

**13th Sunday after Pentecost
Hieromartyr Anthimus,
Bishop of Nicomedia and those with him**

September 3rd, 2023

Assigned Readings

1 Corinthians 16: 13-24

Matthew 21: 33-42

Saint of the Day:

The Hieromartyr Anthimus, Bishop of Nicomedia, and those with him suffered during the persecution against Christians under the emperors Diocletian and Maximian. Saints Dorotheus, Mardonius, Migdonius, Peter, Indes and Gorgonius died during this period. The soldier Zeno boldly denounced the emperor Maximian. Then the holy Virgin Martyr Domna, a former pagan priestess, and Saint Euthymius, perished at the hands of pagans because of their concern that the bodies of the holy martyrs should be buried. The Deacon Theophilus was interrogated and died under torture, without revealing the whereabouts of Bishop Anthimus.

After a while Maximian managed to learn where Saint Anthimus was, and sent a detachment of soldiers after him. The bishop met them along the way, but the soldiers did not recognize the saint. He invited them to join him and provided a meal, after which he revealed that he was the one they sought. The soldiers did not know what to do. They wanted to leave him and tell the emperor that they had not found him. Bishop Anthimus was not one to tolerate a lie, and so he would not consent to this.

The soldiers came to believe in Christ and received holy Baptism. The saint ordered them to carry out the emperor's instructions. When Bishop Anthimus was brought before the emperor, the emperor ordered that the instruments of execution be brought out and placed before him. "Do you think, emperor, to frighten me with these tools of execution?" asked the saint. "No indeed, you cannot frighten one who wishes to die for Christ! Execution is frightening only for the cowardly, for whom the present life is most precious." The emperor then directed that the saint be fiercely tortured and beheaded by the sword.

Bishop Anthimus joyfully glorified God with his last breath, and received the crown of martyrdom. (See December 28 for another account of the Nicomedian martyrs.)

Announcements

Suggestions for the September Charity Collection should be provided to Fr. Nathan or a parish council member.

Parish Council meeting will be held following Coffee Hour today. Retirement dinner for Fr. Vladimir Fetcho is being held after Divine Liturgy at Fiorelli's in Peckville on September 10th. Cost for tickets is \$30 per person.

All Saints Orthodox Church in Olyphant is accepting donations towards their dome repair project. They will be repainting the domes in blue and regilding the crosses on top. They will be holding a food festival fundraiser on Friday August the 25th.

Our fall pierogi making and sale is planned for October 5th, 7th and 9th. With the plan to make pierogi on Thursday and Saturday morning. Then sell them deep fried on Monday.

Prayers for students at the start of the school year will be held in conjunction with Divine Liturgy on September 10th, with a blessing of the students at the end of the service.

Upcoming Services:

September 7th – (Thursday) 9th Hour, Great Vespers and Lity – 5 pm

September 9th – Great Vespers – 5 pm.

September 10th – Divine Liturgy – 930 am.

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Troparion and Kontakion of the Day

Troparion of the Resurrection – Tone 4

When the women disciples of the Lord
learned from the angel the joyous message of Thy Resurrection,
they cast away the ancestral curse
and elatedly told the apostles:

“Death is overthrown!

Christ God is risen,//granting the world great mercy!”

Troparion to St. Nicholas – Tone 4

The truth of things revealed you to your flock as a rule of
faith, an icon of meekness and a teacher of abstinence.
You thus reached the heights through humility and wealth
through poverty.

O Holy Hierarch Father Nicholas, //

pray to Christ God for the salvation of our souls.

Kontakion of the Resurrection – Tone 4

My Savior and Redeemer

as God rose from the tomb and delivered the earth-born from their chains.

He has shattered the gates of hell,

and as Master,//

He has risen on the third day!

Kontakion to St. Nicholas – Tone 3

You proved yourself to be a holy priest, O Nicholas;

You served God in Myra and lived the gospel of Christ.

You offered your life for your people;

You rescued the innocent from death.//

Therefore God has glorified you as a trustworthy guide of
things divine.

Prayers for the Sick:

Archpriest Vladimir

Thom

Priest John

Julie

Priest James

Joan

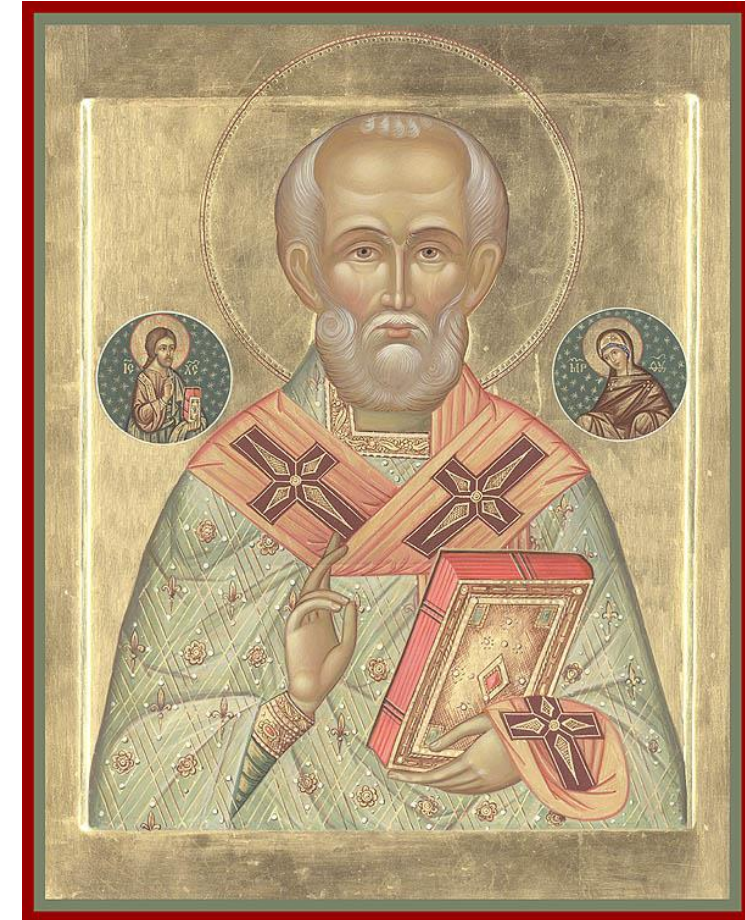
Matushka Gloria

Vera

Matushka Myra

Marie

Matushka Nancy



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