

Saint Theodosius Pechersky of The Caves of Kiev, Abbot - an Orthodox founder of Russian Monasticism (c1009 - 1074 AD)



https://www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint_id=2239

"A child of wealth, Theodosius nevertheless had a heart for the poor from an early age. For a time, he worked as a baker among the poor - until his mother objected. She was set against his becoming a Monk as well, but he nonetheless went to the Monastery of the Caves of Kiev.

In 1063, Theodosius became Abbot of the Monastery. He introduced a greater emphasis on spiritual and corporal Works of Mercy in the surrounding community.

<http://scborromeo.org/ccc/para/2447.htm>

According to the Oxford Dictionary of Saints, Theodosius "saw his Monastery as wholly integrated with the society of his time, a City of GOD towards which the earthly city should tend."

He gathered the sick into a hospital, erected a hotel for travelers, and provided that a cartload of food be brought every week to those in prison. Theodosius sent his Monks into the countryside to preach, and received all manner of persons at the Monastery for counsel and support.

He spoke often of GOD's kindness: "[JESUS CHRIST] ...sought us out, found us, carried us on His shoulders, and set us at the right hand of The Father. Is He not Merciful and The Lover of mankind? It was not we who sought Him, but He Who sought us."

Over the course of centuries, Theodore's Monastery would be repeatedly attacked and ransacked. Yet his relics were cherished, and today the Monastery of The Caves [in Kiev] is again a pilgrim site.

Loving Father, through the intercession of Saint Theodosius Pechersky, let Your Mercy reach others through me." * AMEN.

PSALM 105:1-4

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=88rx0sMFUK8&list=PL8hBGKeUeKkDFDfPqsZKl3yK-eSrK6RZ&index=21>

O Redeemer, Son of GOD, Thou has set us free!

1 O give thanks unto The LORD; call upon His Name: make known His deeds among the people.

2 Sing unto Him, sing psalms unto Him: talk ye of all His wondrous works.

3 Glory ye in His holy Name: let the heart of them rejoice that seek The LORD.

4 Seek The LORD, and His strength: seek His Face evermore.

"Almighty ever-living GOD, increase our faith, hope and charity, and make us love what You command, so that we may merit what You promise.

Through our Lord JESUS CHRIST, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You in The Unity of The HOLY SPIRIT, GOD, for ever and ever." + AMEN.

*["Saint Theodorus Pechersky." The Magnificat, 10/23/2021. Saints Who Transformed the Culture, p 345.]

+ [Collect prayer. The Magnificat, 10/25/201, p 363.]