

APOSTLE TIMOTHY OF THE SEVENTY

The Holy Apostle Timothy was from the Lycaonian city of Lystra in Asia Minor. He was converted to Christ in the year 52 by the holy Apostle Paul. When the Apostles Paul and Barnabas first visited the cities of Lycaonia, St. Paul healed one crippled from birth. Many of the inhabitants of Lystra then believed in Christ, and among them was the future St. Timothy, his mother Eunice and grandmother Loida.

The seed of faith, planted in St. Timothy's soul by the Apostle Paul, brought forth abundant fruit. He became St. Paul's disciple and later his constant companion and co-worker in the preaching of the Gospel. In St. Paul's epistles he called Timothy his beloved son, remembering his devotion and fidelity with gratitude.

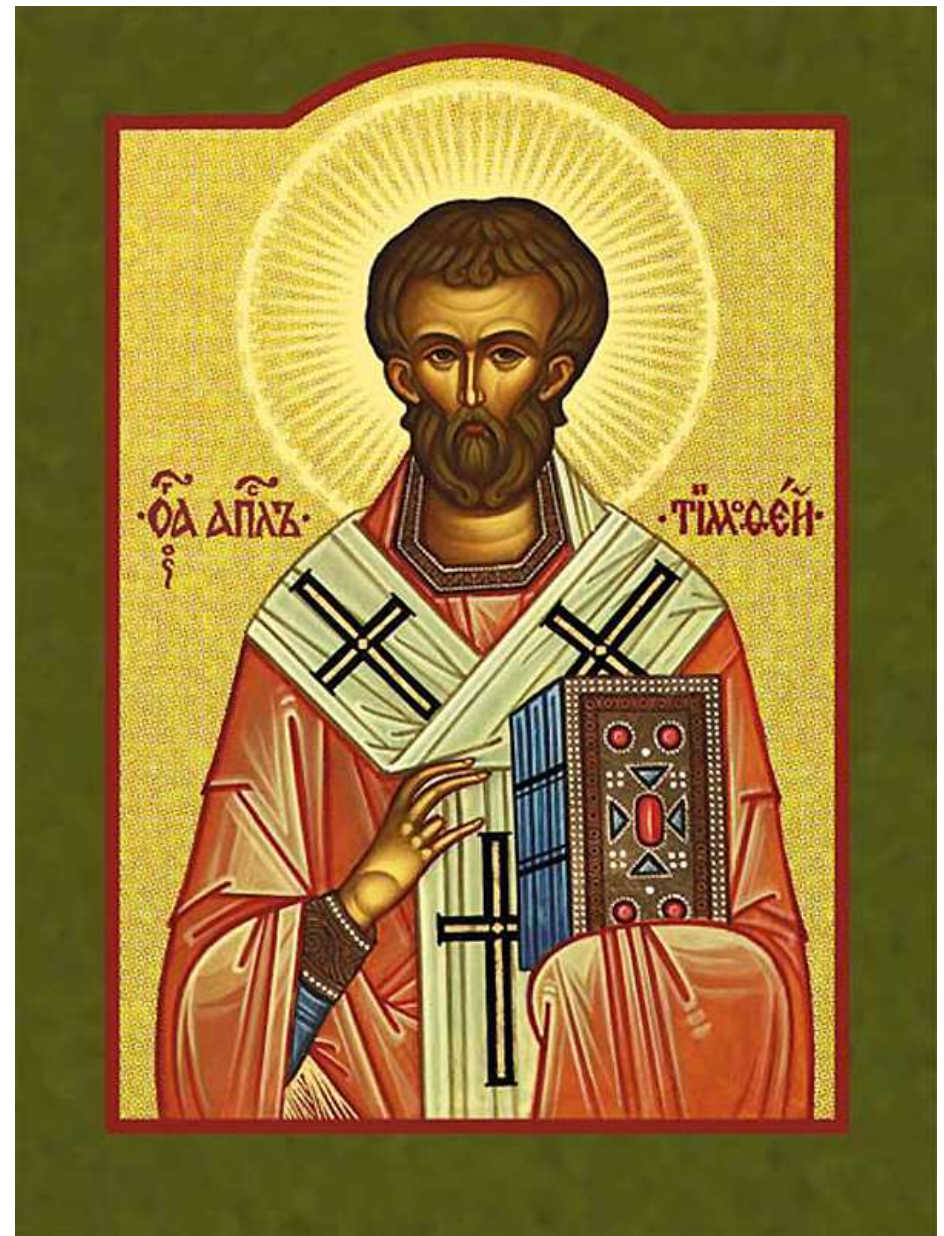
He wrote to Timothy: "You have followed my teaching, way of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, love, and patience" (II Timothy 3:10-11). The Apostle Paul appointed St. Timothy as Bishop of Ephesus, where the saint remained for 15 years. Finally, when St. Paul was in prison and awaiting martyrdom, he summoned his faithful friend, St. Timothy, for a last farewell (II Timothy 4:9).

St. Timothy ended his life as a martyr. The pagans of Ephesus celebrated a festival in honor of their idols and used to carry them through the city, accompanied by impious ceremonies and songs. St. Timothy, zealous for the glory of God, attempted to halt the procession and reason with the pagans, preaching the true faith in Christ. They angrily fell upon the holy apostle; they beat him, dragged him along the ground, and finally, they stoned him. St. Timothy's martyrdom occurred in the year 93.

In the 4th century the holy relics of St. Timothy were transferred to Constantinople and placed in the church of the Holy Apostles near the tombs of St. Andrew and St. Luke. The Church honors St. Timothy as one of the Apostles of the Seventy.

In Russian practice, the back of a priest's cross is often inscribed with St. Paul's words to St. Timothy: "Be an example to the believers in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity" (I Timothy 4:12).

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THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Apostle Timothy of the Seventy

Monk-Martyr Anastasius the Persian;

Synaxis of the Holy New Martyrs and Confessors of Russia;

Hiero-martyrs Manuel, George, Peter, Leontius—Bishops;

Sionius, Gabriel, John, Leontius, Parodus—Presbyters; and 377 companions in Bulgaria;
Monk-Martyr Anastasii, Deacon, of the Kiev Caves; Ven. Makary of Zhabynsk, Wonderworker

“Having learned goodness and maintaining continence in all things, you were arrayed with a good conscience as befits a priest. From the chosen Vessel you drew ineffable mysteries; you kept the faith and finished a course equal to His. Bishop martyr Timothy, entreat Christ God that our souls may be saved.”

Troparion, Tone IV

“Let us the faithful praise the Holy Apostle Timothy, the companion of Paul in his travels and together with him let us honor the wise Anastasius, who came as a star from Persia for the healing of the passions of our souls and the diseases of our bodies.”

Kontakion, Tone I

TODAY’S EPISTLE: II TIMOTHY 1:3-9

TODAY’S GOSPEL: LUKE 18:35-43

HOLY WORSHIP THIS WEEK:

Today, January 22

6:00 p.m. Prayers for the Unborn at Archangel Michael Church

Saturday, January 28

5:00 p.m. Great Vespers

WELCOME VISITORS!

We are very glad you have come to worship the Holy Trinity with us this morning! Please participate in the services at your comfort level. Our greeters will kindly assist you with whatever questions or needs you may have. The communion of Christ’s Body and Blood is reserved for practicing Orthodox Christians. All are invited to come forward at the end of the service to receive the blessed bread. Please stay after the Divine Liturgy for coffee hour in the Fellowship Hall so we can get to know you better!

Daily Scripture Readings

Monday, January 23

James 2:14-26

Mark 10:46-52

Tuesday, January 24

James 3:1-10

Mark 11:11-23

Wednesday, January 25

James 3:11-4:6

Mark 11:22-26

(St. Gregory)

I Corinthians 12:7-11

John 10:9-16

Thursday, January 26

James 4:7-5:9

Mark 11:27-33

Friday, January 27

I Peter 1:1-2,10-12, 2:6-10

Mark 12:1-12

Hebrews 7:26-8:2

John 10:9-16

Saturday, January 28

I Thessalonians 5:14-23

Luke 17:3-10

COMING EVENTS

JANUARY:

22, TODAY

Parish Council Meeting

6:00 p.m. Prayer Service for the Unborn Children at St. Michael Church

23, Monday

Cooking meals for St. Herman's House

25, Wednesday

Delivering meals to St. Herman's House

FEBRUARY:

5-19

Food Collection for St. Mary of Egypt Mission

6, Monday

6:30 p.m. Bagging at St. Mary of Egypt Mission

Dear Holy Trinity Community,

I am grateful to you for your outpouring of love and appreciation at my retirement party last Sunday. It was a truly beautiful event. And I am thankful to you, and to all those who have come before, for the opportunity to have served as your choir director here at Holy Trinity. It has been an honor and a unique privilege to have been able to sing praises to our God in our church community.

Michael

HOME BLESSINGS:

House blessings are ongoing now through February 26. A sign-up sheet is available in the vestibule. Father will get in touch with all who want homes blessed to set up dates and times. If you are unable to sign up on the sheet, please call the church and leave your name, address and phone number.

PRAYERS FOR THE UNBORN:

ZOE for Life! invites all to pray for unborn children this evening at Archangel Michael Church. The service will take place at 6:00 pm; Archbishop Nathaniel of the Romanian Orthodox Episcopate will be the guest speaker at the presentation following the worship.

ST. MARY OF EGYPT MISSION:

St. Mary of Egypt Mission is seeking individuals to help bag nonperishable food items for their monthly distributions. The next bagging event is Monday, February 6 at 6:30 p.m. The Mission is located at 4345 State Road in Cleveland. Please call or text Nicholas Bodle at 216-904-8537.

FOOD COLLECTION FOR MISSION:

We will hold a Food Collection in February for St. Mary of Egypt Mission Center. Please plan to bring your donation on Feb. 5, 12, or 19. Specific items are being requested: Canned meats and tuna; dry and canned milk; coffee and boxed tea bags; oatmeal and cereals; rice; cooking ingredients such as spices, baking soda, cornstarch, baking powder.

TIME, TALENT, TREASURE:

Please return your Time, Talent, Treasure forms as soon as possible. There is a box available in the vestibule. Extra forms are also available on the table.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:

The Parish Council will meet today following the Liturgy.

LA COUPOLE:

All Christmas cards and ornaments are now 50% off! Come in and shop!

COFFEE HOUR:

The refreshments today are provided by the Spoerl Family.

TRINITARIAN COVERS:

The covers today are offered by the Bellack Family. A sign-up sheet is on the table in the Fellowship Hall if you would like to offer covers in 2023. Your donation goes toward the printing costs of our weekly Trinitarian. Cost is \$10, or \$20 for Pascha and Christmas covers.

MEMORIAL PRAYERS:

There will be a Memorial Prayer Service for David Howe on Sunday, January 29, following Church School.

FLOWERS:

The flowers today are offered by Carol Bohurjak in blessed memory of Tom Bohurjak.

THE ONGOING CHALLENGE OF ENCULTURATION

Last week I mentioned the beautiful ways enculturation had been developing in the Korean Orthodox Church. It is a treasure; and I noticed that even Korean pastors and priests of other denominations looked with appreciation on these aspects of our practices and prayers. At the same time there remain many aspects of foreign culture within the church in Korea. And the question regularly arises there and elsewhere of how to serve the immigrant and foreigner population alongside growing evangelism and enculturation in the home country. When I stood in our church building, I often wondered if most Koreans would feel like it could be *their* church building. Our temple looked like it had been transplanted from Santorini Island and placed on a street in Korea. Almost every piece of furniture and liturgical item was imported. And our priest was a foreigner! What about Korean-crafted architecture, furniture, iconography, liturgical items? Was that important to Koreans and would they sense that it was more their church and not the “Way-gook-een” (foreigner) church as so many passers-by have said? And while our music employed Korean words, grammar, and phrasing, it tended to be forced into Byzantine chant melodies and meter, with a common result of music that was difficult for the people to sing and had odd musical pauses in the middle of sentences.

The Byzantine chant tradition has indeed shown itself to be adaptable to use and appreciated in different languages if applied and crafted by a skilled hand and mind. But it has not shown itself to be the only music tradition of the Orthodox Church. Other melodic and harmonic systems have developed in the Church in different cultures that have received the apostolic deposit of faith. And one thinks of Serbian melodies, Carpatho-Rusyn melodies, Georgian melody and harmony, and the Znameny, Kievan Chant, and Obikhod traditions of the Russian Church, to name a few. It seems to me that all these singing traditions are not stagnant but even change over time as beloved melodies and hymns are sung, resung, and reworked by generations of faithful. We are reminded therefore that all hymns and melodies within the church were once new and celebrated as such! Things that seem to be unchanging features of our liturgy—such as the Kontakia of St Romanos and “Only Begotten Son” by St Justinian—were once new in the 6th century. And it is the praying Church guided by the Holy Spirit that has over time been in a process of retaining hymns and melodies that draw us close to the essence of prayer. And it is the praying Church that encourages new hymns and melodies to be written and sung when appropriate and when new cultures receive the faith once for all delivered to the saints. (Jude 3)

And thus one wonders, what liturgical music sensibilities and styles will develop in Korea, in Guatemala, Indonesia, and the US? What uniquely American eight-tone melody and harmony systems might emerge over time as the handed down liturgical music traditions meet local culture and local music? Will the down-home country feel of Appalachian tunes, Bluegrass, and shape-note singing be adapted some way into Orthodox worship? Will the soulful melodies and harmonies of blues and jazz perhaps resonate with the laments and joys of Lent and Christian asceticism? Already we’re seeing some examples of this in some parts of Orthodoxy in America. Have you perhaps heard “Christ is Risen” arranged in Appalachian melody and harmony?

And while all such endeavors and developments won’t stand the test of time in the praying church, we pray for the Lord to grow His Church in new lands, speak His truth into hearts of those who don’t know Him, and provide connecting points for us and others to appreciate the depth of who He is and what He has done for us so that we may abide in Him and remain with Him forever.

Fr. Christopher Moore

Holy Trinity Outreach Prayer List for January 15, 2023

Memory Eternal

Very Reverend Sergius S. Kuharsky fell asleep in the Lord on Jan 5. Please pray for comfort for his family. May his memory be eternal+

Specific Prayer Requests

- 1 Elliott McNeely asks for prayers for health and healing for his dear friend Ava who is currently hospitalized, on a ventilator, and in an induced coma.
- 2 Joanne Stoyka asks for prayers for her nephew, Patrick who has blood clot in his leg and is in Cleveland Clinic.
- 3 Frank and Joanne Stoyka ask for prayers of health and healing for their friend, Neil, who was life flighted to UH for aortic valve surgery.
- 4 Jessie Pechuch asks for prayers for health and healing for her father George who is in ICU following surgery.
- 5 Please offer prayers for Valerie Spoerl as she prepares for neck surgery at the end of the month.
- 6 Karen Sherwood asks for prayers for her cousins Don and Joanne. They are suffering from covid and Don is also in the hospital with a broken arm.
- 7 Marsha Uziel asks for prayers for her daughter Maren as she recovers from surgery last week.
- 8 Barry and Laura Gluntz ask for prayers for health and healing for Barry's mother Lois.
- 9 Protodeacon Anthony asks for prayers for his brother Jerry who is recovering from hip surgery.
- 10 Michele Kuhar asks for prayers for her friend Patricia N. who is recovering from surgery.
- 11 Grace Svilar asks for prayers for her friend Vickie Garcia who was recently diagnosed with stage 4 breast cancer.
- 12 Katie Griebel asks for prayers for her friend Priya who is recovering from surgery.
- 13 Marsha Uziel asks for prayers for her friend Debbie who is recovering from surgery.
- 14 Popadija Kathy Babich asks for prayers for her friends Lois Wolf and Emma Morris.

Continued prayers for the health, peace and well-being of:

- 1 Becky and Evie
- 2 V. Reverend Father Vladimir and Margarita Berzonsky
- 3 Carol Bohurjak
- 4 Tommy Bohurjak
- 5 Marie Borland
- 6 Christine who is undergoing cancer treatment
- 7 Jennie Cundik
- 8 Baby Emilija Markov, granddaughter of Ana Billow
- 9 Anna DiDonato
- 10 Eva, daughter of Nadine Svilar's cousin
- 11 Barb Phillipow
- 12 Ruth Flewelling
- 13 Gil and Pat George
- 14 Pauline Smolarchuk's friend's son Jimmy

- 15 **Mark Karpowicz**
- 16 **Lydia Kelbach**
- 17 **Liam James Kepner**
- 18 **John Kules**
- 19 **Olga Lobas**
- 20 **Kalle Lyytinen**
- 21 **George Mravitz**
- 22 **Michael**, Nephew of Pauline Smolarchuk
- 23 **Ellen Myerly**, daughter of Pat Schwartz
- 24 **Peter, and Rebecca**, nephew and niece of Ruth Flewelling.
- 25 **Jessica Pecuch**
- 26 **Kira Pilat**
- 27 **Olga Przybys**
- 28 **Carol Range**
- 29 **Betty Reis**
- 30 **Mark S.** friend of Michael Sabat
- 31 **Betty Scherry**
- 32 **Pat Schwartz**
- 33 **Gregg Sepic**
- 34 **Pauline Smolarchuk**
- 35 **Eleanor Steve**
- 36 **Ernie and Maryann Schmidt**
- 37 **Nadine Svilar**
- 38 **Teresa**, friend of Pauline Smolarchuk
- 39 **Tressa Thorpe**, friend of Jessie Pecuch
- 40 **Marsha Uziel**
- 41 **Marge Virosteck**

A Prayer for Deliverance From Illness

O most Holy God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, Trinity undivided;
pour forth Thy mercy upon Thy sick servant (name);
take away all (his/her) pain and anguish, forgive all (his/her) sins, grant relief from all suffering,
restore health and strength to body and soul.
Grant Thy servant peace, patience and understanding of Thy will for (his/her) life, that (he/she)
may return from the bed of sickness
completely restored to health and able to praise Thy Holy Name, O Lord God and our Creator.