

HIEROMARTYR ANTHIMUS, BISHOP OF NICOMEDIA AND OTHERS WITH HIM

Hieromartyr Anthimus and those with him suffered during the persecution against Christians under 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. On Christmas Day as many as 20,000 Christians were burned inside a church. However, this inhumanity did not frighten the Christians, who firmly confessed their faith and endured martyrdom.

Sts. Dorotheus, Mardonius, Migdonius, Peter, Indes, and Gorgonius died during this period. One was beheaded; others perished by burning, being buried alive, or drowning. The soldier Zeno denounced the emperor Maximian, for which he was stoned and then beheaded. Holy Virgin Martyr Domna, a former pagan priestess, perished at the hands of the pagans, as did St. Euthymius, because of their concern that the bodies of the martyrs be buried. Bishop Anthimus, who headed the Church of Nicomedia, hid himself in a nearby village 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 tortures.

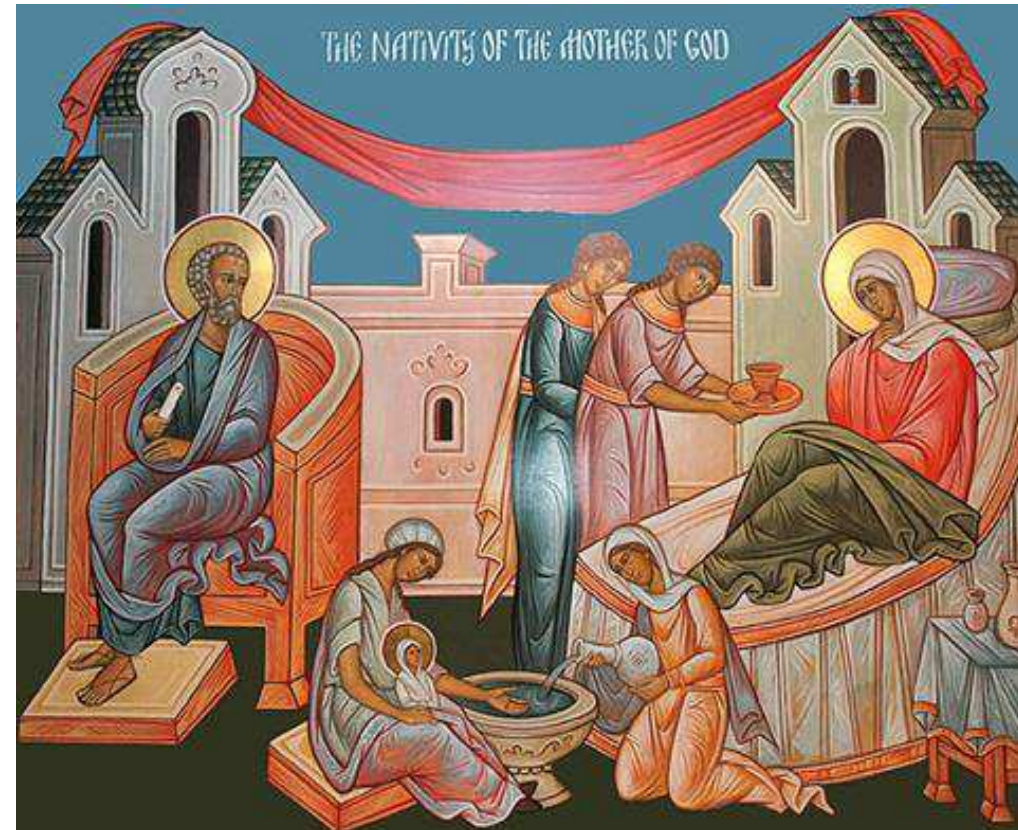
One letter, carried by Deacon Theophilus, was intercepted and given to Maximian. Theophilus was interrogated and tortured to death, without revealing the whereabouts of Bishop Anthimus. However, Maximian learned where St. Anthimus was and sent soldiers to him.

The bishop met them along the way, but they did not recognize him. He invited them to join him and provided a meal, after which he revealed his identity. The soldiers wanted to leave him and tell the emperor they did not find him, but 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 Bp. 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.

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THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*Hieromartyr Anthimus, Bishop of Nicomedia, and those with him:
Martyrs Theophilus the Deacon; Dorotheus, Mardonius, Migdonius, Peter, Indes,
Gorgonius, Zeno; the Virgin Domna, and Euthymius;
Ven. Theoctistus, fellow ascetic with Ven. Euthymius the Great;
Bl. John "the Hairy," Fool-for-Christ at Rostov; St. Phæbe, Deaconess at Chenchreæ near Corinth;
Martyr Basilissa of Nicomedia; Martyr Aristion, Bishop of Alexandria;
St. Joannicius, Archbishop of Serbia*

THE NATIVITY OF OUR MOST-HOLY LADY THE THEOTOKOS AND EVER-VIRGIN MARY

Friday, September 8

"Your birth, O Theotokos, has filled all the world with joy, for there rose from you the Sun of Justice, Christ, our God. He destroyed the curse and replaced it with a blessing, thus confounding death by giving us eternal life."

Kondakion, Tone VIII

TODAY'S EPISTLE: I CORINTHIANS 16:13-24

TODAY'S GOSPEL: MATTHEW 21:33-42

HOLY WORSHIP THIS WEEK:

Thursday, September 7	6:00 p.m. Vigil of the Nativity of the Theotokos
Friday, September 8	9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy - The Nativity of the Theotokos
Saturday, September 9	5:00 p.m. Great Vespers; Confessions

Daily Scripture Readings

Monday, September 4	II Corinthians 12:10-19	Mark 4:10-23
Tuesday, September 5	II Corinthians 12:20-13:2	Mark 4:24-34
Wednesday, September 6	II Corinthians 13:3-14	Mark 4:35-41
Thursday, September 7	Galatians 1:1-10,20-2:5	Mark 5:1-20
	Galatians 2:6-10	Mark 5:22-24,35-6:1
Friday, September 8	Philippians 2:5-11	Luke 10:38-42; 11:27-28
Saturday, September 9	I Corinthians 2:6-9	Matthew 10:37-11:1
	I Corinthians 4:1-5	Matthew 23:1-12
(St. Theodosius)	Hebrews 13:17-21	Luke 6:17-23

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COMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER:

- 9, Saturday 1:00-3:00 p.m. St. Mary of Egypt Orthodox Mission "Meet & Greet"
- 10, Sunday First day of Church School classes
- 11, Monday 12:30 p.m. St. Elizabeth Book Circle
- 7:00 p.m. Parish Council meeting
- 21, Thursday 6:30 p.m. 8th Annual Fr. Prislopsky Memorial Dinner & Lecture

ANNUAL MEETING:

All HTOC members should have received the parishioner membership letter, which includes information about the annual meeting on Oct. 29. If you have any questions, please see Father Alexander.

COLLECTION FOR OUR SEMINARIAN:

We are blessed to have a seminarian representing Holy Trinity Church. Aaron Rutz has just left for St. Vladimir's Seminary. We would like to offer him some assistance with tuition and other expenses. There will be a Special Collection basket at the rear of the church. Use one of the envelopes, and if making a check, do so to "Holy Trinity Church." We will send our combined gift to him in the near future.

ANONYMOUS GIFT:

In last week's Trinitarian we noted generous gifts to the Building Fund. \$3,000 of that was from a generous anonymous parishioner to offset the cost of the repairs and renovation done next to the Church Hall. To that parishioner and all our faithful donors, we express sincere thanks and pray that God will bless and reward their generosity.

DONOR NEEDED:

A donor for flowers to adorn the cross is needed. The wreath will be placed around the cross for the Elevation of the Cross on Thursday, Sept. 14 and will remain in the church on Sunday, Sept. 17. Contact Becky Romanchik at 440-877-1079.

TRINITARIAN COVERS:

The covers today are offered by Frank and Joanne Stoyka.

CHURCH SCHOOL:

The first day of Church School classes is September 10. Please see or contact Nellie Wislocki for more information. Phone 440-237-0999 or email her at nelliewislocki@gmail.com

ST. MARY OF EGYPT:

In honor of the 25th Anniversary of St. Mary of Egypt Mission, all are invited to visit the mission warehouse on Saturday, Sept. 9; 1:00-3:00. Board members and volunteers will give tours of the facility and share refreshments. See details on bulletin board.

MEMORIAL DINNER AND LECTURE:

The 8th Annual Fr. Prislopsky Memorial Dinner and Lecture is Thursday, Sept. 21, at St. Michael's Woodside. The meal is at 6:30, and the lecture follows. Cost is \$10. To register call the church office at 440-526-5192; or go online: INFO@STMICHAELSCLEVELAND.ORG

BOOK CIRCLE:

The St. Elizabeth Book Circle will meet Monday, September 11, at 12:30. Please read pages 1-39 of The Joy to Serve by Juliana Schmemann.

FLOWERS:

The flowers today are offered by Mat and Olga Lobas.

RUSSIAN FESTIVAL:

St. Nicholas Church, 755 S. Cleveland Ave. in Mogadore, invites all to their annual "Something Russian" Festival on October 3-4, 10:00-9:00, with food, imports, entertainment & more. Free admission.

THE GIFTS WE OFFER TO THE LORD WE LOVE

REGULAR COLLECTION, AUGUST 27	\$ 2432.00
CHURCH ADMINISTRATION ASSESSMENT	121.00
BUILDING FUND	241.00
MORTGAGE FUND	171.00
CANDLES	124.00
SEMINARIAN	205.00

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THE SAINTS AMONG US -
HOLY PROPHET MOSES

“By Your manifestation in the fire and appearance in the flesh, You did make glorious the countenance of Prophet Moses. And by Aaron’s priesthood according to the Law, You did show forth figures of dispensation of new grace: By the prayers of Your Holy Prophet, Moses, O Christ God, save our souls.”

(A tropar for the Prophet Moses)

The commemoration of the Prophet Moses falls on September 4. What we know about him comes entirely from the Holy Bible, and it is safe to say that the story of his life is one of the best known of all Bible stories. Born into a Hebrew family in Egypt, his mother placed him in a basket in the river Nile, hoping to spare him from being killed with the other Jewish male children. He was recovered by the Pharaoh’s daughter and given the name Moses, which is “saved from the waters.” He grew up in the royal household but eventually realized who he was, and after killing an Egyptian who was beating a Hebrew, he escaped into the Midian wilderness. There he married Zipporah and lived for many years as a shepherd. One day at the foot of Mount Sinai, he came to a burning bush from which God instructed him to return to Egypt to deliver and lead His chosen people from bondage.

With the help of his brother Aaron, who would also be the speaker, as he was “slow of speech,” Moses confronted the hard-hearted Pharaoh who was adamant in not letting the Hebrews go. Through the hands of Moses, God performed ten plagues which finally broke the Pharaoh’s resistance and allowed the Hebrews to leave. However, a change of heart precipitated the Pharaoh to go after the departing Hebrews. But Moses interceded with God to divide the Red Sea so as to permit safe passage for the Hebrews, after which hosts of the Egyptians were drowned. It would take forty years of exile and wandering through the desert before the Exodus would end. Among the many miracles that took place, Moses encountered God on Mount Sinai, where he obtained the Ten Commandments and divine instructions for establishing Jewish worship and traditions. At the end of his long life, Moses would only see from a distance but not enter the hoped-for promised land.

Moses is regarded as one of the most important of Old Testament personages. His legacy for both Christians and Jews is immense, as signified by the term “Mosaic law,” which refers to the entire body of Old Testament traditions. To him are attributed the first five books of the Bible, in Jewish tradition called the “Torah.” In the New Testament he occupies a place of note in that he appears together with Jesus and the Prophet Elijah on Mount Tabor at Christ’s Transfiguration. It is on the Icon of the Transfiguration in our vestibule that we find Moses depicted in our church. He is also on the northern wall, with the other Old Testament figures, near the top on the left side, symbolically holding an image of the Burning Bush.

Fr. Alexander Garklaus