

Apostle Titus of the Seventy & Bishop of Crete (Aug 25)

Saint Titus, Apostle of the Seventy was a native of the island of Crete, the son of an illustrious pagan. In his youth he studied Hellenistic philosophy and the ancient poets. Preoccupied by the sciences, Titus led a virtuous life, not devoting himself to the vices and passions characteristic of the majority of pagans.

For such a manner of life the Lord did not leave him without His help. At age twenty Saint Titus heard a voice in a dream, suggesting that he abandon Hellenistic wisdom, which could not provide salvation for his soul, but rather to seek that which would save him.

When news reached Crete about the appearance of a Great Prophet in Palestine, and about the great miracles He worked, the governor of the island of Crete sent him there. This Prophet was the Lord Jesus Christ Himself, incarnate of the Most Holy Virgin Mary Who came into the world for the redemption of the race of mankind from the oppression of ancestral sin.

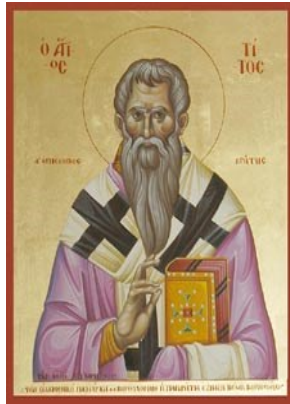
At Jerusalem, Saint Titus saw the Lord. He heard His preaching and believed in Him. He witnessed the suffering and death of the Savior on the Cross, His glorious Resurrection and Ascension to Heaven. On the day of Pentecost the future apostle heard how the Twelve Apostles, after the descent of the Holy Spirit, spoke in various languages, among which was the Cretan language (Acts 2: 11).

Saint Titus accepted Baptism from the Apostle Paul and became his closest disciple. He accompanied Saint Paul on his missionary journeys, fulfilling the tasks entrusted to him. He was involved in establishing new churches, and was with Paul in Jerusalem. Saint Titus was numbered among the Seventy Apostles and was made Bishop of Crete by the Apostle Paul. Around the year 65, not long before his second imprisonment, the Apostle Paul sent a pastoral epistle to his son in the Faith (Tit. 1: 4).

When the Apostle Paul was taken like a criminal to Rome to stand trial before Caesar, Saint Titus left his flock in Crete for a time and went to Rome to be of service to his spiritual Father. After Saint Paul's death by martyrdom, Titus returned to Gortyna, the chief city of Crete. Saint Titus peacefully guided his flock and toiled at enlightening the pagans with the light of faith in Christ. He was granted the gift of wonderworking by the Lord.

During one of the pagan feasts in honor of the goddess Diana, Titus preached to a crowd of pagans. When he saw that they would not listen to him, he prayed to the Lord, so that the Lord Himself would show to the mistaken people the falseness of idols. By the prayer of Saint Titus, the idol of Diana fell down and shattered before the eyes of all. By such miracles Saint Titus brought many to faith in Christ. After bringing the light of faith to the surrounding regions, Saint Titus died peacefully at the age of 97. At the time of his death, his face shone like the sun.

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August 25, 2024

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST & NINTH SUNDAY
OF MATTHEW

COMMEMORATIONS:

RETURN OF THE BODY OF BARTHOLOMEW
THE GLORIOUS APOSTLE, TITUS THE
APOSTLE OF THE 70, JOHN THE
CAPPADOCIAN, EPIPHANIUS AND MENAS,
PATRIARCHS OF CONSTANTINOPLE, HOLY
FATHER JOHN OF KARPATOS, EBBA, FIRST
ABBESS OF COLDINGHAM

Tone 8 - Eothinon 9

Orthros Gospel: St. John 20:19-31

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 3:9-17

Liturgy Gospel: St. Matthew 14:22-34

TROPARION OF THE RESURRECTION - Tone 8 - From the heights
Thou didst descend, O Compassionate One, and Thou didst submit
to the three-day burial, that Thou might deliver us from passion.
Thou art our Life and our Resurrection, O Lord. Glory to Thee!

KONTAKION OF THE NATIVITY OF THE THEOTOKOS - Tone 4 - By
thy holy nativity, O pure one, Joachim and Anna were delivered
from the reproach of barrenness; and Adam and Eve were
delivered from the corruption of death; thy people do celebrate it,
having been saved from the stain of iniquity, crying unto thee: The
barren doth give birth to the Theotokos, who nourisheth our life.

TODAY: ORTHROS 8:45 a.m.
Divine LITURGY 10 a.m.
Ft. Washington Mission Chapel Liturgy, 9 a.m.
Coffee Hour After Liturgy

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Office Hours: Monday, Wednesday, Friday 8:30am - 3:30pm

Fr Noah & Fr James are available for hospital visits. Please contact them directly or call the church office.

Weekly Ministries & Stewards:

	This Week:	Next Week (Sept. 1):
COFFEE HOUR:	Bagels	Bagels
PROSPHORA BREAD:	John Child	Kristi Moore
ALTAR CANDLES:	Tinjale-Thanks to God!	Gohl -Phoebe's Nameday
USHERS:	Nick M. & Tom A. .	Steve K. & Bill H.
CLEANING TEAM:	Serge, Alex & Sarah Kaminsky	Teens
COFFEE HOUR TEAM:	Calvin S., Dale Y., Maria S.,	Maggie E., Mike L., Dave & Darby S.

Mark Your Calendar:

Beheading of John the Baptist
August 29

Ecclesiastical New Year
September 1

Iconography Class
September 7

Nativity of the Theotokos
September 8

International Food Festival
September 20-21

Festival Packets and Flyers, and Sign-up sheets, are in the Narthex! Help spread the word, get sponsors, & sign up to help!

Bread Sale Today

A local bakery has donated bread. All donations will go to the **Ukrainian relief Fund.** See Olena Marquardt for details.

**AUGUST OUTREACH
COLLECTION:**
Paper Products

Pray For:

Living	Departed
N.I. Daniel N.C. Gabriel & Tabitha Faithful of the Holy Land Met. Onuphry and faithful of Ukraine Faithful of Ethiopia & Eritrea Pr. Andrew, family, & parishioners Elena Kh. Joyce George Maria Patrick Doris John James Victoria Steve Lasha Otari Tatiana Christine Anesia Timothy Alexandra Zotikos Salome	Anna (August Parish Diptychs) +Mary +Augustine +Iwan +Victor +Fr. Michael +Myron +Fr. Boniface +John +Michael

Catechumens

Jesse, Nathan, Hannah, Elizabeth, Mary, & all Missionaries Nathan & family, John, & all seminarians New & Expectant Mothers & their children For the people of our land, and their repentance, healing & unity The 12 Baskets Full team asks for prayers for our homeless Philly friends -George, Bill, Jim, Jalit, Mark, Joel, Eric	Lucretia Andrew Ryan Michael Daniel Kassandra Christian David, Darby, & Easton Rose Jasper Bryson Catherine Matthew Matthew Mary Carol Morgan
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SERVICE TIME CHANGE

*The parish-wide survey indicated significant support for adjusting when our divine services start. As a direct result of your responses, **beginning in SEPTEMBER**, Orthros will start at 8:15 and Divine Liturgy will start at 9:30.*

*Great Vespers will begin at 6PM starting on August 30!
Weekday evening services will remain at 6:30PM*

This Week:

Mon, Aug 26:	<i>Church Office Open Parish Council Meeting, 7:30 p.m.</i>
Tues, Aug 27:	<i>Church Office CLOSED DIVINE LITURGY, 7:00 a.m. Matushka Olga Sewing Club, 1 p.m.</i>
Wed, Aug 28:	<i>Church Office Open Confessions, 6:00 p.m. Vespers, 6:30 p.m.</i>
Thurs, Aug 29:	<i>Beheading of the Forerunner (Strict Fast) DIVINE LITURGY, 9:00 a.m. Fasting Potluck Luncheon, 10:30 a.m. Church Office CLOSED</i>
Friday, Aug 30:	<i>Church Office Open Confessions, 6:00 p.m. Paraklesis, 6:30 p.m.</i>
Sat, Aug 31:	<i>Great VESPERS, 6:00 p.m. ~Time Change- Confessions, 7:00 p.m.</i>
Sunday, Sept. 1:	<i>Ecclesiastical New Year ORTHROS, 8:00 a.m. DIVINE LITURGY, 9:15 a.m. -Grochowski Baptism- Coffee Hour after Liturgy</i>

ATTENDANCE: Vespers 8/17: 81 Liturgy 8/18: 252
OFFERINGS 8/18: Candles, \$664. Collections, \$295.78. Book Shelf Ministry, \$41. Building Fund, \$100. Needy Fund, \$115. Food Festival, \$300 Ukraine Outreach, \$1,573. Stewardship, \$16,750.
Total received: \$19,538.78.

THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!