

MOTHER'S DAY

THE GREATEST MOTHER OF ALL

On this special day, may we take a moment to honor all the Mothers in our lives. Throughout history there have been many great mothers. Let's take a look back at the great mothers of the saints of the Church.

Think of how the mothers of all the apostles and disciples shaped their lives. Eunice the mother, and Lois the grandmother of the Apostle Timothy taught the young boy God's Word. Let us honor Nonna, the mother of St. Gregory the Theologian; Emmelia, the mother of St. Basil the Great, and Anthusa, mother of St. John Chrysostom. Remarkable women fill the pages of church history.

But there is one that ranks above them all. There is one of whom an angel of the Lord called "Blessed amongst women." There is but one called by God's Word "full of grace." She is none other than the Mother of our Saviour, who was the Holy Virgin Mary.

We see her in all humility giving birth to her Son in the most meager of circumstances. She had to flee into Egypt to save His life. Then she fulfills a mother's role in full as she raises her Child in Nazareth.

We see her in all anguish as she stands under the cross as her Son dies the cruel death of crucifixion. What pen can describe the agony of this mother's heart? What words can be adequate to depict that event? There are none.

It has been thousands of years since God said: "Honor thy father and thy mother." Let us do so today, across all of America. And as we pay due respect and acknowledge the debt we owe to our mothers, Let us not forget the one who is greatest of all" the Mother of God, the Theotokos, who gave birth to our Saviour.