

## Martyr Agathonicus of Nicomedia, and those with him, who suffered under Maximian (Aug 22)

The Martyrs Agathonicus, Zoticus, Theoprepus, Acindynus, Severian, Zeno and others accepted death for Christ during the reign of the emperor Maximian (284-305).

The Martyr Agathonicus was descended from the illustrious lineage of the Hypasians, and he lived at Nicomedia. Well versed in Holy Scripture, he converted many pagans to Christ, including the most eminent member of the Senate (its "princeps" or leader). Comitatus Eutolmius was sent to the Pontine (lower Black Sea) region, where he crucified the followers of the Christian Zoticus, who had refused to offer sacrifice to idols. He took Zoticus with him.

In Nicomedia, Eutolmius arrested the Martyr Agathonicus (together with the princeps), and also Theoprepus, Acindynus and Severian. After tortures, Eutolmius ordered that the martyrs be taken to Thrace for trial by the emperor.

But along the way, in the vicinity of Potama, the Martyrs Zoticus, Theoprepus and Acindynus were unable to proceed further behind the chariot of the governor because of wounds received during torture. Therefore, they were put to death. The Martyr Severian was put to death at Chalcedon, and the Martyr Agathonicus together with others was beheaded with the sword by order of the emperor, in Selymbria.

The relics of the Martyr Agathonicus were in a church named for him at Constantinople, and were seen in the year 1200 by the Russian pilgrim Anthony. And in the fourteenth century Philotheus, the archbishop of Selymbria, devoted an encomium to the Martyr Agathonicus.

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**August 22, 2021**  
NINTH SUNDAY AFTER  
PENTECOST

### COMMEMORATIONS:

9TH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW  
THE HOLY MARTYR AGATHONICUS  
HOLY MARTYR ANTHUSE  
ATHANASIOS THE HIEROMARTYR & BISHOP OF TARSUS  
AFTERFEAST OF THE DORMITION OF OUR MOST HOLY  
LADY THE THEOTOKOS AND EVER VIRGIN MARY  
THE SYNAXIS OF THE ICON OF THE MOTHER OF GOD  
OF PRUSA

**Tone 8 - Eothinon 9**  
**Orthros Gospel:** St. John 20:19-31  
**Epistle:** 1 Corinthians 3:9-17  
**Liturgy Gospel:** St. Matthew 14:22-34

**RESURRECTION TROPARION - Tone 8 -** From the heights Thou didst descend, O Compassionate One, and Thou didst submit to the three-day burial, that Thou might deliver us from passion. Thou art our Life and our Resurrection, O Lord. Glory to Thee!

**APOLYTIKION OF THE DORMITION OF THE THEOTOKOS - Tone 1 -** In thy birth-giving, O Theotokos, thou didst keep and preserve virginity; and in thy falling-asleep thou hast not forsaken the world; for thou wast translated into life, being the Mother of Life. Wherefore, by thine intercessions, deliver our souls from death.

**TODAY:** ORTHROS & Confession 8:45 a.m.  
Divine LITURGY 10 a.m.  
Coffee Hour

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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 29):
PROSPHORA BREAD:	MaryLynne Black	Sdn. Justin G.
ALTAR CANDLES:	----	----
USHERS:	Steve K. & Bill H.	Dan M. & Sdn Justin
ALTAR BOYS:	“Archangel Michael”	“Archangel Gabriel”
CLEANING TEAM:	Justin & Kate; Olena M.	Serge, Alex & Sarah K.
COFFEE HOUR TEAM:	Angie; Conor; Nathan, Rebecca, & Teens	Sze; Sh. Hannah; Gabe

### **SPECIAL APPEAL**

Please consider making a donation to the **St. Justin Academy** which, God willing, we will be starting as a Classical Co-op this fall. Ask Mindi, Denise Y, or Frank for more details. Thank you and may God bless your generosity!

### Mark Your Calendar:

#### Nativity of the Theotokos

*Tuesday, September 7*  
Vespers & Artoklasia 6:30 p.m.  
Orthros 7:30 p.m.

*Wednesday, September 8*  
Divine Liturgy 10 a.m.

**Sunday School begins Sept 12**

#### International Food Festival

*September 17-18*

**Bp THOMAS Visit**  
*October 2-3*

### **Pray For:**

Living	Departed
Joanne	+Victoria
Mona-Rebecca	+HM Nikolai
Patrick	
Suzanne (H)	(August Parish Diptychs)
Doris	+Mary
John	+Augustine
James	(Jerald)
Lasha B	+Iwan
Otari B	+Victor
Daniel H	+APr Michael
Peter	+Myron
Anesia	+APr Boniface
Anna	
George K.	
Volodymyr	

	<u>Catechumens</u>
Priest Thomas,	Shaun,
Elizabeth, Jesse, Bill,	Laura,
Elaine	Taylor,
& all Missionaries	Tim & Luke,
New & Expectant Mothers & their children	Kate,
	Tyson,
For the people of our land and their repentance, healing & unity	Joseph & Alana,
	Ryan,
	Michael, Tina

**OFFERINGS:** Candles, \$260.25. Collections, \$120. Youth, \$1. Book Shelf Ministry, \$15. Classical School Fund, \$90. Honorarium Fund, \$500. Mission Chapel, \$100. Icon Workshop, \$200. Stewardship, \$9,678.10. Total received: \$10,964.35.

**THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!**

## **FESTIVAL PREPARATIONS ARE CONTINUING!**



Our 9th International Food Festival is scheduled for Sept 17-18. **All parishioners, your help is needed! Sign-up sheets to volunteer are in the Narthex.** Also, take a Festival Packet in the Narthex, and ask those who you do business with to be a sponsor. Let's work together to make this the best Food Festival yet!

### This Week:

- Mon, Aug 23:** Church open
- Tues, Aug 24:** 6th Hour Prayers, 12 Noon  
Matushka Olga Sewing Club, 11 a.m.
- Wed, Aug 25:** Little Compline 6:30 p.m.  
Patristic Reading Group 7:00 p.m.
- Thurs, Aug 26:** Church open
- Friday, Aug 27:** Church open  
Paraklesis 6:30 p.m.
- Sat, Aug 28:** Baptism (Hendershot) 1 p.m.  
**Vespers 6:30 p.m.**  
Pre-Baptism Prayers (Bushelli) 7:30 p.m.  
Confession 7:45 p.m.
- Sun, Aug 29:** **BEHEADING OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST**  
**Strict Fast Day**  
**ORTHROS 8:30 a.m.**  
**Baptismal LITURGY (Bushelli) 9:45 a.m.**  
Coffee Hour after Liturgy

### AUGUST OUTREACH COLLECTION:

Paper Products

### CHALLENGE FOR 2021:

“Your Body is the Temple of the Holy Spirit”