

August 12, 2018

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Martyr Anicetus of Nicomedia

The Martyrs Anicetus and Photius (his nephew) were natives of Nicomedia. Anicetus, a military official, denounced the emperor Diocletian (284-305) for setting up in the city square an implement of execution for frightening Christians. The enraged emperor ordered Saint Anicetus to be tortured, and later condemned him to be devoured by wild beasts. But the lions they set loose became gentle and fawned at his feet.



Suddenly there was a strong earthquake, resulting in the collapse of the pagan temple of Hercules, and many pagans perished beneath the demolished city walls. The executioner took up a sword to cut off the saint's head, but he fell down insensible. They tried to break Saint Anicetus on the wheel and burn him with fire, but the wheel stopped and the fire went out. They threw the martyr into a furnace with boiling tin, but the tin became cold. Thus the Lord preserved His servant for the edification of many.

The martyr's nephew, Saint Photius, saluted the sufferer and turned to the emperor, saying, "O idol-worshipper, your gods are nothing!" The sword, held over the new confessor, struck the executioner instead. Then the martyrs were thrown into prison.

After three days Diocletian urged them, "Worship our gods, and I shall give you glory and riches." The martyrs answered, "May you perish with your honor and riches!" Then they tied them by the legs to wild horses. Though the saints were dragged along the ground, they remained unharmed. They did not suffer in the heated bath house, which fell apart. Finally, Diocletian ordered a great furnace to be fired up, and many Christians, inspired by the deeds of Saints Anicetus and Photius, went in themselves saying, "We are Christians!" They all died with a prayer on their lips. The bodies of Saints Anicetus and Photius were not harmed by the fire, and even their hair remained whole. Seeing this, many of the pagans came to believe in Christ. This occurred in the year 305.

Saints Anicetus and Photius are mentioned in the prayers for the Blessing of Oil and the Lesser Blessing of Water (BOOK OF NEEDS, 1987, p. 230)..

Text and Image from <https://oca.org/saints/lives/2018/08/05/102206-martyr-eusignius-of-antioch>

The disciples were called Christians first in Antioch (Acts 11:26)



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AFTER-FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION
OF CHRIST

COMMEMORATIONS:

MARTYRS PHOTIOS AND ANIKYTOS OF NICOMEDIA (305)
HIEROMARTYR ALEXANDER, BISHOP OF COMANA (3RD C.)
ST. PALLAMON OF EGYPT, INSTRUCTOR OF ST.
PACHOMIUS THE GREAT
ST. MUREDACH, FIRST BISHOP OF KILLALA AND FOUNDER
OF INNISMURRAY (IRELAND) (6TH C.)
ST. MOLAISE OF DEVENISH (563)
ST. SEIGINE, ABBOT OF IONA (652)
MONK-MARTYRS GERONTIUS, SERAPION, GERMANUS,
BESSARION, MICHAEL, AND SIMEON OF GARESIA, SLAIN
BY THE LEKIANIS (1851)

Tone 2 - Eothinon 11

Matins Gospel: St. John 21:14-25

Epistle: 1 Cor 9:2-12

Liturgy Gospel: St. Matthew 18:23-35

RESURRECTION TROPARION - Tone 2 - When Thou didst submit Thyself unto death, O Thou deathless and immortal One, then Thou didst destroy hell with Thy godly power. And when Thou didst raise the dead from beneath the earth, all the powers of heaven did cry aloud unto Thee: O Thou who art risen from the dead, O Lord, glory to Thee!

TROPARION OF THE TRANSFIGURATION - Tone 7 - When, O Christ our God, Thou wast transfigured on the mountain, Thou didst reveal Thy glory to Thy Disciples in proportion as they could bear it. Let Thine everlasting light also enlighten us sinners, through the intercessions of the Theotokos. O Thou Bestower of light, glory to Thee

TODAY: Orthros, 8:45 am & Divine Liturgy, 10 am
Fr. Boniface 2-Year Memorial, 11:30 am
Ukrainian Orphanage Donation Coffee Hour, 11:45 am
Women of St Philip, 12 pm
Ethnic Dance Practice, 1 pm

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Office Hours: Monday through Thursday 8:30 - 4:00; Friday 10:00 - 3:00

Fr Noah & Fr James are available for hospital visits. If you or anyone you know is in the hospital or homebound and would like a visit, please call the church office.

Weekly Ministries & Stewards:

	This Week:	Next Week (Aug 19):
PROSPHORA BREAD:	Tadessa	---
EPISTLE READER:	Karen Burke	Sdn David Hyatt
ALTAR CANDLES:	---	---
GREETERS:	Teen SOYO	Colin & Sandra Miller
CLEANING TEAM:	Sdn John & Maxine	Hyatt Family
COFFEE HOUR:	Ukrainian Orphanage Don.	---

Everyone is invited to stay for refreshments after the Divine Liturgy. Your assistance in cleanup is appreciated.

SPECIAL APPEAL

Please consider making a special offering to the **Needy Fund**. The Fund has been put to good use recently and stands to be replenished!

Thank you and may God bless your generosity!

Mark Your Calendar:

Beheading of St. John the Baptist

STRICT FAST DAY

Tuesday, Aug 28 - Vespers 6 pm

Wednesday, Aug 29 - Liturgy 10 am,
followed by Fasting Potluck Luncheon

Vespers & Patristic Reading

Wednesday evenings beginning Sept 5

Nativity of the Theotokos

September 8

Sunday School Resumes

September 9

Feast of the Elevation of the Cross

September 14

International Food Festival

September 21-22

Pray For:

Living

Newly Crowned
Jordan & Natalie
Katharine & Joseph
Raja & Christina
Newly Illumined Miriam
Baby Simeon
Child Gregory
Paul (M)
James E
Mat. Linda
Hortense
Mary K.
R. Maxime
Lasha B
Otari B
Daniel H
Elizabeth D
Stephanie
Thekla
M. Emiliani
Mebrat
Aristidis
John
Nikolette
Thomas, Elizabeth & all
Missionaries
Tadessa, Eyala, Yorgo
Suffering in Syria, Ethiopia,
Egypt & unstable
lands

Departed

Christina S
Olga
Helen
R. Herman
Petre

St. Nina's List

Catechumens
Tina, Rebecca,
Evan

New & Expectant Mothers
& children

Couples preparing
for marriage

Michael
Richard

Everyday Evangelist

"As the Father has sent me, so I send you." (Jn 20:21)

"If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him a drink" (Prov 25:21).

This Week:

Dormition Fast continues ... (Aug 1-14)

Monday, Aug 13: **SIXTH HOUR, 12 noon**
Paraklesis, 6 pm

Tuesday, Aug 14: Matushka Olga Sewing Club, 11 a.m.
SIXTH HOUR, 12 noon
Vespers, Artoklasia, & Lamentations, 6 pm

Wed, Aug 15: **FEAST OF THE DORMITION OF THE THEOTOKOS**
Orthros 9 am; Divine Liturgy 10 am
w/ Blessing of herbs & flowers
Fish/Wine/Oil Potluck to follow

Thurs, Aug 16: **SIXTH HOUR, 12 noon**

Friday, Aug 17: *Office closed.*

Saturday, Aug 18: **VESPERS 6 p.m.,**
Pre-baptismal Prayers (Sawicki) 7 pm

Sunday, Aug 19: **ORTHROS 8:30 a.m., Baptismal LITURGY 9:45 a.m.**
Coffee Hour, 11:45 am
Parish Council, 12:45 pm
Ethnic Dance Practice, 1-2 pm

OUTREACH COLLECTION: Paper Products.

WISDOM FROM FR. B.: "If it once again becomes illegal to be Christian we should make sure there is enough evidence to convict us."

ATTENDANCE: At Vespers on Aug 4: 40 Divine Services on Aug 5: 177
OFFERINGS: Candles, \$297. Collections, \$408. Youth, \$6. Choir Fund, \$150. Christmas in July, \$100. Needy Fund, \$200. Focus backpacks, \$140. Stewardship, \$4,402. Total received: \$5,703.
GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR FAITHFULNESS & GENEROSITY!