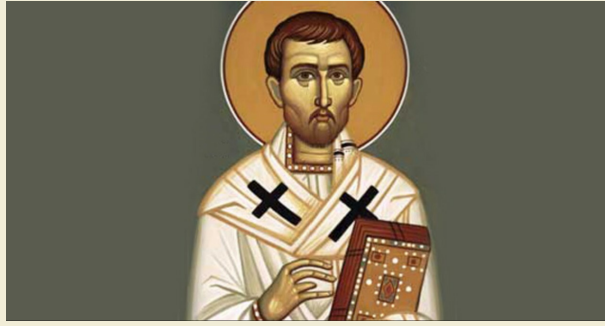


ST. TIMOTHY ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Sunday
February 20,
2022



Tone 2
Eothinon 2

Sunday of the Prodigal Son

Leo, Bishop of Catania in Sicily * Venerable Vissarion the Great of Egypt * Agathon, Pope of Rome

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 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 the Prodigal Son in Tone Three

Foolishly I sprang away from Thy great fatherly glory, and dispersed in wicked deeds the riches that Thou didst give me. With the Prodigal I therefore cry unto Thee now: I have sinned against Thee, O compassionate Father. But receive me in repentance; make me as one of Thy hired servants, O Lord. Let us flee the Pharisee's conceited vaunting; let us learn the Publican's humility, and cry with groans unto the Savior: Thou Who alone art swiftly reconciled, be gracious unto us.

The Epistle

Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us. Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous.

The Reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (6:12-20)

Brethren, all things are lawful for me, but not all things are expedient. All things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the authority of anything. Foods are for the belly, and the belly for foods; but God will destroy both it and them. Now the body is not for fornication, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body; and God both raised up the Lord, and will also raise us up through His power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I therefore take away the members of Christ, and make them members of a harlot? God forbid! Or, do you not know that he who is joined to a harlot is one body with her? For, "The two," He says, "shall become one flesh." But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit. Flee fornication! Every sin that a person commits is outside the body, but whoever commits fornication sins against his own body. Or, do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have received from God, and that you are not your own? For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (15:11-32)

The Lord spoke this parable: "There was a man who had two sons; and the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of property that falls to me.' And he divided his living between them. Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took his journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in loose living. And when he had spent everything, a great famine arose in that country, and he began to be in want. So he went and joined himself to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed swine. And he would gladly have fed on the pods that the swine ate; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have bread enough and to spare, but I perish here with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me as one of your hired servants."' And he arose and came to his father. But while he was yet at a distance, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet; and bring the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and make merry; for this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to make merry. Now his elder son was in the field; and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. And he called one of the servants and asked what this meant. And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has received him safe and sound.' But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, but he answered his father, 'Lo, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command; yet you never gave me a kid that I might make merry with my friends. But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your living with harlots, you killed for him the fatted calf!' And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. It was fitting to make merry and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.'"

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THIS WEEKS CALENDAR

- Monday - Parish Open, 9am to 1pm
- Tuesday - Parish Open, 9am to 1pm; Sisterhood Coffee Hour 11:00am (Parish)
- Wednesday - Vespers, 6:00pm
- Thursday - Parish Open, 9am to 1pm, Catechumen Class Panera Bread (Vacaville) @ 6:30pm
- Friday - 6:00pm, An Evening Service
- Saturday - 8:00am, Soul Saturday Divine Liturgy; 11:30am Yalla! Youth Group; 6:00pm Great Vespers
- Sunday - Meatfare Sunday

CURRENT & UPCOMING EVENTS

- If you wish for Fr John to pray for any resposed loved ones during the Soul Saturday Divine Liturgy, please submit their names to January Al-Zouhbi at admin@sttimothy.us
- Looking for fellowship or just feel like being social? Join us for the Sisterhood Coffee Hour, **every Tuesday @ 11:00am**. at St. Timothy's. No RSVP needed.
- Yalla! A St. Timothy Youth Ministry kicks off **Saturday February 26th @ 11:30am** at the Parish. RSVP to January @ 214.392.7009 or admin@sttimothy.us
- The parish will be open **Monday, Tuesday and Thursday's from 9am to 1pm**. If you wish to host an event during the week (bible study, book club, coffee hour, etc) or want to come by for a cup of coffee please reach out to Parish Secretary January Al-Zouhbi @ 214.392.7009.
- **Week of February 20th** normal fasting week, **abstain from meat starting February 28th**

Prayer List

For Health and Physical Healing....Jerry Moore, neighbor of Fr John, cirrhosis of the liver with monthly drains; Shawn Ignacio's mother still in hospital, hoping to be discharged to care facility; Steve Bishop, brother-in-law Mary Tollefson, bloodcots; and breathing issues; Linda McKee, pain; Victoria Haskins, friend and parish co-founder, ongoing heart issues ; Sheila Ignacio, sister Shaun Ignacio, hospice

For Strength and Comfort....Mary Tollefson & Family ; Sarah Schwark & Family; Shawn Ignacio; Regina and her son Wesley, acquaintance of Renae Holland, husband reposed unexpectedly and selling personal items to survive

For Mental and Emotional Health....Crawford Family (Arthur, Angelique, Currie, Monique, Illiana); Cindy, sister of Kh Barbara

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 admin@sttimothy.us 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.