

January 22 – Apostle Timothy of the Seventy

The Holy Apostle Timothy was from the Lycaonian city of Lystra in Asia Minor. Saint Timothy was converted to Christ in the year 52 by the holy Apostle Paul (June 29). When the Apostles Paul and Barnabas first visited the cities of Lycaonia, Saint Paul healed one crippled from birth. Many of the inhabitants of Lystra then believed in Christ, and among them was the future Saint Timothy, his mother Eunice and grandmother Loida (Lois) (Acts 14:6-12; 2 Tim. 1:5).

The seed of faith, planted in Saint Timothy's soul by the Apostle Paul, brought forth abundant fruit. He became Saint Paul's disciple, and later his constant companion and co-worker in the preaching of the Gospel. The Apostle Paul loved Saint Timothy and in his Epistles called him 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" (2 Tim. 3:10-11). The Apostle Paul appointed Saint Timothy as Bishop of Ephesus, where the saint remained for fifteen years. Finally, when Saint Paul was in prison and awaiting martyrdom, he summoned his faithful friend, Saint Timothy, for a last farewell (2 Tim. 4:9).

Saint 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. Saint Timothy, zealous for the glory of God, attempted to halt the procession and reason with the spiritually blind idol-worshipping people, by preaching the true faith in Christ.

The pagans angrily fell upon the holy apostle, they beat him, dragged him along the ground, and finally, they stoned him. Saint Timothy's martyrdom occurred in the year 93.

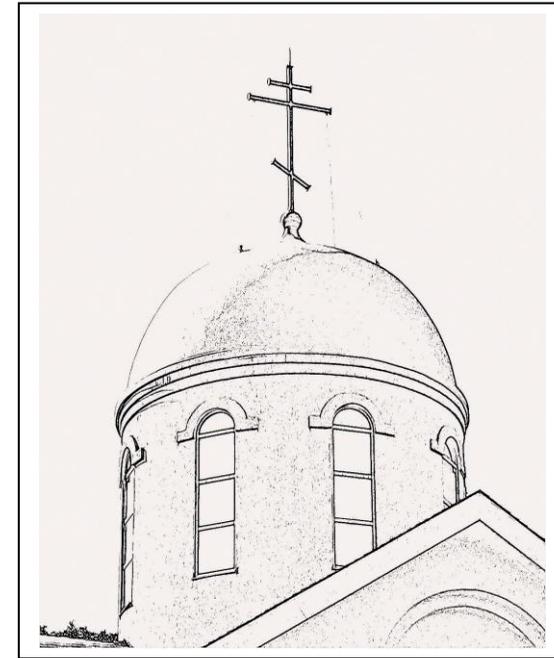
In the fourth century the holy relics of Saint Timothy were transferred to Constantinople and placed in the church of the Holy Apostles near the tombs of Saint Andrew (November 30) and Saint Luke (October 18). The Church honors Saint Timothy as one of the Apostles of the Seventy.

In Russian practice, the back of a priest's cross is often inscribed with Saint Paul's words to Saint Timothy: "Be an example to the believers in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity" (1 Tim. 4:12).

Troparion – New Martyrs and Confessors of Russia

*Today the Church of Russia forms a chorus in joy,
praising her new martyrs and confessors;
hierarchs and priests, royal passion-bearers, right-believing princes and princesses,
venerable men and women, and all Orthodox Christians.
Having laid down their life for faith in Christ during the days of godless persecution,
they preserved the truth by the shedding of blood.//
By their protection, O long-suffering Lord, preserve our land in Orthodoxy
till the end of the age.*

WEEKLY



BULLETIN

Today is the beginning of our salvation, the revelation of the eternal mystery. The Son of God becomes the Son of the Virgin as Gabriel announces the coming of Grace. Together with him let us cry to the Theotokos: Rejoice O Full of Grace, the Lord is with you!

Troparion of the Annunciation to the Theotokos

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January 22, 2023

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Tone 7. New Martyrs and Confessors of Russia. Apostle Timothy of the Seventy (96). Monastic Martyr Anastasius the Persian (628). Monastic Martyr Anastásii, Deacon, of the Kiev Caves (Near Caves—12th c.). Ven. Makáry of Zhabynsk, Wonderworker (1623). 377 Martyred Companions in Bulgaria (ca. 817).

Today's Readings:

Epistle: 1 Timothy 1:15-17

Gospel: Luke 18:35-43

Upcoming Service Schedule:

Today – **9:00am Divine Liturgy**

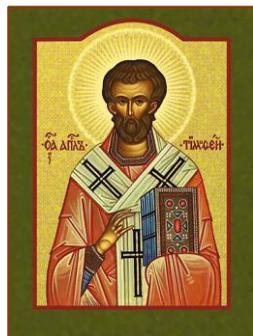
Saturday – **6:00pm Great Vespers**

Sunday – **9:00am Divine Liturgy**

Next Sunday's Readings:

Epistle: 1 Timothy 4:9-15

Gospel: Luke 19:1-10



*Apostle Timothy of
the Seventy*

The Distinguished Diocesan Benefactors program is an essential vehicle for funding the activities and programs of our diocese. Please consider participating in the program. More information is available at the diocesan website at www.nynjoca.org.

Special Prayers

We pray for **all** our parish family members, but we pray especially for those who are ill and afflicted. Among them are **Mat. Faith Kuharsky, Zoran Pejovic, Ingrid Kopec, Betty James, Manya Shark, Deryl Tczap, Mary Tczap, George Stavrou, Margaret Makara, Dennis & Ann Marie Gahr, Michael Getmanov, and Lori Ratushnuk.**

We are happy that you have joined us for worship today and hope that you will join us for Coffee Hour after the veneration of the Cross. Please note that **reception of the Holy Eucharist** is only for baptized members of the Orthodox Church who have prepared with prayer, fasting, and periodic confession. You are encouraged to receive the blessed bread that is offered at the end of the service and which may also be offered to you by one of your neighbors during Communion.

Annunciations

TODAY – All are welcome to join us for **Coffee Hour**. **Team 4** is scheduled for setup and cleanup today. **Team 1** will have Coffee Hour responsibilities next Sunday.

TODAY – The **Annual Parish Meeting** will take place after the Divine Liturgy in the church. Please **plan to attend** so that as many parishioners as possible may participate in the work of the Church.

TODAY – Orthodox parishes in all the world observe **Sanctity of Life Sunday**.

Saturday, February 4 – A celebration in honor of **Archbishop Michael's 50th anniversary of ordination to the Holy Priesthood** will take place with an hierarchical Divine Liturgy served at Christ the Saviour Church in Paramus followed by a banquet at the Brownstone in Paterson. More information may be obtained on the diocesan website, www.nynjoca.org. All are invited to participate in the celebration.

Father Gary & Matushka Mary will be out of town from Monday, January 23 to Friday, February 3. **Father Paul Kucynda** will serve the Divine services during this time. **Father Michael Pejovic** is available at (848) 228-1563 for pastoral emergencies.

The **blessing of homes** will continue after Father Gary's return. A **sign-up sheet** is located in the church narthex. Please indicate days and times that are most convenient for you to have Father Gary come and bless your home. Alternatively, you may **email Father Gary** with your request for a houseblessing.

Holy Water is available by request of Father Gary. Please **bring your own containers** if possible!

We continue to pray for **peace in Ukraine**, for the withdrawal of Russian troops from that land, and for the wellbeing of the Ukrainian people. Lord, have mercy!

Keep up on OCA news by visiting www.oca.org, diocesan news by visiting www.nynjoca.org, and parish news by visiting www.occa-brick.org.

Many Years!

Wedding anniversaries this week:
Monday – Paul & Suzanne Hanas (#52)

***Please pray for
vocations to the
Holy Priesthood!***