

## "TIMOTHY, MY SON . . ."

**I**n the New Testament, two of the Apostle Paul's letters are directed to Timothy, who he refers to as being a ". . . true son in the faith." (1 Tim. 1:2) Who was Timothy? Timothy was one of the 70 apostles appointed by our Lord to take His message to the world. He was born in Lystra - - son of a Greek father and a Jewish mother. His grandmother was a Christian, and it is said that she influenced him and nurtured his desire to be a follower of Christ.

It was in Lystra that Timothy met St. Paul. Impressed by the young man's deep devotion and heartfelt desire to serve the Church, Paul asked Timothy to accompany him on his missionary journeys. Their travels took them to Achaia, Macedonia, Italy and Spain. Timothy's eloquence, along with his gentle temperament, enabled

him to be a great asset in winning souls for Christ. Eventually, Timothy followed his own missionary trail to Corinth, Philippi and Thessalonica, keeping in constant touch with his mentor through the scriptural letters that now bear his name.

The Apostle Timothy finally settled in Ephesus, where he became a bishop of that thriving community. Despite his noble efforts, Timothy was met with great opposition there from the followers of the pagan god Artemis. One evening while attempting to disperse an unruly crowd of pagan worshippers, who had gathered outside his home, Timothy suffered martyrdom at their hands. His relics were later taken to the Church of the Holy Apostles in Constantinople, where they were buried alongside the graves of the Evangelist Luke and the Apostle Andrew.

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# HOLY APOSTLE TIMOTHY



Faithful  
Disciple  
of  
St. Paul





**ST.DEMETRIOS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH  
NORTH WILDWOOD, NEW JERSEY  
JANUARY 21st, 2024**

**SUNDAY OF THE TEN LEPERS:**

**WELCOME ALL VISITORS:**

On behalf of the Parish Council, Fr. Michael, and the entire family of St. Demetrios, we would like to welcome our Visitors for joining us today in our sacred worship service. If you need any assistance please notify any of the Parish Council members. God Bless our Visitors and may your stay here be pleasant and memorable. Please don't hesitate to come again.

**MEMORIAL SERVICE:**

A 3 year Memorial service will be chanted today in memory of our brother in Christ, Peter Daglis. May his soul rest in peace and may his memory be eternal.

**SPONSORING COFFEE HOUR:**

If anyone is interested in sponsoring the coffee hour please contact the Church Philoptochos. Please contact Dina Bilios (609) 675-8786 or Bessie Giouros at (609) 602-8545.

**STEWARDSHIP NEWS:**

All our local and seasonal members and visitors are invited to register and enroll in our parish for the 2024 membership and join in weekly worship and to support of our parish "Stewardship Program" and ministries. The annual minimum enrollment offering is \$750 per family, and \$500 for single people. Please complete the parish membership registry forms that are available in the Narthex. Families that are in arrears are invited to reinstate their membership and participation in our parish life and ministries.

**GREEK SCHOOL:** Classes are every Friday night 4:30 pm – 7:30 pm.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** On behalf of the Parish Council, Fr. Michael, and the entire family of St. Demetrios, we would like to notify parents that Sunday school has already started! We would like all parents to have their children at the church by 9:45 am. Every Sunday after the Gospel reading the children will go to their Sunday school classroom and then come back to receive their Holy Communion.

**OUR NEW ST DEMETRIOS WEBSITE:** Attention everyone: We have a new website! Please add [www.stdemetriosnewjersey.com](http://www.stdemetriosnewjersey.com) as a favorite on your devices. Be advised that the new website is now LIVE. Please review and enjoy. Donations are able to process on our website via the DONATIONS tab where you will find the VANCO QR Code (shown below).

**LITURGICAL WINTER SCHEDULE:**

*(For Sunday Hours -9:00 am Orthos and 10:00 am Divine Liturgy)*

*(For Weekday Services -9:00 am Orthos and 9:30 am Divine Liturgy)*

*(For Vesper Services-6:00 pm)*

**LITURGICAL PROGRAM FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY:**

Sunday, January 21: 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday of St. Luke. Orthros – 9:00 am Divine Liturgy 10:00am.

Sunday, January 28: 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday of St. Luke: Orthros- 9:00 am Divine Liturgy 10:00 am.

**DVYC SKI TRIP: SATURDAY FEBRUARY 3, 2024:**

**BIG BOULDER:** 357 Big Boulder Dr. Lake Harmony, PA 18624 If anyone is interested in going and joining this Ski Trip please call Fr. Michael to make the necessary arrangements. You must purchase Tubing and Ski lift tickets and Rentals IN ADVANCE. Also at the end of the trip there will be a group picture taken in front of the Big Boulder Café.

**BLESSING YOUR HOME:**

In the month of January, we celebrate a Great Feast within the Orthodox Church. Epiphany, the baptism of our Lord Jesus Christ, on January 6<sup>th</sup>. It is the season of the blessing of the Holy Waters, when also the parish priest through his very rich custom brings the Blessed Holy Water to the faithful in their homes and business establishments. This enables everyone to receive the Great Blessing of our Lord for the New Year of 2024.

I feel as your priest, that this is a beautiful custom, bringing the Blessed Holy Water of Epiphany to you, my parishioners, allows me to remain close to you and your family. Fr. Michael requests that you please contact him at his cell phone # 1-(667)-328-1083, to make arrangements for the blessing of your home/business.

**TEACHING FOR THE DAY: "DON'T THROW ME ON THE SCRAP HEAP"**

A blacksmith who had profound faith in Jesus was asked one day by one of his friends. "Why do you have so much trouble? I have watched you since you became a Christian and you have had many problems. I thought that when a person gave himself to God his troubles were over. A smile came across the blacksmith's face as he replied, "Do you see these pieces of steel, I'm going to use it for the springs of the carriage. But first it needs to be heated. Then I hammer it, bend it, and shape it the way I want it. Sometimes however, I find that the steel is too brittle to be used, so I have to throw it on the scrap heap. As scrap, the steel is worth just a few pennies, but the carriage spring, it is very valuable. Ever since I began applying this idea to my life, I have been saying to God, " Lord, test me in any way you choose, but don't throw me on the scrap heap"



Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκεῖνῳ, εἰσερχομένου τοῦ Ἰησοῦ εἰς τινα κώμην ἀπήντησαν αὐτῷ δέκα λεπροὶ ἄνδρες, οἱ ἔστησαν πόρρωθεν, καὶ αὐτοὶ ἦσαν φωνὴν λέγοντες· Ἰησοῦ ἐπιστάτα, ἐλέησον ἡμᾶς. καὶ ἰδὼν εἶπεν αὐτοῖς· Πορευθέντες ἐπιδείξατε ἑαυτοὺς τοῖς ἱερεῦσι. καὶ ἐγένετο ἐν τῷ ὑπάγειν αὐτοὺς ἐκαθαρίσθησαν. εἷς δὲ ἐξ αὐτῶν, ἰδὼν ὅτι ἰάθη, ὑπέστρεψε μετὰ φωνῆς μεγάλης δοξάζων τὸν Θεόν, καὶ ἔπεσεν ἐπὶ πρόσωπον παρὰ τοὺς πόδας αὐτοῦ εὐχαριστῶν αὐτῷ· καὶ αὐτὸς ἦν Σαμαρεῖτης. ἀποκριθεὶς δὲ ὁ Ἰησοῦς εἶπεν· Οὐχὶ οἱ δέκα ἐκαθαρίσθησαν; οἱ δὲ ἑννέα ποῦ; οὐχὲν εὐρέθησαν ὑποστρέψαντες δοῦναι δόξαν τῷ Θεῷ εἰ μὴ ὁ ἀλλογενὴς οὗτος; καὶ εἶπεν αὐτῷ· Ἀναστὰς πορεύου· ἡ πίστις σου σέσωκέ σε.

At that time, as Jesus entered a village, He was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance and lifted up their voices and said: "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." When He saw them He said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went they were cleansed. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; and he fell on his face at Jesus's feet, giving Him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. Then said Jesus: "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" And He said to him: "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well." (RSV)

Many of the saints of our Orthodox Church tell us how important it is to say "thank you" to our Lord! Not so long ago there lived a very holy nun named Mother Gavrilia (she died in 1992). Now she is a saint, and we will celebrate her nameday for the first time in March. She spent her whole life helping and healing very poor people, even people with that same awful skin disease, leprosy!

Saint Gavrilia once said that when we really know the gifts of God, "We keep going and saying, Thank you...Thank you...Thank you... We see a person...Thank you. We see a flower...Thank you. We see a glass of milk...Thank you. Thank you...for everything!" Do you think you can follow this saintly woman's example? Do you think you can try to notice the gifts God gives you?



Mother Gavrilia, in India

## Thank you...for everything

When do you say "thank you" to God? Whenever He helps you with something? But that's impossible! He is helping you all the time!

Today, in the Gospel reading, we hear the story of the ten men who had the awful skin disease of leprosy. When Jesus healed these ten men, only one came back to say "thank you"! Only one out of ten!

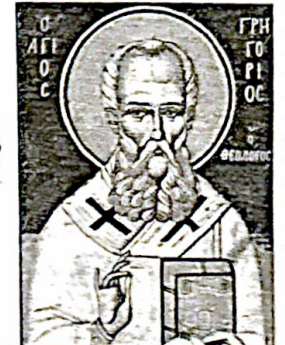
Do you say "thank you" to God even one out of every ten times He does something for you? Even that is hard, isn't it?

## SAINT GREGORY THE THEOLOGIAN

### A HOLY FRIENDSHIP

#### Making friends. How do you do it?

Well, usually, friends have to have something in common with each other. Maybe you both like playing soccer, or dancing, or video games, or even pizza. Or maybe you live next door and you play together every day after school. Friends share *something* in common.

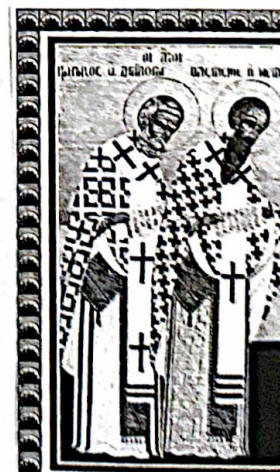


St. Gregory the Theologian

This week, we celebrate the memory of a saint who had a very deep and holy friendship with St. Basil. We have heard about St. Basil and his brother, St. Gregory of Nyssa. But Thursday, we remember Saint Basil's great friend, Saint Gregory (who is called "the Theologian"). Both St. Basil and this St. Gregory were bishops. They were about the same age. They met each other in Athens, Greece, and they became friends.

But what did these friends have in common? We can learn about their friendship from St. Gregory's own words. (He wrote them almost 1700 years ago!) St. Gregory said, "Our great pursuit, the great name we wanted, was to be Christians, to be called Christians." And *that* is what these two great saints had in common (not soccer or pizza!) They helped each other become greater Christians, to know more about God and to love Him even more.

St. Basil and St. Gregory show us a great thing about friendship! When we make friends, we can try to have deep and holy friendships too, close to God!



## WHAT'S IN THE ICON?

Here's an icon of our friends, Saint Basil and Saint Gregory the Theologian.

Remember, they were friends with each other too!



Απολυτίκιον Αναστάσιμον.

Ἦχος πλ. δ'.

Ἐξ ὕψους κατήλθες ὁ Εὐσπλαγχνος, ταφήν  
κατεδέξω τριήμερον, ἵνα ἡμᾶς ἐλευθερώσης  
τῶν παθῶν. Ἡ ζωὴ καὶ ἡ ἀνάστασις ἡμῶν,  
Κύριε δόξα σοι.

Τοῦ Ἁγίου.

Ἦχος πλ. δ'.

Ὁρθοδοξίας ὁδηγέ, εὐσεβείας διδάσκαλε  
καὶ σεμνότητος, τῆς οἰκουμένης ὁ φωστήρ,  
τῶν μοναστῶν τὸ θεόπνευστον ἐγκαλλώπισμα,  
Μάξιμε σοφέ, ταῖς διδαχαῖς σου πάντας  
ἐφώτισας, λύρα τοῦ Πνεύματος· πρέσβευε  
Χριστῷ τῷ Θεῷ, σωθῆναι τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

Κοντάκιον.

Ἦχος α'.

Ὁ μήτραν παρθενικὴν ἀγιάσας τῷ τόκῳ  
σου, καὶ χεῖρας τοῦ Συμεὼν εὐλογήσας ὡς  
ἔπρεπε, προφθάσας καὶ νῦν ἔσωσας ἡμᾶς  
Χριστέ ὁ Θεός. Ἀλλ' εἰρήνευσον ἐν πολέμοις  
τὸ πολίτευμα, καὶ κραταίωσον Βασιλεῖς οὓς  
ἠγάπησας, ὁ μόνος φιλόανθρωπος.

Resurrectional Apolytikion.

Mode pl. 4.

You descended from on high, O  
compassionate One, and consented to a three-  
day burial, to free us from the passions. O  
Lord, our life and resurrection, glory to You!

For the Saint.

Mode pl. 4.

Guide of Orthodoxy and a sacred teacher  
of piety and dignity, luminary of the world,  
and God-inspired jewel of monastics, O wise  
Maximus, the Spirit's instrument: by your  
teachings you enlightened all. Intercede with  
Christ our God for the salvation of our souls.

Kontakion.

Mode 1.

You sanctified the womb of the Virgin  
by Your birth, and by Your presentation You  
blessed the hands of Symeon, when You came,  
and You saved us, O Christ our God. Now we  
pray You give peace to Your world at war, and  
let love for Your people prevail in all, O only  
benevolent Lord. [GOASD]

ΑΝΑΓΝΩΣΤΗΣ

Προκείμενον. Ἦχος πλ. δ'. Ψαλμός 75.

Εὐξασθε καὶ ἀπόδοτε Κυρίῳ τῷ Θεῷ  
ἡμῶν.

Στίχ. Γνωστός ἐν τῇ Ἰουδαίᾳ ὁ Θεός, ἐν  
τῷ Ἰσραὴλ μέγα τὸ ὄνομα αὐτοῦ.

ΔΙΑΚΟΝΟΣ

Σοφία.

ΑΝΑΓΝΩΣΤΗΣ

Πρὸς Κολασσαεῖς Ἐπιστολῆς Παύλου τὸ  
ἀνάγνωσμα.

ΔΙΑΚΟΝΟΣ

Πρόσχωμεν.

ΑΝΑΓΝΩΣΤΗΣ

Κολ 3:4-11

Ἀδελφοί, ὅταν ὁ Χριστὸς φανερωθῇ,  
ἡ ζωὴ ὑμῶν, τότε καὶ ὑμεῖς σὺν αὐτῷ  
φανερωθήσεσθε ἐν δόξῃ. Νεκρώσατε οὖν τὰ  
μέλη τὰ ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς, πορνείαν, ἀκαθαρσίαν,  
πάθος, ἐπιθυμίαν κακὴν, καὶ τὴν πλεονεξίαν  
ἣτις ἐστὶν εἰδωλολατρία, δι' ἣ ἔρχεται ἡ ὀργὴ  
τοῦ Θεοῦ ἐπὶ τοὺς υἱοὺς τῆς ἀπειθείας· ἐν  
οἷς καὶ ὑμεῖς περιπατήσατέ ποτε ὅτε ἐζήτε  
ἐν αὐτοῖς. Νυνὶ δὲ ἀπόθεσθε καὶ ὑμεῖς τὰ  
πάντα, ὀργὴν, θυμὸν, κακίαν, βλασφημίαν,  
αἰσχρολογίαν ἐκ τοῦ στόματος ὑμῶν· μὴ  
ψεύδεσθε εἰς ἀλλήλους, ἀπεκδυσάμενοι τὸν  
παλαιὸν ἄνθρωπον σὺν ταῖς πράξεσιν αὐτοῦ,  
καὶ ἐνδυσάμενοι τὸν νέον τὸν ἀνακαινούμενον  
εἰς ἐπίγνωσιν κατ' εἰκόνα τοῦ κτίσαντος  
αὐτόν, ὅπου οὐκ ἐν Ἑλλην καὶ Ἰουδαίῳ,  
περιτομῇ καὶ ἀκροβυστία, βάρβαρος, Σκύθης,  
δοῦλος, ἐλεύθερος, ἀλλὰ τὰ πάντα καὶ ἐν πᾶσι  
Χριστός.

READER

Prokeimenon. Mode pl. 4. Psalm 75.

Pray and return to the Lord Your God. [SAAS]

**Verse:** In Judah God is known; His name  
is great in Israel. [SAAS]

DEACON

Wisdom.

READER

The reading is from Paul's Letter to the  
Colossians.

DEACON

Let us be attentive.

READER

Col. 3:4-11

Brethren, when Christ who is our life  
appears, then you also will appear with him  
in glory. Put to death therefore what is earthly  
in you: fornication, impurity, passion, evil  
desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. On  
account of these the wrath of God is coming  
upon the sons of disobedience. In these you  
once walked, when you lived in them. But  
now put them all away; anger, wrath, malice,  
slander, and foul talk from your mouth. Do not  
lie to one another, seeing that you have put off  
the old nature with its practices and have put  
on the new nature, which is being renewed in  
knowledge after the image of its creator. Here  
there cannot be Greek and Jew, circumcised  
and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave,  
free man, but Christ is all, and in all. [RSV]