

# Holy Apostle Timothy

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## St. Thomas Orthodox Church

A Parish of the [Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America](#)



### To our visitors...

Welcome! We hope your time with us is healing and worshipful. Please note that, although we have much respect for other Christian traditions, Holy Communion is reserved for properly prepared members of the Orthodox faith. Everyone is invited to partake of the blessed bread after the conclusion of the Liturgy. May God's blessing be upon you!

## Hymns in Today's Liturgy

### **Resurrectional *Apolytikion* (Tone 7)**

Thou didst shatter death by Thy Cross, Thou didst open paradise to the thief; Thou didst turn the sadness of the ointment-bearing women into joy. And didst bid Thine Apostles proclaim a warning, that Thou hast risen O Christ, granting to the world the Great Mercy.

### ***Apolytikion* of St. Timothy (Tone 4)**

Since thou hadst been instructed in uprightness thoroughly and wast vigilant in all things, thou wast clothed with a good conscience as befitteth one holy. Thou didst draw from the Chosen Vessel ineffable mysteries; and having kept the Faith, thou didst finish the course, O Hieromartyr and Apostle Timothy. Intercede with Christ God that our souls may be saved.

### ***Apolytikion* of St. Anastasios the Persian (Tone 4)**

Thy Martyr, O Lord, in his courageous contest for Thee received as the prize the crowns of incorruption and life from Thee, our immortal God. For since he possessed Thy strength, he cast down the tyrants and wholly destroyed the demons' strengthless presumption. O Christ God, by his prayers, save our souls, since Thou art merciful.

### ***Apolytikion* of St. Thomas (Tone 3)**

O Holy Apostle Thomas, intercede with the merciful God to grant to our souls forgiveness of sins.

### ***Kontakion* of the Presentation of Christ (Tone 1)**

Thou, O Christ God, Who by Thy Birth, didst sanctify the Virgin's womb, and, as is meet, didst bless Simeon's arms, and didst also come to save us; preserve Thy fold in wars, and confirm them whom Thou didst love, for Thou alone art the Lover of mankind.

## Epistle

### **I Timothy 4:9–15**

Timothy, my son, the saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance. For to this end we toil and strive, because we have our hope set on the living God, Who is the Savior of all men, especially of those who believe.

Command and teach these things. Let no one despise your youth, but set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. Until I come, attend to the public reading of scripture, to preaching, to teaching. Do not neglect the gift you have, which was given you by prophetic utterance when the council of elders laid their hands upon you. Practice these duties; devote yourself to them, so that all may see your progress.

## **Gospel**

### **Luke 19:1–10**

At that time, Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. And there was a man named Zacchæus; he was a chief tax collector, and rich. And he sought to see Who Jesus was, but could not, on account of the crowd, because he was small of stature. So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see Jesus, for He was to pass that way. And when Jesus came to the place, He looked up and said to him, “Zacchæus, make haste and come down; for I must stay at your house today.” So he made haste and came down, and received Him joyfully. And when they saw it they all murmured, “He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner.” And Zacchæus stood and said to the Lord, “Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I restore it fourfold.” And Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham; for the Son of man came to seek and to save the lost.”

## **Synaxarion**

On 15 January, in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the holy Apostle Timothy, disciple of the holy Apostle Paul.

Timothy, in longing after divine laurels,  
died the earth with his blood when beaten with cudgels.

On the twenty-second, Timothy’s spirit was taken.

Timothy was one of the Seventy Apostles, born in Lystra in Lycaonia. Timothy first met with the great Apostle Paul in Lystra and was himself a witness when Paul healed the one lame from birth (Acts 14:8-10). Later, Timothy constantly traveled with of Paul, to places like Achaia, Macedonia, Italy and Spain. Sweet in soul, he was a great zealot for the Faith, and a superb preacher. Timothy contributed much to the spreading and establishing of the Christian Faith. Paul calls him “my

own son in the faith” (I Tim. 1:2). After Paul’s martyrdom, Timothy had John the Evangelist as his teacher. But when John was banished from Ephesus to the island of Patmos, Timothy remained in Ephesus to serve as bishop. During the time of an idolatrous feast in A.D. 93, the pagans attacked Timothy and killed him. His honorable relics were interred in the Church of the Twelve Apostles in Constantinople alongside the graves of Luke the Evangelist and Andrew the First-called.

On this day, we also commemorate the Venerable-martyr Anastasios the Persian. When Emperor Heraclius warred with the Persians, Anastasios deserted to the Christians. He went to Jerusalem where he was baptized and tonsured a monk. Anastasios joyfully read the hagiography of the holy martyrs; and in reading it, he moistened the book with his tears and ardently yearned for martyrdom. The Lord finally crowned him with the martyr’s wreath on this day in A.D. 628, in the town of Bethsalœ near Nineveh.

On 22 January, we also commemorate the Venerable Joseph the Sanctified of Crete. By the intercessions of Thy Saints, O God, have mercy upon us. Amen.

## Upcoming Events

<b>Tuesday</b>	<i>Paraklesis</i>	18:00	Holy Trinity
<b>Wednesday</b>	Orthros & Divine Liturgy for St. Gregory the Theologian	08:30	St. Thomas
<b>Saturday</b>	Great Vespers	18:00	St. Thomas

We will stream services live and post updates on [our Facebook page](#), on [our Twitter feed](#), and on [our YouTube channel](#).



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