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. 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.

Wine and oil allowed.

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.
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.

Kontakion of the Apostle and the Righteous Martyr
First Tone. The soldiers standing guard

With hymns let us, the faithful, sing Timothy’s praises * as Paul’s divine disciple and faithful companion; * with him let us also laud Anastasius the godly-wise, * who shone forth with splendour like a star out of Persia * and doth drive away from us our bodily sicknesses * and spiritual maladies.

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.