

## **APOSTLE THADDEUS OF THE SEVENTY**

Saint Thaddeus, Apostle of the Seventy was by descent a Hebrew, and he was born in the Syrian city of Edessa. He is to be distinguished from St. Jude, also called Thaddeus or Levi, who was one of the Twelve Apostles.

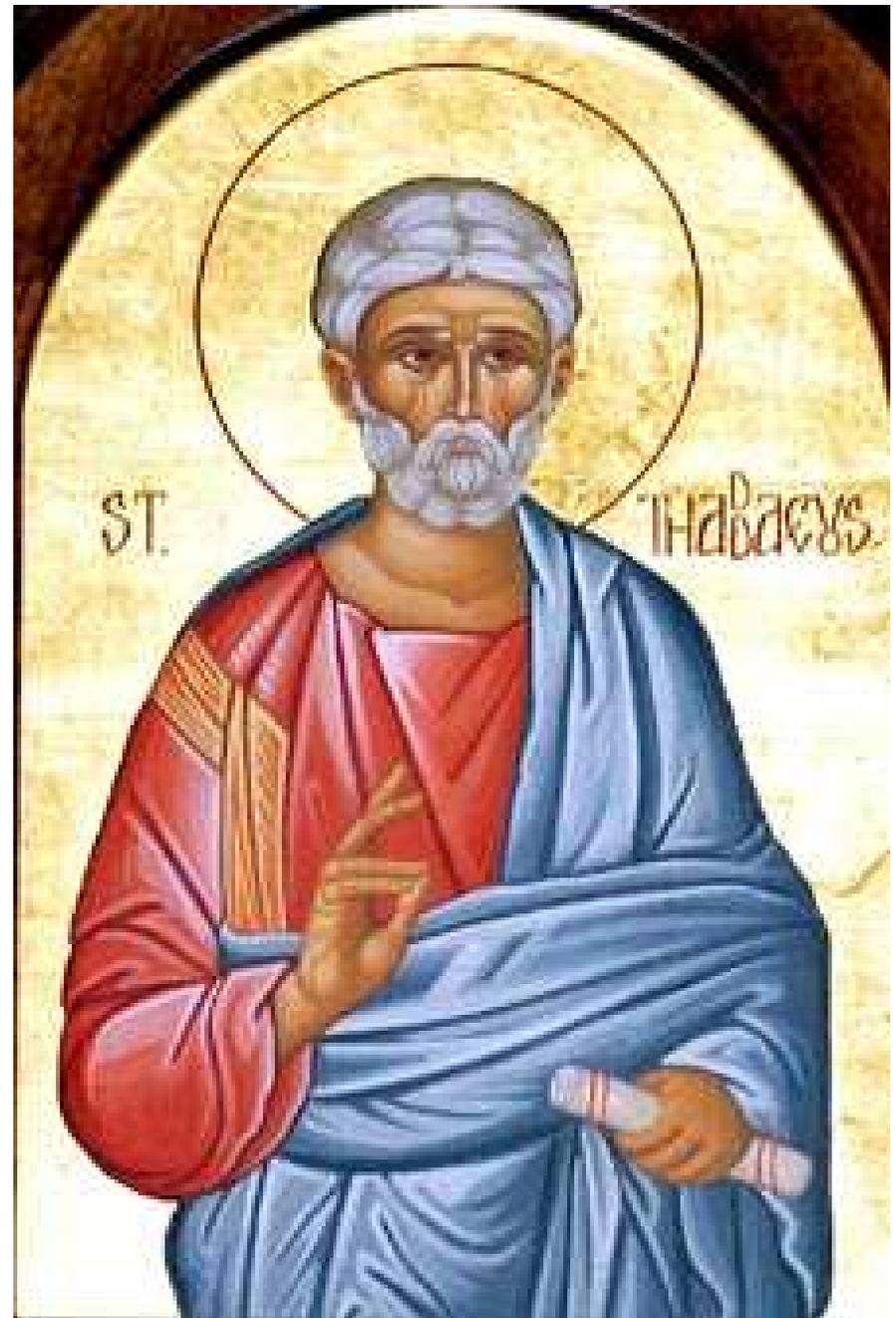
When he came to Jerusalem for a feastday, he heard the preaching of John the Forerunner. After being baptized by him in the Jordan, he remained in Palestine. He saw the Savior and became His follower. He was chosen by the Lord to be one of the Seventy Disciples, whom He sent by twos to preach in the cities and places where He intended to visit.

After the Ascension of the Savior to Heaven, Saint Thaddeus preached the good news in Syria and Mesopotamia. He came preaching the Gospel to Edessa, and he converted King Abgar, the people and the pagan priests to Christ. He backed up his preaching with many miracles (about which Abgar wrote to the Assyrian emperor Nerses). He established priests there and built up the Edessa Church.

Prince Abgar wanted to reward St. Thaddeus with rich gifts, but he refused and went preaching to other cities, converting many pagans to the Christian Faith. He went to the city of Beirut to preach, and he founded a church there. It was in this city that he peacefully died in the year 44.

(The place of his death is indicated as Beirut in the Slavonic MENAION, but according to other sources, he died in Edessa. According to an ancient Armenian tradition, St. Thaddeus, after various tortures, was beheaded by the sword on December 21 in the Artaz region in the year 50.)

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## **TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

*Afterfeast of the Dormition*

*Apostle Thaddæus of the Seventy;*

*Martyr Bassa of Edessa and her sons Theogonius, Agapius, and Pistus;*

*Ven. Avramii, Archimandrite and Wonderworker of Smolensk, and his disciple, Ven. Efrém;*

*Ven. Avramii the Lover-of-Labor, of the Kiev Caves;*

*Ven. Nun Martha of Divéyev*

“In giving birth, you preserved your virginity; in falling asleep you did not forsake the world, O Theotokos. You were translated to life, O Mother of Life, and by your prayers you deliver our souls from death.”

Troparion, Tone I

“O holy Apostle Thaddeus, witness of God, Who appeared in the flesh for our sake, you brought the light of saving grace to those in darkness and were revealed as an excellent physician to those in Edessa. Wherefore shelter those who fervently seek you.”

Troparion, Tone IV

“Your holy martyr Bassa and her sons, O Lord, through their sufferings have received incorruptible crowns from You, our God. For having your strength, they laid low their adversaries, and shattered the powerless boldness of demons. Through their intercessions, save our souls.”

Troparion, Tone IV

TODAY’S EPISTLE: I CORINTHIANS 4:9-16

TODAY’S GOSPEL: MATTHEW 17:14-23

### **HOLY WORSHIP THIS WEEK:**

Saturday, August 27

5:00 p.m. Great Vespers

### **Daily Scripture Readings**

Monday, August 22

II Corinthians 2:3-15

Matthew 23:13-22

Tuesday, August 23

II Corinthians 2:14-3:3

Matthew 23:23-28

(Theotokos)

Philippians 2:5-11

Luke 10:38-42; 11:27-28

Wednesday, August 24

II Corinthians 3:4-11

Matthew 23:29-39

Thursday, August 25

II Corinthians 4:1-6

Matthew 24:13-28

Friday, August 26

II Corinthians 4:13-18

Matthew 24:27-33,42-51

Saturday, August 27

I Corinthians 1:3-9

Matthew 19:3-12

**ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY**

**AUGUST:**

21, TODAY

HTOC Annual Parish Family Picnic

28, Sunday

Parish Council meeting

<p><b><u>PARISH PICNIC:</u></b> Join your HTOC parish family for our picnic TODAY following the Divine Liturgy. Burgers and hot dogs will be provided. Katie and Jared Griebel are once again organizing the day, and we extend our gratitude to them!</p> <p><b><u>COUNCIL MEETING:</u></b> The Parish Council will meet next Sunday following the Divine Liturgy.</p> <p><b><u>TRINITARIAN COVERS:</u></b> The covers today are offered by Protodeacon Anthony and Matushka Dianna Kall in celebration of their 40th Wedding Anniversary.</p>	<p><b><u>COMING SOON!</u></b> At the last Council meeting, it was decided to prepare our Church School classrooms for the eventual resumption of Church School. We will be needing hands to clear rooms, clean and generally make the classrooms ready. Paula Svilar has volunteered to take on the blessed task of Church School Coordinator. Questions may be directed to her. Please offer your help. Contact Paula at paulasvilar@gmail.com ; or phone 216-372-1862.</p> <p><b><u>COFFEE HOUR:</u></b> There is a sign-up sheet in the kitchen for dates in the next few months. September is already filling up, but help is needed for the rest of autumn.</p>
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***ENTHRONEMENT OF BISHOP DANIEL***

His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon has set the date for the enthronement of His Grace Bishop Daniel of Bishop of Chicago and the Midwest for Saturday, October 1, 2022, the Feast of the Protection of the Theotokos.

Everyone is invited! All diocesan clergy are encouraged to attend, and parishes are welcome to send at least one lay representative as well. The Enthronement has been scheduled for a Saturday so that priests who are traveling can return to their parishes for Sunday's Divine Liturgy. Given the importance of the Enthronement of a new bishop in the life of our diocese, His Grace has blessed parishes to cancel Vespers / Vigil services on Saturday evening or to provide for a reader service.

If you pray to the Lord or to Our Lady or the angels and saints from your whole heart, then you speak to the very heart of the Lord or Our Lady or of the angels or saints, for we are in the one heart of God, in the Holy Spirit, and all the saints are in the heart of God. "Dwelleth in Me and I in Him" (John 6:56)

*St. John of Kronstadt*

**THE GIFTS WE OFFER TO THE LORD WE LOVE**

REGULAR COLLECTION, 8/14/2022	\$ 2195.00
CHURCH ADMINISTRATION ASSESSMENT	155.00
BUILDING FUND	585.00
CANDLES	95.00
SPECIAL PROJECTS, ROOF REPAIRS	150.00
IN MEMORY OF MARY ANN MOGA	9.00
COFFEE HOUR, 8/7/22	62.00
ADD'L RUMMAGE SALES	20.00

**INTRODUCING YOUR NEW PRIEST - PART I**

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

It has come to my attention that there may be some parishioners who wish to have a fuller picture of who this new man is standing up front every Sunday. No doubt, I pray that you all will come to know me much more than just the priest up front; that instead we will begin to enjoy a share of life together in Christ, a deepening of relationships, a building of trust, and a mutual edification. By God's grace, therefore, perhaps I can become your pastor, and the title "Father" could come to signify something deeper than a respectful address. Such things take time and effort with a commitment to loving one another. For now, I will humbly seek to offer an introduction to your new priest by way of a few categories over the next couple of weeks.

**EARLY LIFE**

I'm a Midwest boy. And though I've spent 5 years outside the US and 3 years on the east coast, I've largely continued to identify as a Hoosier during these 40 years of my life. So please show patience as I learn to become an Ohioan and Buckeye! My hometown since I was 2 years old was Fort Wayne, IN. My parents offered me a blessed childhood in the suburbs. I enjoyed a mix of city perks and also going out to the countryside to visit grandparents' and aunt and uncle's farms, hiking in county and state parks, and stopping by the local Amish markets for fresh veggies and pies.

Living the Christian life and attending our Protestant Evangelical church were a central part of our family life. I attended Sunday school, Wednesday evening youth group, vacation Bible schools, church camps, etc. Some of my best friends and greatest memories were formed in and around church. My parents gave my sister and me Bibles, and we brought them to church every Sunday. It became my habit to read a little bit from the Bible most nights before going to sleep during middle school and high school years. It was in high school that I remember some deep consideration of whether I was truly committed to Christianity, my faith, and participating in Church. There was a time when I was not so interested in all the challenges of living the Christian life which my youth pastor was calling me to, and not so interested in being with my church friends every week. There were the pulls of heavier school work load, band extracurriculars, and the freedom to choose other things that came with being able to drive. Thank God, in time He put my heart in a renewed commitment to following Him. And later in high school also, I began playing saxophone in our worship band and keyboard in our youth group worship times.

Such experiences in my formative years have had a strong impact on my continued journey with Christ. And therefore I resonate with more recent articles by Orthodox youth director, Steven Christoforou, and others who are concerned about how we retain our youth in the church and help them to have a lifelong relationship with Christ and His Church. Their research and experience have shown that if our young ones are going to stay connected to Christ and His Church, three main factors are likely needed to be in place and experienced. 1) A meaningful and healthy relationship with parents: seeing the Christian faith lived in real ways at home. 2) A meaningful and healthy relationship with a Christian mentor outside the home: connecting with others who have been impacted by the Gospel and God's love. 3) A meaningful and healthy relationship with God Himself: our kids need to have some kinds of meaningful encounters with God's presence and energies working in their life, such as a unique experience in the Divine Liturgy, a memorable point of connection at youth group or church camp, or perhaps they experience a serious trial in life through which God works. These three factors can't be forced, but they can be encouraged. And looking back on my own formative years, I retain memories of 1) committed parents who prayed and read their Bible; 2) certain people in the church who prayed for and invested in me; 3) many opportunities to sense the Lord working in my life through song, through church camp experiences, a youth mission trip, etc. I came to have a sense that God was *really* real, and that following Him in this life is a blessed and even joyful thing. These 3 factors are not a hard and fast formula, but I pray that our ministry and activities at Holy Trinity Orthodox Church will help provide our youth and young adults with ways to experience God and see Him working among us.

*Next week I look forward to sharing  
about the key role of music in my life!*

*Fr. Christopher Moore*