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Saints Timothy and Titus, Bishops

Timothy was the son of Eunice, a Jewish woman, and his father was Greek; and his grandmother was Lois. We first hear about this family in the Acts of the Apostles (16:1-3). He was young yet Paul appointed him to oversee the church in Ephesus. Paul wrote his two “pastoral epistles” to Timothy, encouraging him in the ancient Roman city of Ephesus on the western coast of modern-day Turkey, which was not an easy place to practice the Christian faith. Titus was assigned to oversee the church on the island of Crete. Paul wrote one “pastoral epistle” to Titus. Through these epistles, we see how the church began to grow and the instruction given in these letters help us to understand the challenges these pastors faced in transmitting the faith, especially amidst the pagan cultures.

The Gospel of today, taken from Mark, upholds Mary as Jesus’ mother, who did the will of God. May we seek always to do God’s will and “proclaim God’s marvelous deeds to all the nations”.

God Love You!

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