

Sunday 3rd of September 2023

HIEROMATYR ANTHIMUS, BISHOP OF NICOMEDIA

Epistle Reading: 1 Corinthians 16:13-24

Gospel Reading: Matthew 21:33-42

Troparion – Tone 7

You protected your flock with you blood, / not fearing your adversaries. / Now you rejoice in heaven standing before the throne. / Glory to Christ who has strengthened you; / glory to your courage; / glory to your endurance, O holy Hieromartyr Anthimus!

We pray for our entire church family and those who do not have a family or church family, and our special prayers are for the sick and suffering and for the health and salvation of others:

The Archpriests Samuel and Joseph, Archimandrite Joseph, Protospesbyter Christos, the priest Gregory, Mark Benda, Matushka Ellen, Emily Anastasia, Gabriel, Zoe, Matushka Svetlana, Karen, Edward, Nadine, Michelle, Alexander, Luis Ramon, Anastasia, Sophia Eptamenitis, Edward, Taisa, Konstance Engelsman, Maria Higginbotham, Valentina Bobrowski, Anna Konoleva, Erika Dobrzynski, Douglas Dobrzynski, Andrew John Lihou, Marie Biancarelli, Joshua and Daniel Buccieri, Emma Matthews, Stephanie, Kristy, Victor Szemetylo, Helen, Bonnie Shaffner, Helen Schweizer, Zoran Pejovic, Sunny Hunsicker, Ioana, Carmen, Michael, John, Sarah, Linda, Pamela Anne and Kimberly Marie, JoAnne, Beatrice, Christina, Orestes, Julia, Adrian, Sonya, Biljana, Irene, Dorothy, Pauline and Irene.
Amen!!!

***** To amend the prayer list, speak with Mary Osinski*****

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HIEROMARTYR ANTHIMUS, BISHOP OF NICOMEDIA AND THOSE WITH HIM - The Hieromartyr Anthimus, Bishop of Nicomedia, and those with him suffered during the persecution against Christians under the emperors Diocletian (284-305) and Maximian (305-311). The persecution became particularly intense after a fire at the imperial court at Nicomedia. The pagans accused the Christians of setting the fire and reacted against them with terrible ferocity. In Nicomedia alone, on the day of the Nativity of Christ, as many as twenty thousand Christians were burned inside a church. However, this monstrous inhumanity did not frighten the Christians, who firmly confessed their faith and endured martyrdom for Christ. Saints Dorotheus, Mardonius, Migdonius, Peter, Indes, and Gorgonius died during this period. One of them was beheaded by the sword, others perished by burning, or being buried alive, or by drowning in the sea. The soldier Zeno boldly denounced the emperor Maximian, for which he was stoned, and then beheaded. Then the holy Virgin Martyr Domna, a former pagan priestess, perished at the hands of the pagans, and also Saint Euthymius, because of their concern that the bodies of the holy martyrs should be buried. Bishop Anthimus, who headed the Church of Nicomedia, hid himself in a village not far from Nicomedia at the request of his flock. From there he sent letters to the Christians, urging them to cleave firmly to the holy Faith and not to fear torture. One of his letters, sent with Deacon Theophilus, was intercepted, and given to the emperor Maximian. Theophilus was interrogated and died under torture, without revealing to his torturers 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,

Service Schedule

Great Vespers: 5pm Saturdays

Hours: 9:45am Sundays

Divine Liturgy: 10:00am Sundays

Confessions: Will be heard every Saturday evening after Vespers or by appointment.

Call, text or email Father Michael at (848)228-1563 or holyspiritwantagenj@gmail.com

Monthly calendar at www.HolySpiritOrthodox.org

Dates to Remember

Saturday 2nd of September

Great Vespers at 5 pm

Sunday 3rd of September

Divine Liturgy at 10 am

Thursday 7th of September

Great Vespers at 6 pm

Friday 8th of September

NATIVITY OF OUR MOST HOLY LADY THEOTOKOS

Divine Liturgy at 9 am

Saturday 9th of September

Great Vespers at 5 pm

Sunday 10th of September

Divine Liturgy at 10 am

Monday 11th of September

Panikhida for the victims of 9/11 with His Eminence Archbishop Michael at 6 pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS!

Visitors Welcome

After Sunday's Divine Liturgy, you are invited to join us for light refreshment in the parish hall. You'll find a friendly welcome, good conversation and ask any questions you may have.

Panikhida for Jerome "Jerry" A Vandemark

Panikhida for ever to be remembered Jerome "Jerry" A. Vandemark will take place on Saturday 2nd of September at 4:15 pm. Please join us if you can.

Labor Day 2023

This year the holiday is celebrated on Monday, September 4th. Have a fun, safe and blessed Labor Day!

Nativity of our Most Holy Lady Theotokos

Please join us in worship for the Nativity of our Most Holy Lady Theotokos. The Great Vespers will be served on Thursday, September 7th at 6 pm and the Divine Liturgy will be served on Friday, September 8th at 9 am.

9/11 Memorial Service

There will be a 9/11 MEMORIAL Service to honor and remember the lives lost on that tragic day at Holy Spirit Orthodox Church, on Monday, September 11, 2023, 6 pm with His Eminence, Archbishop Michael presiding with other clergy. This will provide for fellowship and the community to come together in remembrance. The blessing of local fire equipment and honoring the first responders will follow. Please plan to attend and extend an invitation to family and friends to attend and join in this commemorative event. Potluck dinner and fellowship will follow in the Parish Hall. For more information, please contact Father Michael at pejovicveljko@gmail.com

2023 Alaska Initiative

Please support the Diocese of Alaska and thank you for giving! The deadline to donate to this cause is Sunday 10th of September.

Offerings to HSOC

Although it's summer and many of us are enjoying time away, the expenses of the church continue. Please remember to make regular offerings to the parish. Many blessings to all and have a happy and safe summer and see you at the Fair!

Food Donation Cart

The need to continue to assist those in need continues and we ask that when you are shopping, please remember those who are less fortunate. If you would like to know the current needs of the Sussex Help Center, please talk with Dan Taylor. God Bless!

Have an item for the bulletin?

Please email Father Michael at holyspiritwantagenj@gmail.com or Mary Osinski at mary.osinski@gmail.com