

**Today's Bulletin Sponsors are:****For eternal memory of:**

**Maria**, offered by her daughter and grandchildren.

**For the health of:**

**Holly Dawson**, offered by her family.

**Richard Jr.** on his birthday, offered by Jaclyn, John, Mom, and Dad.

**Readings:**

- I Timothy 1:15-17 \*
- Luke 18:35-43

**BRETHREN**, the saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. And I am the foremost of sinners; but I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience for an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

**At that time**, as he drew near to Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging; and hearing a multitude going by, he inquired what this meant. They told him, "Jesus of Nazareth is passing by." And he cried, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" And those who were in front rebuked him, telling him to be silent; but he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" And Jesus stopped, and commanded him to be brought to him; and when he came near, he asked him, "What do you want me to do for you?" He said, "Lord, let me receive my sight." And Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight; your faith has made you well." And immediately he received his sight and followed him, glorifying God; and all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God.

\* (Same as last Sunday because the Epistle for the **32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost** is always read on the **Sunday of Zacchaeus** (next week). When the number of Sundays between the last Pentecost and pre-lent are not 32, Epistle readings are skipped or repeated.)

**Sunday service:**

**Hours - 9:40 AM**                      **Divine Liturgy – 10:00 AM**  
**(General Confession – 9 50 AM on the first Sunday of each month)**  
**(Pannikhidas – after Divine Liturgy 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month)**

**Church School - 9:30 AM**  
 (no classes 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month)

**Coffee hour** after Liturgy

**We would like to welcome all parish visitors and invite you to join us after the Liturgy, downstairs, for Coffee hour.**

**Announcements:**

- **Our annual parish meeting will be held on Sunday February 12, 2012 right after coffee hour.** All members of the parish are invited to attend.
- **Please contact Father Boris about having your home blessed.** Father Boris can visit all the members of the parish in order to pray with them in the place where they live, and to bless their surroundings with the sanctified water.

**Special Announcements:**

- **Dues and assessments are being collected for the year 2012,** Total Parish Membership Fee is now \$200. Partial payments are gladly accepted.
- **The next meeting of the Sisterhood of the Protection of the Theotokos will be on February 5<sup>th</sup>,** after coffee hour.
- **The next meeting of the Parish Council will be next Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup>,** after coffee hour.

**Reminder:**

- Upcoming bulletins can be sponsored; this can be done with the signup sheet at the candle stand.
- Special Announcements for the bulletin can be submitted by E-Mail to: [Bulletin@ChurchMotherOfGod.org](mailto:Bulletin@ChurchMotherOfGod.org)

**Apostle Timothy of the Seventy:**

**Today the Church remembers Apostle Timothy.**

The Holy Apostle Timothy was from the Lycaonian city of Lystra in Asia Minor. St 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, 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 (Lois) (Acts 14:6-12; 2 Tim. 1:5).

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. The Apostle Paul loved St 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 St Timothy as Bishop of Ephesus, where the saint remained for fifteen years. Finally, when St Paul was in prison and awaiting martyrdom, summoned his faithful friend, St Timothy, for a last farewell (2 Tim. 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 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. St Timothy's martyrdom occurred in the year 93.

In the fourth 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 (November 30) and St Luke (October 18). 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"* (1 Tim. 4:12)

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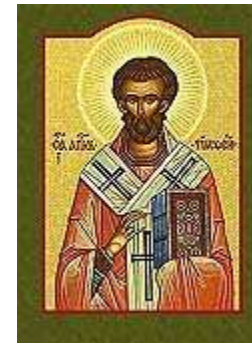
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Apostle Timothy

Glory to  
Jesus Christ

Glory Forever

*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 4) Apostle Timothy

**On this day the Church remembers:**

- **Apostle Timothy of the Seventy (96)** • Monk Martyr Anastasius the Persian (628) • Monk Martyr Anastásii, Deacon, of the Kiev Caves (Near Caves—12<sup>th</sup> c.)
- Ven. Makáry of Zhabynsk, Wonderworker (1622) • Martyrs Manuel, George, Peter, Leontius—Bishops; Sionius, Gabriel, John, Leontius, Parodus—Presbyters; and 377 companions in Bulgaria (ca. 817)

**January 22, 2012**

**Tone 7** of the Octoechos.

32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost