

**Our Righteous Father Theodore the Studite
Whom the Holy Church Celebrates on November 11**

Saint Theodore the Studite was born in Constantinople in 759; his pious parents were named Photinus and Theoctiste. He assumed the monastic habit in his youth, at the monastery called Sakkoudion, and became abbot there in 794. About the year 784 he was ordained deacon, and later presbyter by the most holy Patriarch Tarasius. On joining the brotherhood of the Monastery of the Studium (which was named after its founder, Studius, a Roman consul), the Saint received the surname “Studite.” He proved to be a fervent zealot for the traditions of the Fathers and contested even unto death for the sake of his reverence of the holy icons. He endured three exiles because of his pious zeal. During the third one, to which he was condemned by the Iconoclast autocrat, Leo the Armenian, he endured courageously—being beaten and bound and led from one dark dungeon to another—for seven whole years. Finally he was recalled from exile by Michael the Stutterer. Receiving thus a small respite from his labours of long endurance, he reposed in the Lord on November 11, 826, a Sunday, while his disciples, who stood round about him, chanted the 118th Psalm. Some say that after receiving immaculate Mysteries, he himself began chanting this psalm. And on reaching the verse, “I will never forget Thy statutes, for in them Thou hast quickened me” (Ps. 119:93), he gave up his spirit, having lived for sixty-seven

years. In addition to his other sacred writings, he composed, with the collaboration of his brother Joseph, almost the whole of the compunctionate book of the *Triodion* (see also July 14).

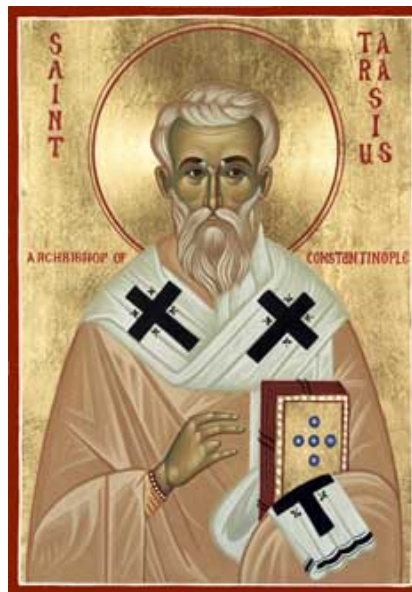
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Dismissal Hymn of Saint Theodore. Plagal of Fourth Tone

GUIDE of Orthodoxy, teacher of piety and holiness, luminary of the world, God-inspired adornment of monastics, O wise Theodore, by thy teachings thou hast enlightened all, O harp of the Spirit. Intercede with Christ God that our souls be saved.

Kontakion of Saint Theodore. Second Tone
Thou soughtest the heights

ASCETIC in truth, * and equal to the Angel's life, * thy life was made bright * with contests and martyrlic trials; * and the holy Angels' companion wast thou, Theodore, blest of God; * now together with them, O saint, * thou ceaselessly prayest Christ in our behalf.



SAINT TARASIVS
PATRIARCH OF CONSTANTINOPLE
Presided over the Seventh Ecumenical Council
Which Anathematized Iconoclasm in 787



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