

32nd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 7. New Martyrs and Confessors of Russia. Apostle Timothy of the Seventy (96). Monastic Martyr Anastasius the Persian (628). Monastic Martyr Anastásii, Deacon, of the Kiev Caves (Near Caves—12th c.). Ven. Makáry of Zhabynsk, Wonderworker (1623). 377 Martyred Companions in Bulgaria (ca. 817).

1 Timothy 1:15-17

Luke 18:35-43

On the Sunday closest to January 25, the Church commemorates the Synaxis of the Holy New Martyrs and Confessors of Russia, remembering all those Orthodox Christians who suffered for Christ at the hands of the godless Soviets during the years of persecution. These include the royal Passion-Bearers Tsar Nicholas II and his family, and the Grand Duchess Elizabeth. Countless thousands of martyrs, both clergy and laity also suffered, some of whose names are known, as well as millions of simple believers whose names have been lost to history.

It is estimated that the number of the New Martyrs of Russia, who were glorified by the Russian Orthodox Church at the Jubilee Council of 2000, far exceeds that of all the martyrs who died for Christ during the first three centuries of Christianity. The Russian Church lost millions of its sons and daughters, not only at the hands of external enemies, but also those of their own country. Among those who were murdered and tortured in the years of persecution were countless Orthodox: laity, monks, priests, and bishops, whose only “crime” was their unshakable faith in God.

In the long history of the world, never have so many new heavenly intercessors been glorified by the Church in such a way (more than one thousand New Martyrs were numbered among the saints). Among those who suffered for their faith were some who labored in America before the Russian Revolution: St. Tikhon, Patriarch of Moscow and All Russia (April 7); St. Alexander Hotovitzky (Dec. 4); St. John Kochurov (Oct. 31).

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*Welcome to all our visitors.*

*Whether you are attending in person or watching from home,  
we are happy to have you join us in worship.*

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SCHEDULE

- Saturday, January 21**.....**Home Blessings:**
10:00am *Chester, Long Valley,
Flanders*
1:00pm *Martinsville, Stirling,
Bridgewater, Somerville*
- Sunday, January 22**.....9:30am Third Hour
9:45am General Confession
10:00am Divine Liturgy
- Saturday, January 28**.....6:00pm Great Vespers
- Sunday, January 22**.....9:30am Third & Sixth Hours
10:00am Divine Liturgy

To make additions/deletions to the Home Blessing Schedule, please contact Matushka Kerri at matkerri@gmail.com or text 201-841-7589

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**THANK YOU** to Austin Guarisco and friends for hosting the Coffee Hour last Sunday. God grant them Many Years!

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## New Martyrs and Confessors of Russia

### Troparion — Tone 4

*Today the Church of Russia joyfully forms a chorus, / praising her New Martyrs and Confessors; / hierarchs and priests, royal passion-bearers, right-believing princes and princesses, / venerable men and women, and all Orthodox Christians. / Having laid down their life for faith in Christ during the days of godless persecution, / they preserved the truth by the shedding of blood. / By their protection, O long-suffering Lord, / preserve our land in Orthodoxy until the end of the age.*

### Kontakion — Tone 3

*Today the New Martyrs of Russia stand in white robes before the Lamb of God, / and with the angels they sing to God the hymn of victory: / "Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and praise, and honor, / and power, and strength be to our God / unto the ages of ages. Amen."*

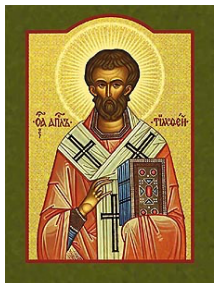
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"The man who wants to keep in mind the hour of death and God's judgment and who, at the same time, gives in to material cares and distractions is like someone trying to swim and clap his hands at the same time. "

+St. John Climacus

"Great is he who has more humility. God gives grace to the person who has fear of God and obeys everyone like a small child and constantly seeks God's holy will. Such a person never seeks that his own will be done, but the will of God and of the others. He always says, 'As you wish, as you know best.' He does not give his own opinion because he considers himself lower than everyone. When they tell him to do something, he eagerly says, 'May it be blessed.'"

+Elder Ephraim of the Holy Mountain



Apostle Timothy of the Seventy

Saint Timothy was converted to Christ in the year 52 by the holy Apostle Paul. He became Saint Paul's disciple, and later his constant companion and co-worker in the preaching of the Gospel. The Apostle Paul loved Saint Timothy, and in his Epistles called him his beloved son, remembering his devotion and fidelity with gratitude.

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Commemoration of the New Martyrs and Confessors of Russia

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