



**The Holy Apostle Timothy
Whom the Holy Church Celebrates January 22.**

The *Apostle Timothy*, who was from Lystra of Lycaonia, was born of a Greek (that is pagan) father and a Jewish mother; his mother's name was Eunice, and his grandmother's name was Lois (II Tim. 1:5). He became the disciple of the Apostle Paul when the latter first preached there, and he followed him as first Bishop of the Church in Ephesus. He was "gathered together" with Ss. Peter, Hierotheus, Dionysius the Areopagite "and many of our holy brethren" for the Dormition of "the Life-springing and God-receptive body" of our Panagia the Theotokos and Ever-virgin Mary in Jerusalem. Under the supervision of John the Evangelist, who governed all the Churches in Asia, he completed his life as a martyr in the year 97, when he was stoned to death by the heathen, because, as some surmise, he opposed the festival held in honor of Artemis (Diana). The Apostle Paul's First and Second Epistles to Timothy were written to him. (Ed. Virtual Parish)

Wine and oil allowed.

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*Dismissal Hymn of the Apostle. Fourth Tone
Be quick to anticipate*

SINCE thou hadst been instructed in uprightness thoroughly and wast vigilant
in all things, thou wast clothed with a good conscience as befitteth one holy.
Thou didst draw from the Chosen Vessel ineffable mysteries; and having kept

the Faith, thou didst finish a like course, O Hieromartyr and Apostle Timothy. Intercede with Christ God that our souls be saved.

*Dismissal Hymn of the Apostle and the Righteous Martyr
First Tone. Be quick to anticipate*

THY Martyr, O Lord, in his courageous contest for Thee * received as the prize the crowns of incorruption and life from Thee, our immortal God. * For since he possessed Thy strength, he cast down the tyrants * and wholly destroyed the demon's senseless presumption. * O Christ God, by his prayers, save our souls, since Thou art merciful.

SYNAXARION

On the twenty-second of this month we commemorate the holy Apostle Timothy, Disciple of the Apostle Paul.

Verses

Timothy, in longing after divine laurels,
Dyed the earth with his blood when beaten with cudgels.

On the twenty-second Timothy's spirit was taken.



Theotokos of the Sign
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The Dormition of our Most Holy Theotokos and Ever-virgin Mary

St. Peter is censing the Virgin; on the right St. Paul prays. Vested as Bishops, top left, with halos, Ss. Hierotheus and Dionysius the Areopagite, who holds his writings; top right Ss. James the Brother of God, who holds his Epistle, and Timothy.

Eleven of the Apostles are shown around the bier of the Virgin without halos. This Icon is by the hand of Andrei Rublev (ca. 1360-1370, reposed 29 January 1427 or 1430).