

Saint Theodore, Archbishop of Rostov (Nov 28)

Saint Theodore, Archbishop of Rostov, in the world John, was the son of Stephen (brother of Saint Sergius of Radonezh), who occupied an important post under Prince Andrew of Radonezh. Left a widower, Stephen became a monk, and together with his twelve-year-old son, he went to the monastery to Saint Sergius, who foreseeing the ascetic life of the child John, tonsured him with the name Theodore on the Feast of Saint Theodore the Hair-Shirt Wearer (April 20).



After Theodore attained an appropriate age, he was given a blessing to be ordained to the priesthood. With the blessing of Saint Sergius, Saint Theodore built a church in honor of the Nativity of the Most Holy Theotokos and founded a monastery on the banks of the River Moskva, at the place called Simonovo. Soon the monastery began to attract a throng of people. Saint Theodore built a cell five versts from the Moscow Kremlin, and pursued new ascetical labors, and here disciples gathered around him. Saint Sergius, visiting this place, blessed the founding of a monastery, and Metropolitan Alexis blessed the construction of a church in the name of the Dormition of the Most Holy Theotokos at Novoe Simonovo, which also had its foundations laid in 1379. The old Simonov monastery remained the burial place of monks.

Because of his virtuous life and strict asceticism, Saint Theodore became known in Moscow. The Metropolitan Saint Alexis elevated him to the rank of igumen, and Great Prince Demetrius of the Don chose him as his father confessor. Saint Theodore journeyed to Constantinople several times on church matters for the Russian Metropolitan. On his first journey in 1384, Patriarch Nilus made him an archimandrite. The Simonov monastery was put directly under the Patriarch, thus becoming stavropegial. In 1387, he was consecrated archbishop and occupied the See of Rostov.

Being the igumen, and then the archimandrite of the Simonov monastery, and despite being occupied with churchly matters, Saint Theodore stalwartly guided those in the monastic life and counted many great and famous ascetics among his disciples. Saints Cyril (June 9) and Therapon (May 27), the future founders of two famous White Lake monasteries, were tonsured at the Simonov monastery. Saint Theodore occupied himself with iconography, and he adorned with icons of his own painting both the Simonov monastery, and many Moscow churches.

At Rostov, Archbishop Theodore founded the Nativity of the Virgin monastery.

The blessed death of the saint occurred on November 28, 1394. His relics are in the Rostov Dormition cathedral. Saint Theodore is also commemorated on May 23.

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November 28, 2021

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

COMMEMORATIONS:

VENERABLE-MARTYR STEPHEN THE NEW
MARTYR IRINARCHOS OF SEBASTIA AND THOSE
WITH HIM
AUXENTIUS, 16 MARTYRS OF TIBERIOUPOLIS

Tone 6 - Eothinon 1
Orthros Gospel: St. Matthew 28:16-20
Epistle: Ephesians 2:4-10
Liturgy Gospel: St. Luke 18:18-27

RESURRECTION TROPARION - Tone 6 - When Mary stood at thy grave, looking for thy sacred Body, angelic powers shone above thy revered tomb, and the soldiers who were to keep guard became as dead men. Thou led'st hades captive and wast not tempted thereby; thou didst meet the Virgin and didst give life to the world. O thou who art risen from the dead, O Lord, glory to thee!

APOLYTIKION OF ST. STEPHEN THE NEW - Tone 4 - Trained on the mountain in ascetical-labors, * with the whole armor of the Cross thou didst vanquish * the spiritual arrays of unseen enemies; * and when thou hadst stripped thyself * with great courage for contest, * thou didst slay Copronymus * with the sword of the true Faith. * For both these things hast thou been crowned by God, * O righteous Martyr, blest Stephen of great renown.

TODAY: ORTHROS & Confessions 8:45 a.m.
Divine LITURGY 10 a.m.
Sunday School & Coffee Hour
40 Days of Growth in Stewardship
Theme: "I Seek Not Yours, but You"
****PLEASE RETURN YOUR PLEDGE CARDS****

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Fr Noah & Fr James are available for hospital visits. If you or anyone you know is in the hospital or homebound and would like a visit, please call the church office.

Weekly Ministries & Stewards:

	This Week:	Next Week (Dec 5):
PROSPHORA BREAD:	MaryLynne Black	Kristi Moore
ALTAR CANDLES:	----	----
USHERS:	Steve K. & Bill H.	Steve K. & Bill H.
ALTAR BOYS:	“Archangel Michael”	“Archangel Gabriel”
CLEANING TEAM:	Moodys & Natalia M.	Todd & Kristi Moore
COFFEE HOUR TEAM:	Chris H.; Maria S.; Amelia	Calvin; Ada; Ephrem

Mark Your Calendar:

St. Nicholas Services

Sunday, December 5

Vespers & Kids Activity, 6:30 pm

Monday, December 6

Orthros 9am & Liturgy 10 am

Feast of the Nativity of Christ

Friday, December 24

Royal Hours, 7:45 am

Vesperal Liturgy of St. Basil, 9 am

Festal Orthros, 9:30 pm

Divine Liturgy, 11 pm

Saturday, December 25

Vespers for the Synaxis

of the Theotokos, 12 pm

Sunday, December 26

Orthros 8:45 am; Liturgy 10 am

Pray For:

Living	Departed
Nicole	
Sze Tatiana	(November Parish
Joanne	Diptychs)
Mona-Rebecca	+Joseph
Patrick	+Peter
Doris	+Ellen
John	+Evelyn
James	+Ksenia
Lasha B	+William
Otari B	+Elizabeth
Mark	
Nancy-Anna	
Victoria	
Gloria	
Helen	
Wadieh	
Jack	
Priest Thomas, Elizabeth, Jesse, Bill, Elaine & all Missionaries	<u>Catechumens</u> Shaun, Laura, Taylor, Tim & Luke, Kate, Tyson, Joseph & Alana, Ryan, Michael, Tina
New & Expectant Mothers & their children	
For the people of our land and their repentance, healing & unity	

OFFERINGS 11/21: Candles, \$283. Collections, \$400. Youth, \$1. Mission Chapel (COF), \$112. Missions, \$200. Needy Fund, \$200. Women’s Fund, \$105. Stewardship, \$4,965.52. Total received: \$10,266.52.

As of 11/21/21 we have 48 pledges for 2022 totaling \$123,101 or 38.7% of our goal.

THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

“Life-giving and merciful Trinity, receive my thanksgiving for all Thy goodness. Make us worthy of Thy blessings, so that, when we have brought to fruit the talents Thou hast entrusted to us, we may enter into the joy of our Lord, forever exulting in the shout of victory: Alleluia!”

— Kontakion 13, Akathist of Thanksgiving

This Week:

NATIVITY FAST CONTINUES – Nov 15–Dec 24

- Mon, Nov 29:** Church open
- Tues, Nov 30:** 6th Hour Prayers 12 noon
Matushka Olga Sewing Club 1 p.m.
- Wed, Dec 1:** Little Compline 6:30 p.m.
Patristic Reading Group 7 p.m.
- Thurs, Dec 2:** Church open
- Friday, Dec 3:** Advent Paraklesis 6:30 p.m.
- Sat, Dec 4:** **Great Vespers 6:30 p.m.**
Confessions 7:30 p.m.
- Sun, Dec 5:** **ORTHROS 8:45 a.m.**
Divine LITURGY 10 a.m.
Sunday School & Catechism
Coffee Hour
St. Nicholas Vespers 6:30 p.m. &
Kids Activity 7:30 p.m.
- Mon, Dec 6:** **ST NICHOLAS**
Orthros 9 a.m.
Liturgy 10 a.m.

NOVEMBER OUTREACH COLLECTION: TURKEYS & HAMS

CHALLENGE FOR 2021:

“Your Body is the Temple of the Holy Spirit”

The disciples were called Christians first in Antioch (Acts 11:26)