
Commemorations of the Day:

Saint Titus, Apostle of the Seventy was a native of the island of Crete. 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. 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 was numbered among the Seventy Apostles and was made Bishop of Crete by the Apostle Paul. 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. Another time Saint Titus prayed that the Lord would not permit the completion of a temple of Zeus, and it collapsed.

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.

(Adapted from OCA website)

Announcements

July and August Charity is dedicated to the Diocese of Alaska. The Diocese and many of its parishes are very poor, and have made a general appeal to the OCA for assistance.

Shoes for the shoe drive were dropped off this week. Fr. John Sorochka and Fr. Nathaniel Sorochka extend their thanks and appreciation for our participation.

Panikhida is offered this morning in memory of Andrew Kurechka on the 2nd anniversary of his repose by his loving wife Louise. May his memory be eternal.

Parish Council meeting is scheduled for Sunday September the 1st, as this is Labor Day weekend please let Father know so that we can reschedule the meeting if necessary.

Spiritual Food for Thought:

“Persist in and honour reading, if possible more than prayer. Reading is the spring of intelligent prayer. For, as I had previously told you, reading for a good purpose will show you how to walk on the virtuous path. Whoever reads the books to understand the path of virtue, this path will be opened before him.”

-St. Kyrillos VI

Prayers for the Sick:

Archbishop Nathaniel
Archpriest Vladimir
Priest John
Archpriest Michael
Archpriest Gregory
Archpriest John
Matushka Gloria
Matushka Myra
Debie

Thom
Nancy
Joan
James
Thomas
Diane
Cathy
William
Oliver

9th Sunday after Pentecost: Return of the Relics of St. Bartholomew, Apostle Titus of the Seventy

August 25th, 2024

Upcoming Services:

August 31st – Great Vespers – 6:00pm

September 1st – Divine Liturgy – 9:30am

September 7th – 9th Hour, Vespers and Lity for Nativity of the Theotokos

September 8th – Divine Liturgy – 9:30am Nativity of the Theotokos



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