

# Ss Constantine & Helen

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## Titus, Apostle of the 70

Excerpt from "Wikipedia"

**Titus** (/ˈtaɪtəs/; Greek: Τίτος) was an early Christian missionary and church leader, a companion and disciple of Paul the Apostle, mentioned in several of the Pauline epistles including the Epistle to Titus. He is believed to be a Gentile converted to Christianity by Paul and, according to tradition, he was consecrated as Bishop of the Island of Crete.<sup>[1]</sup>

Titus brought a fundraising letter from Paul to Corinth, to collect for the poor in Jerusalem. Later, on Crete, Titus appointed presbyters (elders) in every city and remained there into his old age, dying in Gortyna, near the city of Candia (modern Heraklion).<sup>[1]</sup>

Titus was a Greek, apparently from Antioch,<sup>[2]</sup> who is said to have studied Greek philosophy and poetry in his early years.<sup>[3]</sup> He seems to have been converted by Paul, whereupon he served as Paul's secretary and interpreter. In the year 49, Titus accompanied Paul to the council held at Jerusalem, on the subject of the Mosaic rites. Although Paul had consented to the circumcision of Timothy, in order to render his ministry acceptable among the Jews, he would not allow the same in regard to Titus, so as not to seem in agreement with those who would require it for Gentile converts.<sup>[4]</sup>

Towards the close of the year 56, Paul, as he himself departed from Asia, sent Titus from Ephesus to Corinth, with full commission to remedy the fallout precipitated by Timothy's delivery of 1 Corinthians<sup>[5]</sup> and Paul's "Painful Visit",<sup>[6]</sup> particularly a significant personal offense and challenge to Paul's authority by one unnamed individual.<sup>[7]</sup> During this journey, Titus served as the courier for what is commonly known as the "Severe Letter", a Pauline missive that has been lost but is referred to in 2 Corinthians.<sup>[8]</sup>

[For complete article, visit: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Saint\\_Titus](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Saint_Titus) ]



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10th Sunday of Matthew

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Commemoration of: Diomedes the Physician of Tarsus; Timothy of Euripus of Pentele; Nicodemos of Meteora; Gerasimos the New Ascetic

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Apolytikia - Entrance Hymns

*En ti gennisi* (Dormition) Tone 1

*You gave birth yet preserved your virginity. You fell asleep in death yet did not desert the world, O Theotokos. You were transported to life, as you are Mother of Life and, by virtue of your intercessions, deliver our souls from death.*

*Tu lithu sfragisthendos* (Hymn of the Day) Tone 1

*When the stone had been sealed by the Jews where the soldiers were guarding Your most pure Body, You rose on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. Wherefore the powers of heaven acclaimed You, o Giver of life. Glory to Your Resurrection O Christ. Glory to Your Kingdom. Glory to Your providence, You Who alone loves mankind.*

*Tin ahranton Ikona su* (The Holy Napkin) Tone 2

*We venerate Your immaculate icon, O good Lord, and entreat You to forgive our offences, O Christ our God. By Your own choice you were pleased to ascend the Cross in the flesh, to deliver us, whom You created, from our slavery to the foe. Therefore we cry to You with gratitude: You have filled all things with joy, O our Savior, by coming to save the world.*

*En ti gennisi* (Dormition) Tone 1

*Tu Stavru su ton tipon* (Hymn of the Church) Tone 8

*Having seen in the sky the form of Your Cross and, like Paul, having received his calling not from men, Your apostle among Kings, Lord, placed his reigning city in Your hand, which forever you guard in peace, by the intercessions of the Theotokos, for You alone are the lover of mankind.*

Kontakion Tone 6

*Tin en presvies*

*The Theotokos is undying in intercession. \* Immovable is our hope in her for protection. \* Neither death nor burial prevailed over her. \* As she is Mother of Life, she was removed to life by Him, \* the Lord who lived in her ever-virgin womb. (AgesInitiatives.com)*

Epistle Reading

1 Corinthians 4:9-16

BRETHREN, God has exhibited us apostles as last of all, like men sentenced to death; because we have become a spectacle to the world, to angels and to men. We are fools for Christ's sake, but you are wise in Christ. We are weak, but you are strong. You are held in honor, but we in disrepute. To the present hour we hunger and thirst, we are ill-clad and buffeted and homeless, and we labor, working with our own hands. When reviled, we bless; when persecuted, we endure; when slandered, we try to conciliate; we have become, and are now, as the refuse of the world, the off-scouring of all things. I do not write this to make you ashamed, but to admonish you

as my beloved children. For though you have countless guides in Christ, you do not have many fathers. For I became your father in Christ Jesus through the gospel. I urge you, then, be imitators of me.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 17:14-23

At that time, a man came up to Him and kneeling before Him said, "Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is an epileptic and he suffers terribly; for often he falls into the fire, and often into the water. And I brought him to Your disciples, and they could not heal him." And Jesus answered, "O faithless and perverse generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him here to me." And Jesus rebuked him, and the demon came out of him, and the boy was cured instantly. Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, "Why could we not cast it out?" He said to them, "Because of your little faith. For truly I say to you, if you have faith as a grain of mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move hence to yonder place,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible to you. But this kind never comes out except by prayer and fasting." As they were gathering in Galilee, Jesus said to them, "The Son of man is to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill Him, and He will be raised on the third day."

Today

✘ SUN, 8/16 – 10th Sunday of Matthew

This Week

- ✘ THU, 8/20 – Prayer Ministry 11 a.m.
- ✘ FRI, 8/21 – Metropolis Clergy Zoom Meeting 10 a.m.
- ✘ SAT, 8/22 – No Great Vespers
- ✘ SUN, 8/23 – 11th Sunday of Matthew

Prayer Ministry

Prayer Ministry meets every Thursday by phone at 11 a.m. For information, email [prayer@greekorthodoxhawaii.org](mailto:prayer@greekorthodoxhawaii.org) or call the church office at 521-7220.

Facebook Link to Sunday Services

Please check the "footers" of your email in which you received this Electronic Weekly Bulletin.

Zoom Link for all Weekday Services (Monday thru Saturday)

Meeting ID: 645 401 0911; Password: 990890

Pearls of Wisdom from the Holy Fathers

*"Let us be satisfied simply with what sustains our present life, not with what pampers it. Let us pray to God for this, as we have been taught, so that we may keep our souls unenslaved and absolutely free from domination by any of the visible things loved for the sake of the body. Let us show that we eat for the sake of living, and not be guilty of living for the sake of eating. The first is a sign of intelligence, the second proof of its absence."*

~St. Maximos the Confessor