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Sunday, January 22
31st Sunday of Pentecost

Philippians about Timothy, "I have no one like him." (Philippians 2:19-23) When Paul was in prison and awaiting martyrdom, he summoned his faithful friend, Timothy, for a last farewell. That Timothy was jailed at least once during the period of the writing of the New Testament is implied by the writer of Hebrews mentioning Timothy's release at the end of the epistle. The apocryphal *Acts of Timothy* states that in the year 97, the 80-year-old bishop tried to halt a procession in honor of the goddess Diana by preaching the gospel. The angry pagans beat him, dragged him through the streets, and stoned him to death.

Veneration

Timothy is venerated as an apostle, saint and martyr by the Eastern Orthodox Church, with his feast day on 22 January.

In the 4th century, the relics of Timothy were transferred to Constantinople and placed in the church of the Holy Apostles near the tombs of St Andrew and St Luke.

JAN. 22 ANNOUNCEMENTS -

JAN. 15 DONATIONS:

FOR HEALTH OF (FHO): THE RAYMER FAMILY – KAREN &
DAVID REHN

FHO: FAMILY - TOM & KRISTINE EFTOFF

FHO: FAMILY- VAL & RODERICK LAZAR

FHO: FAMILY – PETE & JANN PETROFF

FHO: SUBDEACON DAVID – HELEN ARNAUT

FHO: ARNAUT FAMILY – SANDRA ARNAUT

FHO: FAMILY – DARIA TSAKOFF

FOR A BLESSED & PEACEFUL NEW YEAR – CHERYL TRAVIS

IN MEMORY OF(IMO): ELENA KABROVICH- PETE & JANN
PETROFF, VAL & RODERICK LAZAR,

JIM & DELPHINE CONNOR

IMO: LEO KYKO – LEE & GRACE KYKO

IMO: JIM FORD – PETE & JANN PETROFF

IMO: ALEXANDER – DARIA TSAKOFF

UPCOMING EVENTS

JAN. 29 – SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY

FEB. 12 – LADIES GUILD MEETING

19- ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

**TODAY WE WILL CELEBRATE THE DIVINE LITURGY OF
ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM**

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Epistle - 1 Timothy 1:15-17

My Son Timothy: 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.

Gospel - Luke 18:35-43

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.

St. Timothy

Timothy was a native of Lystra in Lycaonia (Anatolia). When Paul and Barnabas first visited Lystra, Paul healed one crippled from birth, leading many of the inhabitants to accept his teaching. When he returned a few years later with Silas, Timothy was already a respected member of the Christian congregation, as were his grandmother Lois and his mother Eunice, both Jews. In 2 Timothy 1:5, his mother and grandmother are noted as eminent for their piety and faith. Timothy is said to have been acquainted with the Scriptures since childhood. In 1 Corinthians 16:10 there is a suggestion that he was by nature reserved and

timid. ("When Timothy comes, see that you put him at ease among you, for he is doing the work of the Lord...") Timothy's father was Greek; that is, not a Jew. Thus, Timothy had not been circumcised, and Paul now ensured that this was done, according to the text, to ensure Timothy's acceptability to the Jews whom they would be evangelizing. According to McGarvey: "Yet we see him in the case before us, circumcising Timothy with his own hand, and this "on account of certain Jews who were in those quarters". However, Acts 16:4 makes clear that this action did not compromise the decision made at the Council of Jerusalem, that gentile believers were not required to be circumcised.

Timothy became St Paul's disciple, and later his constant companion and co-worker in preaching.^[9] In the year 52, Paul and Silas took Timothy along with them on their journey to Macedonia. Augustine extols his zeal and disinterestedness in immediately forsaking his country, his house, and his parents, to follow the apostle, to share in his poverty and sufferings. Timothy may have been subject to ill health or "frequent ailments", and Paul encouraged him to "use a little wine for thy stomach's sake".
1 Timothy 5:23

When Paul went on to Athens, Silas and Timothy stayed for some time at Berea and Thessalonica before joining Paul at Corinth. Timothy next appears in Acts during Paul's stay in Ephesus (54-57), and in late 56 or early 57 Paul sent him forth to Macedonia with the aim that he would eventually arrive at Corinth. Timothy arrived at Corinth just after 1 Corinthians reached that city. The letter was not well received, and Timothy quickly returned to Ephesus to report this to Paul. Timothy was with Paul in Corinth during the winter of 57-58 when Paul dispatched his Letter to the Romans. (Romans 16:21) According to Acts 20:3-6, Timothy was with Paul in Macedonia just before Passover 58; he left the city before Paul, going ahead of him to await Paul in Troas. (Acts 20:4-5) "That is the last mention of Timothy in Acts," Raymond Brown notes. In the year 64, Paul left St. Timothy at Ephesus, to govern that church.

His relationship with Paul was close. Paul entrusted him with missions of great importance. Timothy's name appears as the co-author on 2 Corinthians, Philippians, Colossians, 1 Thessalonians, 2 Thessalonians, and Philemon. Paul wrote to the