

WELCOME TO ALL PARISHIONERS & GUESTS WHO HAVE JOINED US TODAY!



**ST. NICHOLAS THE WONDERWORKER PARISH
ПАРАФІЯ СВ. МИКОЛАЯ ЧУДОТВОРЦЯ**



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**ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
ОДИНАДЦЯТА НЕДІЛЯ ПІСЛЯ П'ЯТИДЕСЯТНИЦІ**

The blessed Titus set out from Crete;* he returned there, established as a firm foundation!* With upright faith, he built the faithful into a building of divine and heavenly strength!* He is the chief bishop of his fatherland,* the traveling companion of Paul and the comfort of the faithful!

Your mind was illumined with divine brilliance, Titus,* as you journeyed with the divine Paul!* You were a ray of the sun enlightening those in darkness.* With him you freed the whole earth from the deepest night!* Therefore we call you blessed, as a God-chosen bishop,* an inspired apostle and most fervent intercessor!

You proclaimed the tri-personal Godhead,* churning up the idolatrous sea of the gentiles!* You rescued those floundering in the depths of godlessness,* bringing them into tranquil harbours.* You received the reward of heaven,* where you beseech the Lover of mankind for those who sing your praises!



Apostle Titus

PLEASE JOIN US FOR COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP AFTER DIVINE LITURGY!

SUNDAY HYMNS			
OPENING HYMN	Маріє, Діво Благословенна / O Virgin Mary. Our Blessed Lady pg. 346-347		
COMMUNION HYMN	Тіло Христове / Let Me Receive You, O Christ pg. 258-259		
CLOSING HYMN	Боже Великий, Єдиний pg. 264		
<i>Please join us today in singing our Sunday hymns!</i>			
SUNDAY & DAILY SCHEDULE			
SUNDAY, August 25	Divine Liturgy - for the Parishioners of St Nicholas Parish		10:00 AM
MONDAY, August 26	NO SERVICES		
TUESDAY, August 27	Divine Liturgy		9:00 AM
WEDNESDAY, August 28	Divine Liturgy		9:00 AM
THURSDAY, August 29	Divine Liturgy		9:00 AM
FRIDAY, August 30	Divine Liturgy		9:00 AM
SATURDAY, August 31	NO SERVICES		
SUNDAY, September 1	Divine Liturgy - for the Parishioners of St Nicholas Parish		10:00 AM
<i>Please Note: to request a Divine Liturgy for a special intention, please see Fr. Yuriy to arrange for it!</i>			
SUNDAY EPISTLE READERS			
DATE	READING	UKRAINIAN	ENGLISH
SUNDAY, August 25	1 Cor. 9:2-12	Motria Koropecy	William Vanderven
SUNDAY, September 1	1 Cor. 15:1-11	Yuliya Pelekhata	Marian Chalifoux
SUNDAY, September 8	Gal. 6: 11-18	Dmytro Maksymiv	Robert Herchak
SUNDAY, September 15	Gal. 2: 16-20	Kateryna Yaremyn	Bryan Melnyk
<i>Thank you, Epistle readers, for your service in proclaiming God's Word!</i>			
2019 PARISH COUNCIL EXECUTIVE		PASTORAL MINISTRY & HOLY MYSTERIES	
CHAIRPERSON..... Alec Rossa - 250.472.3374		CONFESSIONS..... 1/2 hour before Liturgy	
VICE-CHAIRPERSON..... Richard DeMerchant - 250.893.3484		EUCARIST..... for the sick - any time	
SECRETARY..... Luba Kucharyshyn - 780.476.4260		BAPTISMS..... by appointment	
TREASURER..... William Vanderven - 250.478.1458		MARRIAGES..... six months notice should be given to the parish priest, and he should be contacted before any other arrangements are made	
FINANCIAL SECRETARY..... David Newberry - 250.598.8197		FUNERALS..... by appointment	
FUNDRAISING/HALL RENTAL..... Robert Herchak - 250.386.7872		ANOINTING..... any time	
LITURGICAL COMMITTEE... Motria Koropecy - 250.658.3051		HOSPITAL VISITS..... any time	
MEMBER AT LARGE..... Wayne Saunders - 780.710.2027			
<p>Bequests & Wills: Leaving a bequeath is a process of giving a donation through your will. It is simply a distribution from your estate to a charitable organization through your last will and testament. It can be as small or as large a donation as you wish. It is important that you talk to your lawyer about the process. In your kindness please remember St Nicholas the Wonderworker Ukrainian Catholic Church in your bequeath and will. If anyone wishes to make such a bequeath in their will, the following clause may be included or added to a will: "I give, devise, and bequeath to St Nicholas the Wonderworker Ukrainian Catholic Parish - 1112 Caledonia Avenue, Victoria BC, V8T 1G1, the sum of \$ _____ (or _____ % of my estate), to be used for the benefit of the parish and it's pastoral activities."</p>			

Vibrant Parish Prayer

O God, Creator of Heaven and Earth! Because of your indescribable love for us, you sent your Only-Begotten Son, Our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ - The Way, The Truth, and The Life - and our Salvation. In His name, we turn to You. Strengthen our hearts and minds in Christian love and in unity of purpose as we strive to build a Vibrant Parish. Give us the grace to model our lives according to the Word of God. Instill in us the desire to pray and to celebrate the Holy Mysteries as one Christian Family in our Parish Community. Inspire us to follow Your great command to be a servant to the less fortunate among us! Grant this, O Lord, through the mercies and love for mankind of Your Only-Begotten Son with whom You are blessed, together with Your All-Holy, Good and Life-Giving Spirit, now and forever and ever. Amen!



ST. NICHOLAS PARISH

A PLACE TO ENCOUNTER THE LIVING CHRIST

Through the word, the Holy Mysteries & Prayer,
Serving One's Neighbor, Leadership
Fostering & Serving Unity and Missionary Spirit
(His Beatitude Sviatoslav)



Молитва Живої Парафії

Господи Ісусе Христе, Пастирю Добрий, як колись Ти пригорнув заблуканих овечок, щоб вони пізнали Твій голос і були Твоїм стадом, так і сьогодні глянь ласкаво з небесних висот на нашу парафію та зішли на неї Твого Святого Духа, щоб вона була місцем пізнання радості Доброї Новини. Скріплюй нас Твоєю присутністю та єднай нас кожночасно в молитві. Даруй нам духа служіння ближньому, щоб у нашій парафії кожний міг зустріти Тебе, милостивого Бога. Благослови наш духовний провід Твоєю мудрістю і дай, щоб ніхто з нас не шкодував ні часу, ні талантів, ні матеріальних дібр для розбудови Твого царства. Єднай нас у мирі та злагоді, щоб ми були Твоєю спільнотою любові. Всели в нас місійного духа, щоб ми стали тим світилом евангельського слова, молитви і добрих діл, що кличе кожного до участі в Божественному житті, щоб славилось, Спасе, Твоє Ім'я з безначальним Твоїм Отцем та пресвятим, благим і животворящим Твоїм Духом нині, і повсякчас, і на віки віків. Амінь.

DIVINE LITURGY PROPERS

*The Divine Liturgy of our Father among the Saints John Chrysostom
An Anthology for Worship: Liturgy - pg. 270-318; propers - pg. 333*

Troparion, Tone 2: When You went down to death, O Life Immortal,* You struck Hades dead with the blazing light of Your divinity.* When You raised the dead from the nether world,* all the powers of heaven cried out:* “O Giver of Life, Christ our God, glory be to You!”

Glory: Kontakion, Tone 2: You rose from the tomb, O almighty Saviour,* and Hades, seeing this wonder, was stricken with fear; and the dead arose.* Creation saw and rejoices with You, and Adam exults.* And the world, my Saviour, sings Your praises for ever.

Now: Theotokion, Tone 2: The tomb and death could not hold the Mother of God,* unceasing in her intercession and an unfailing hope of patronage,* for as the Mother of Life she was transferred to life* by Him Who had dwelt in her ever-virgin womb.

Prokeimenon, Tone 2: The Lord is my strength and my song of praise, and He has become my salvation. *Verse:* The Lord has indeed chastised me, but He has not delivered me to death.

Epistle - 1 Cor. 9:2-12 - A Reading from the 1st Letter of Saint Apostle Paul to Corinthians:

Brothers and Sisters, if I am not an apostle to others, at least I am to you; for you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord. This is my defence to those who would examine me. Do we not have the right to our food and drink? Do we not have the right to be accompanied by a believing wife, as do the other apostles and the brothers of the Lord and Cephas? Or is it only Barnabas and I who have no right to refrain from working for a living? Who at any time pays the expenses for doing military service? Who plants a vineyard and does not eat any of its fruit? Or who tends a flock and does not get any of its milk? Do I say this on human authority? Does not the law also say the same? For it is written in the law of Moses, 'You shall not muzzle an ox while it is treading out the grain.' Is it for oxen that God is concerned? Or does he not speak entirely for our sake? It was indeed written for our sake, for whoever ploughs should plough in hope and whoever threshes should thresh in hope of a share in the crop. If we have sown spiritual good among you, is it too much if we reap your material benefits? If others share this rightful claim on you, do not we still more? Nevertheless, we have not made use of this right, but we endure anything rather than put an obstacle in the way of the gospel of Christ.

Alleluia, Tone 2: *Verse:* The Lord will hear you in the day of tribulation; the name of the God of Jacob will shield you. *Verse:* Lord, grant victory to the king and hear us in the day that we shall call upon You.

Gospel - Matthew 18:23-35 - That is why the kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who decided to settle accounts with his servants. When he began the accounting, a debtor was brought before him who owed him a huge amount. Since he had no way of paying it back, his master ordered him to be sold, along with his wife, his children, and all his property, in payment of the debt. At that, the servant fell down, did him homage, and said, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay you back in full.' Moved with compassion the master of that servant let him go and forgave him the loan. When that servant had left, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a much smaller amount. He seized him and started to choke him, demanding, 'Pay back what you owe.' Falling to his knees, his fellow servant begged him, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay you back.' But he refused. Instead, he had him put in prison until he paid back the debt. Now when his fellow servants saw what had happened, they were deeply disturbed, and went to their master and reported the whole affair. His master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I

forgave you your entire debt because you begged me to. Should you not have had pity on your fellow servant, as I had pity on you?' Then in anger his master handed him over to the torturers until he should pay back the whole debt. So will my heavenly Father do to you, unless each of you forgives his brother from his heart."

Communion Hymn: Praise the Lord from the heavens;* praise Him in the highest.* Alleluia, alleluia,* alleluia.

Prayer After Holy Communion: Having been made worthy to partake in a mystical way of Your immaculate Body and precious Blood, O Christ our God, I acclaim and bless, worship and glorify You, and proclaim the greatness of Your saving acts, now and for ever and ever. Amen. *(more Prayers After Holy Communion on pg. 324-326 in the Anthology book).*



Тропар, глас 2: Коли зійшов Ти до смерти, Життя безсмертне,* тоді ад умертвив ти блистінням Божества.* Коли ж і умерлих із глибин підземних воскресив Ти,* всі сили небесні взивали:* Життєдавче, Христе Боже наш, слава Тобі.

Слава: Кондак, глас 2: Воскрес еси з гробу, всесильний Спасе,* і ад, увидівши чудо, зжахнувся та й мертві встали;* а творіння, бачивши, радіє з Тобою, й Адам веселиться,* і світ, Спасе мій, повсякчас Тебе оспівує.

І нині: Богородичний, глас 2: У молитвах невсипущу Богородицю,* і в заступництві несхитне уповання не втримали в собі гріб і смерть,* бо як Матір Життя покликав до життя Той,* Хто в лоно вселився повсякчас дівственне.

Прокімен, глас 2: Господь – моя сила і моя пісня, * і Він став моїм спасінням. Стих: Тяжко покарав мене Господь, та не передав мене смерті.

Апостол - 1 Кор 9:2-12 - До Коринтян 1-е Послання Святого Апостола Павла

Читання: Браття і сестри, коли іншим я не апостол, то бодай вам, бо ви, у Господі, є достовірним доказом мого апостольства. Ось моя оборона перед тими, що мене судять. Хіба ми не маємо права їсти й пити? Хіба ми не маємо права водити (з собою) сестру-жінку, як інші апостоли, брати Господні, і Кифа? Чи може один я і Варнава не маємо права не працювати? Хто колись власним коштом ходив у похід? Хто садить виноградник, і не їсть із нього плоду? Хто пасе стадо, і не живиться молоком від стада? Хіба я говорю тільки як людина? Хіба й закон не каже цього? Таж у законі Мойсея написано: «Не зав'язуй рота волів, як молотить.» Чи Бог турбується про волів? Чи, може, ради нас говорить? Бо ж ради нас написано, що, хто оре, мусить орати в надії, і хто молотить, молотить теж у надії, що матиме щось із того. Коли ж ми сіяли у вас духовне, то чи велика річ, коли пождем ваше тілесне? І коли інші мають це право над вами, чому радше не ми? Однак, ми не

користуємося цим правом, а весь час терпимо, щоб не робити ніякої перешкоди Євангелії Христовій.

Алилуя, глас 2: *Стих:* Вислухає тебе Господь у день печалі, захистить тебе ім'я Бога Якова.

Євангеліє - Матея 18:23-35 - Тим то Царство Небесне подібне одному цареві, що захотів обрахунок зробити з своїми рабами. Коли ж він почав обраховувати, то йому привели одного, що винен був десять тисяч талантів. А що він не мав із чого віддати, наказав пан продати його, і його дружину та діти, і все, що він мав, і заплатити. Тоді раб той упав до ніг, і вклонявся йому та благав: Потерпи мені, я віддам тобі все! І змилосердився пан над рабом тим, і звільнив його, і простив йому борг. А як вийшов той раб, то спіткав він одного з своїх співтоваришів, що був винен йому сто динаріїв. І, схопивши його, він душив та казав: Віддай, що ти винен! А товариш його впав у ноги йому, і благав його, кажучи: Потерпи мені, і я віддам тобі! Та той не схотів, а пішов і всадив до в'язниці його, аж поки він боргу не верне. Як побачили ж товариші його те, що сталося, то засмутилися дуже, і прийшли й розповіли своєму панові все, що було. Тоді пан його кличе його, та й говорить до нього: Рабе лукавий, я простив був тобі весь той борг, бо просив ти мене. Чи й тобі не належало змилюватись над своїм співтоваришем, як і я над тобою був змилювався? І прогнівався пан його, і катом його видав, аж поки йому не віддасть всього боргу. Так само й Отець Мій Небесний учинить із вами, коли кожен із вас не простить своєму братові з серця свого їхніх прогріхів.

Причасний: Хваліте Господа з небес,* хваліте Його на висотах. Алилуя, алилуя, алилуя!

Молитва По Святім Причастю: Таїнственно удостоївшись бути причасником Твого пречистого тіла і чесної крові, Христе Боже, оспівую і благословлю, поклоняюся, і славлю, і величаю спасіння Твої, Господи, нині і повсякчас, і на віки вічні. Амінь. *(більше Молитов По Святім Причастю на ст. 80-87 в маленькій книжечці "Божественна Літургія").*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

◆ **HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to GRAYSON HUCULAK, MOTRIA KOROPECKY and all those who celebrated their birthdays this past week. May the Lord Our God continue to bless you abundantly and the Holy Mother of God protects you at all times. Многая Літа!

◆ **NEW YEAR'S EVE IN CHURCH - PIZZA/MOVIE NIGHT FOR CHILDREN** - As we begin our new New Liturgical Year on September 1 St. Nicholas church will be hosting a pizza and movie night in the hall for all the parish children on Saturday, August 31. Starting at 5pm. Children under 7 years of age are picked up 8pm and older children are invited to sleepover. Bring your own mats & sleeping bags. For more information ask Marian [250.383.9374](tel:250.383.9374)

◆**SINGCON 2019:** Singers, cantors, choir directors, and anyone interested in liturgical music, regardless of ability or experience, are invited to register for SingCon 2019, which will take place September 26-29, 2019, in Stamford, Connecticut. This is the second annual SingCon, gathering more than 100 church singers from across North America for fellowship, workshops, lectures, and, most importantly, liturgical prayer. Participants will rehearse new music, engage in discussions with fellow church musicians, participate in a variety of workshops, and sing Vespers, Matins, and the Divine Liturgy together. SingCon is organized by the Patriarchal Liturgical Commission of the UGCC, and sponsored by the Eparchy of Stamford: this year's location is St. Basil's Ukrainian Catholic Seminary, historically a centre of musical training for Eastern Catholics in North America. For more information and to register for this year's conference, go to <https://ugccmusic.com> or email hello@ugccmusic.com

◆**PRAYER REQUEST:** Please keep in your prayers SYLVIA KELLY, EVE BRUCE-LOCKHART and other members of our parish, our family and friends who are ailing, in hospitals, nursing homes and those who are not able to join actively in their community.

◆**ST. NICHOLAS BOOK STORE:** The Divine Liturgy An Anthology of Worship - **\$25**; "Christ Our Pascha" Catechism of the Ukrainian Catholic Church/"Христос Наша Пасха" Катехизм Української Католицької Церкви - **\$25**; "Sing to Our God" hymn book - **\$15**; Молитовник "Прийдіте Поклонімся" - **\$10**; "The Rosary - The Prayer Rule of the Mother of God in the Ukrainian Catholic Church" - **\$10**.

◆**PARISH CALENDAR OF BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES:** If you would like to be included in our Parish Calendar of Birthday and Anniversary celebrations, please put date in our calendar located at the church vestibule. Each week, we will list the names in our parish bulletin so we can celebrate these happy occasions together!

◆**JOIN OUR CHOIR:** Do you enjoy singing? Please consider joining our St Nicholas Parish Choir and remember that we ALWAYS looking for new members! Contact Motria Koropecy for details at [250.658.3051](tel:250.658.3051).

◆**CATECHISM ANNOUNCEMENT:** *"And they were bringing to Him also the infants, in order that He may be touching them; but after the disciples saw it, they rebuked them. But Jesus called them to Himself and said, Let alone the little children to come to Me, and cease hindering them; for of such is the kingdom of God."* We are happy to welcome all children to our St. Nicholas The Wonderworker catechism program. Weekly classes are scheduled Sunday morning during Divine Liturgy. We want your children to learn more about their Catholic faith, sacred scripture, feast days, and religious practices and customs of the Ukrainian Catholic church. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Marian Chalifoux at [250.507.1005](tel:250.507.1005).

◆**THRIFTY'S PRE-PAID FOOD CARDS** - We all have to buy groceries. Why not have 6% of it returned back to the church at no extra charge! Cards are available in \$100, \$200, and \$500

denominations. Talk to Alec after today's liturgy to pre- order your cards. We need to sell A LOT of them! We encourage you to consider purchasing them for yourselves as gifts too.

◆**BE A STEWARD:** Have you ever wondered what more can you do to help our parish? Here are some suggestions: Steward of property security; Steward of grounds cleaning; Steward of cleaning church; Steward of church linen; Steward of outreach; Steward of caring; Steward of prayer; Steward of service. Quite often, our homebound or senior members, once active in their younger years, want to find purpose in their senior years. It's not only about doing but about "BEING" present to others. Contact Fr. Yuriy **OR** Darlene DeMerchant for more information. You will be amazed how "BEING" can make a difference.

◆**PARISH LIBRARY:** please visit our parish library and browse through the books on spirituality, church history, iconography, history of the Ukrainians in Canada, children's books and more... The library is located in the church vestibule. Please use a library book sign out form when borrowing a book.

◆**SUNDAY COFFEE VOLUNTEERS** act as hosts and serve light refreshments following the Sunday morning Divine Liturgy, providing an opportunity for the faithful to socialize with friends and visitors following their shared worship experience. We thank all of our parishioners who kind volunteer to serve refreshments. Whether you are new to the Parish, or are a long-time members, please join us for coffee. Please speak with Robert if you would like to volunteer.

◆**WE SHARE THE AIR:** Please keep it healthy and fragrant free. Someone in this area is scent-sitive. The chemicals used in scented products can make some people sick, especially those with fragrance sensitivities, asthma, allergies and other respiratory ailments. PLEASE DO NOT *wear perfume, cologne, lotion, aftershave and other fragrances; *USE unscented personal care products. Be Sensitive to Others. Thank you for your understanding. *St. Nicholas parish.*

◆**AUGUST 18 DONATIONS** - Coffee: \$28.00; Vigil lights: \$13.15; Loose collection: \$75.00; Envelope collection: \$657.00; Pre-authorized donations Aug 12 to Aug 18: \$120.00 **TOTAL: \$893.15**

POPE FRANCIS: SELF-INTEREST AND HYPOCRISY DESTROY THE CHURCH

Pope Francis decried hypocrisy and self-interest, saying that Christian community should always be characterized by generosity and solidarity.

"A life set only on profiting and taking advantage of situations at the expense of others inevitably causes interior death," Pope Francis said.

“And how many people say they are close to the Church, friends of priests, bishops, while they are only looking for their own interest. These are the hypocrisies that destroy the Church,” he added in a departure from his prepared remarks.

Pope Francis said he asks the Lord to “pour over us His Spirit of tenderness, which overcomes all hypocrisy and puts into circulation that truth which nourishes Christian solidarity.”

The pope said that solidarity is “the inalienable expression of the nature of the Church,” which he called the “tender mother of all, especially the poorest.”

“Being members of the body of Christ makes believers co-responsible for each other. Being believers in Jesus makes us all co-responsible for each other,” he said.

“Among Christians we cannot say: 'Poor person, he has a problem at home, he is going through this family difficulty'. But, I must pray. I carry it with me. I am not be indifferent. This is being a Christian,” Francis explained.

Throughout Pope Francis’ general audience, a young girl who appeared to have a mental disability, danced across the stage clapping her hands in front of the pope in Paul VI Hall.

“We have all seen this beautiful girl - she is beautiful ... victim of an illness and does not know what she is doing,” he said.

Pope Francis asked the audience if they had prayed for this young girl and her family. “Whenever we see someone suffering we must pray,” he said.

The pope stressed the importance of concrete acts of generosity in the life of a Christian, particularly with one’s time and money.

“The sign that your heart has converted is when conversion reaches your pockets,” he said. “There is where we see if one is generous with others, if one helps the weakest, the poorest.”

In the life of the Church, there have always been Christians who stripped themselves of unnecessary things to give them to those who needed them, Pope Francis said.

He pointed to the example of the early Christians described in the Acts of the Apostles.

“A concrete example of sharing and communion of goods comes to us from the testimony of Barnabas: he owns a field and sells it to deliver the proceeds to the Apostles,” Francis said.

“The Christian community is born from the overabundant outpouring of the Holy Spirit and grows thanks to the leaven of sharing between brothers and sisters in Christ. There is a dynamism of solidarity that builds the Church as the family of God,” he said.

Pope Francis also pointed out that there were negative examples of hypocrisy and selfishness among this same community. He described the story of Ananias and his wife Sapphira described in chapter 5 of the Acts of the Apostles.

Ananias and Sapphira sold a piece of property to give the proceeds to the apostles, but retained for themselves a portion of the purchase price.

To which St. Peter responded, “Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart so that you lied to the Holy Spirit and retained part of the price of the land? ... Why did you contrive this deed? You have lied not to human beings, but to God.”

Upon hearing these words from Peter, Ananias fell down and died. “This cheating interrupts the chain of free sharing... and the consequences are tragic, are fatal,” Pope Francis said.

“We could say that Ananias lied to God because of an isolated conscience,” he said. “Hypocrisy is the worst enemy of this Christian community, of this Christian love: that of pretending to love each other, but only looking for one's own interest.”

“To fail in the sincerity of sharing ... in the sincerity of love, means to cultivate hypocrisy, move away from the truth, to become selfish, to extinguish the fire of communion and turn to the frost of interior death,” the pope said.

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APOSTLE TITUS

Saint Titus, Apostle of the Seventy was a native of the island of Crete. At age twenty Saint Titus heard a voice in a dream, suggesting that he abandon Hellenistic wisdom, which could not provide salvation for his soul, but rather to seek that which would save him. When news reached Crete about the appearance of a Great Prophet in Palestine, and about the great miracles He worked, the governor of the island of Crete (an uncle of Titus) sent him there. This Prophet was the Lord Jesus Christ Himself.

At Jerusalem, Saint Titus saw the Lord. He heard His preaching and believed in Him. He witnessed the suffering and death of the Savior on the Cross, His glorious Resurrection and Ascension to Heaven. On the day of Pentecost the future apostle heard how the Twelve Apostles,

after the descent of the Holy Spirit, spoke in various languages, among which was the Cretan language (Acts 2: 11).

Saint Titus accepted Baptism from the Apostle Paul and became his closest disciple. He accompanied Saint Paul on his missionary journeys, fulfilling the tasks entrusted to him. He was involved in establishing new churches, and was with Paul in Jerusalem.

Saint Titus was numbered among the Seventy Apostles and was made Bishop of Crete by the Apostle Paul. Around the year 65, not long before his second imprisonment, the Apostle Paul sent a pastoral epistle to his son in the Faith (Tit. 1: 4).

When the Apostle Paul was taken like a criminal to Rome to stand trial before Caesar, Saint Titus left his flock in Crete for a time and went to Rome to be of service to his spiritual Father. After Saint Paul's death by martyrdom, Titus returned to Gortyna, the chief city of Crete.

Saint Titus peacefully guided his flock and toiled at enlightening the pagans with the light of faith in Christ. He was granted the gift of wonder-working by the Lord. During one of the pagan feasts in honor of the goddess Diana, Titus preached to a crowd of pagans.

When he saw that they would not listen to him, he prayed to the Lord, so that the Lord Himself would show to the mistaken people the falseness of idols. By the prayer of Saint Titus, the idol of Diana fell down and shattered before the eyes of all. Another time Saint Titus prayed that the Lord would not permit the completion of a temple of Zeus, and it collapsed.

By such miracles Saint Titus brought many to faith in Christ. After bringing the light of faith to the surrounding regions, Saint Titus died peacefully at the age of 97. At the time of his death, his face shone like the sun.
