thy Godly power. And when Thou didst raise the dead from beneath the earth, all the powers of Heaven did cry aloud unto Thee: O Christ, Thou giver of life, glory to Thee.

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 there from 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.

Apolytikion of Sunday After The Nativity in Tone Two

Proclaim, O Joseph, to David, the grandparent of God, the amazing wonders; for thou hast seen a Virgin great with child; for with the shepherds thou didst give glory, with the Magi thou didst worship, and by the angel it was revealed to thee. Wherefore, plead thou with Christ God to 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 beareth the Transcendent in Essence; to the Unapproachable, the earth doth offer a small cave; Angels join in choir with shepherds in giving glory; with a star the Magi travel upon their journey; for our sakes is born a young Child, He Who existed before the ages as God.

The Epistle

God is wondrous in His saints. In the churches, bless ye God.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Galatians. (1:11-19)

Brethren, I would have you know that the Gospel, which was preached by me, is not man's gospel. For I did not receive it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through a revelation of Jesus Christ. For you have heard of my former life in Judaism, how I persecuted the Church of God violently and tried to destroy it; and I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people; so extremely zealous was I for the traditions of my fathers. But when He who had set me apart before I was born, and had called me through His grace, was pleased to reveal His Son to me, in order that I might preach Him among the Gentiles, I did not confer with flesh and blood, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me, but I went away into Arabia; and again I returned to Damascus. Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas, and remained with him fifteen days. But I saw none of the other apostles except James the Lord's brother.

The Gospel

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (2:13-23)

When the wise men had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Rise, take the Child and His mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the Child, to destroy Him." And he rose and took the Child and His mother by night, and departed to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, "Out of Egypt have I called My Son." Then Herod, when he saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, was in a furious rage, and he sent and killed all the male children in Bethlehem and in all that region, who were two years old or under, according to the time which he had ascertained from the wise men. Then was fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet Jeremiah: "A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be consoled, because they were no more." But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, saying, "Rise, take the Child and His mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the Child's life are dead." And he rose and took the Child and His mother, and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus reigned over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there, and being warned in a dream he withdrew to the district of Galilee. And he went and dwelt in a city called Nazareth, that what was spoken by the prophets might be fulfilled, "He shall be called a Nazarene."

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THIS WEEKS CALENDAR

- Wednesday - 6pm, Vespers
- Friday - 6pm, An Evening Service
- Saturday - 6pm, Great Vespers

CURRENT & UPCOMING EVENTS

- Need icons? All icons are now discounted, so come on by the St. Timothy bookstore. Also available for purchase:
 - 2022 Calendars
 - "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. Evening service will be held at St. Joseph's Retreat at the conclusion of the event.
- 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 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.