**Holy Apostle Titus of the Seventy**

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. He preserved his virginity, as the Hieromartyr Ignatius the God-bearer testifies of him. 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. After this dream, Saint Titus waited yet another year, since it was not actually a command, but it did guide him to familiarize himself with the teachings of the prophets of God. The first that he happened to read was the Book of the Prophet Isaiah. Having opened it to the 47th Chapter, he was struck by the words, speaking as it were about his own spiritual condition.

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 (an uncle of Titus) 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).

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, 2019 – Tenth Sunday after Pentecost**

Return of the relics of the Apostle Bartholomew; Holy Apostle Titus of the Seventy; Archbishops Menas, Epiphanius, Gennadios and John of Constantinople

**Matins Gospel Reading: John 21:1-14**

**Troparion of the Resurrection (Tone 1):**

While the stone was sealed by the Jews, and the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body, Thou didst arise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. For which cause the heavenly powers cried aloud unto Thee, O Giver of Life: Glory to Thy Resurrection O Christ, glory to Thy kingdom, glory to Thy providence, O Thou who alone art the lover of mankind.

**Apolytikion for Ss. Bartholomew & Titus (Tone 3):**

O Holy Apostles, intercede with our merciful God, to grant our souls forgiveness of sins.

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**A Note to Visitors and Guests:** Welcome! We are glad you have joined us today for worship! If this is your first visit to All Saints, please take a moment to fill out a visitor’s card at the greeter’s stand before you leave. The greeter also has Liturgy Books for use during the service, if you desire one. We hope you will join us for brunch following this morning’s service.
Kontakion for 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; the 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.

Troparion of All Saints (Tone 4):
Adorned in the blood of Thy martyrs, throughout all the world as in purple and fine linen, Thy Church through them doth cry unto Thee, O Christ God: Send down Thy compassion upon Thy people; grant peace to Thy habitation and great mercy to our souls.

Prokeimenon Psalm:
Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us.
Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous.

Epistle Reading: the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. 4:9-16
Gospel Reading: Matthew 17:14-23

Saturday, August 31: Vespers, 7:30 PM (Confession available before and after)

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News and Announcements

The Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Chicago presents the annual Labor Day Weekend Family Retreat to be held Aug 30 - Sep 1 at the St Iakovos Retreat Center in Kansassville WI. Topic: Spiritual Athleticism in Family Life, speaker Fr Josiah Trenham. For details please visit [https://www.gocfamilysynaxis.org/2019-ld-weekend-retreat](https://www.gocfamilysynaxis.org/2019-ld-weekend-retreat). Registration closes on August 21st, register by August 15th to receive a discount.

Orthodox Women in the Healing Ministries will hold its 27th Annual Retreat on October 4, 5, & 6 in Rives Junction, Michigan. Retreat speaker V. Rev. Dimitrie Vincent. Theme: "My Grace is Sufficient for You, My Strength is Made Perfect in Weakness." For details, visit [https://owhm.org/schedule](https://owhm.org/schedule)

The tradition of bringing basil plants to church on the Feast of the Holy Cross: On the spot where the Cross was discovered, St. Helen had found a hitherto unknown flower of rare beauty and fragrance, which has been named “Vasiliko,” or Basil, meaning the flower of royalty. Note that the word “Vasiliko” means “of the King,” since the word “Basileus” in Greek means “King”; so, the plant Vasiliko, Basil, is tied to the Precious Cross of the King of Glory, our Lord Jesus Christ. Fr. Pat has expressed in the past, that he would like the step in front of the iconostasis filled with basil plants for this feast, so let the gardeners, and the would-be gardeners, remember to bring their basil plants on Saturday September 14th before the Holy Liturgy. Keep in mind that next spring would be the perfect time to start basil plants, from seed, for next year's feast.