

PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR ...

The health and salvation of –

Abducted Bishops Paul & John	Pauline
Hieroschemamonk Ambrose	Ann
Archpriest Eugene	Stefan
Priest Kyrill & family	John
Priest James	Vivian
Priest John	Jung Sook
Priest Alexander	Thomas
Reader Aleksei	Cheyenne
Monk Philaret	Nancy
Matushka Mary	Randall
Matushka Mary Sara	Rose
John • Euphrosynos	Don
Virginia • Thomas	Norma
John • Luke	James
Catechumen Rebecca	
Catechumen Jennifer	

The repose and salvation of –

Borca (August 6)

Please let Father know if there are any names you would like added to the list.

This Wednesday, September 6, 6:30 PM – Small Compline & Saints of the Day

This Thursday, September 7, 6:30 PM – Great Vespers & Litya

This Friday, September 8, 7:00 AM – Divine Liturgy

for the Nativity of the Theotokos

Next Wednesday, September 13, 6:30 PM – Great Vespers & Litya

Next Thursday, September 14, 7:00 AM – Divine Liturgy for the Exaltation of the Cross

*A mission parish under the omophorion of His Eminence Benjamin,
Archbishop of San Francisco and the Diocese of the West,
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Sunday Hours & Divine Liturgy at 9:10 AM, followed by agape potluck
Other services as announced

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The Hieromartyr Anthimus

He was born in Nicomedia, and was raised from childhood as a true Christian. “His body was mortified, his spirit humbled, his envy uprooted, his anger subdued, his sloth banished.... He had love for all and peace with all; he was prudent with all, had zeal for the glory of God and was forthright with all.” It is no wonder that a man with such virtues was appointed bishop. St. Anthimus governed as Bishop of Nicomedia during the cruel persecution of Christians under the villainous Emperors Diocletian and Maximian. Streams of Christian blood were shed, especially in Nicomedia. One year, on the Feast of Christ’s Nativity, twenty thousand martyrs were burned to death in one church. This took place during the time of Anthimus’s episcopacy. Even so, the persecution did not end with this, but continued, and many Christians were cast into prison and kept there for torture and death. St. Anthimus withdrew to the village of Semana, not because he was fleeing from death, but in order to continue encouraging his flock in the feat of martyrdom, so that no one would fall away out of fear. One of his letters to the Christians in prison was intercepted and turned over to Emperor Maximian. The emperor dispatched twenty soldiers to find Anthimus and bring him to him. The gray-haired and clairvoyant elder came out to meet the soldiers, brought them to his house, and treated them as guests-and only then revealed that he was Anthimus, whom they were seeking. The soldiers, astonished by Anthimus’s kindness, suggested that he hide, saying they would tell the emperor that they could not find him. But Anthimus replied that he could not let himself transgress God’s commandment against falsehood to save his life, and he went with the soldiers. Along the way, all the soldiers came to believe in Christ and were baptized by Anthimus. The emperor had Anthimus harshly tortured for a long time, and then had him beheaded with an axe. He glorified the Lord and went to his rest at the beginning of the fourth century.

The Venerable Theoctistus

He was a faster and fellow ascetic of St. Euthymius the Great. Theoctistus was abbot of Euthymius’s Lavra, located some six miles from Jerusalem on the road to Jericho. In all things he was a disciple of St. Euthymius under whose spiritual guidance he governed the monastery until the age of ninety. He pleased God by his life, and reposed in the middle of the fifth century during the reign of Anastasius, Patriarch of Jerusalem.

Also this week: Hieromartyr Babylas, Bp of Antioch; Holy Prophet and Godseer Moses (September 4); Holy Prophet Zachariah and Righteous Elizabeth, parents of St John the Baptist (September 5); Commemoration of the Miracle of the Archangel Michael at Colossae (September 6); Martyr Sozón of Cilicia (September 7); NATIVITY OF OUR MOST-HOLY LADY THEOTOKOS AND EVER-VIRGIN MARY (September 8); Holy and Righteous Ancestors of God Joachim and Anna (September 9).

** Regular fasting this week; fish, wine, and oil allowed on Friday **

Epistle: I Corinthians 16:13-24 (Sunday)

Gospel: Matthew 21:33-42 (Sunday)

Troparion – Tone 4 (Resurrection)

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 – Tone 4 (Hieromartyr)

Like the apostles in character, /
A successor on their throne, O divinely-inspired one /
Through visions thou didst find thy work /
Rightly dividing the word of truth. /
Thou didst suffer for the sake of the faith /
Even to the shedding of thy blood ///
O hieromartyr Anthimus, pray Christ God that our souls may be saved.

Troparion – Tone 8 (Venerable Father)

Thine abundant tears made the *wilderness* sprout and bloom /
And thy suffering made thy *labors* fruitful a hundredfold /
Thou hast become a *shining* torch over all the world ///
O our holy father Theoctistus, pray to Christ God that He may save our souls.

Kontakion – Tone 4 (Resurrection)

My Savior and Redeemer as God /
Rose from the tomb and delivered the earthborn from their chains. /
He has shattered the gates of hades, /
And as Master, /// He has risen on the third day!

Kontakion – Tone 4 (Hieromartyr)

Living an honorable life as a priest /
Thou didst complete thy course of martyrdom; /
Thou didst extinguish the worship of idols /
Thus becoming a champion of thy flock. /
Therefore, we honor thee, /
And we mysticly cry out to thee: ///
Deliver us from every danger, O divinely-wise father Anthimus.