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Church School

Church School will resume next Sunday, Sept. 10. Please see Sara LaBrie for more information.

Saints of the Day

The Hieromartyr (Priestly-Martyr) 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 (see December 28). 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.

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September 3, 2023

Sunday Holy Scripture Reading

Apostolic Reading: 1 Corinthians 16:13-24

Gospel: St. Matthew 21:33-42

Services: *Sunday*-8 a.m. Orthros and 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy, *Weekdays* 8 a.m. Orthros and 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy when scheduled.

Saints of the Day: 13th Sunday of Matthew. Hieromartyr Anthimos of Nicomedia; Martyr Chariton; New-martyr Polydoros of Cyprus; Venerable Theoktistos, fellow-faster with Euthymios the Great; Phoebe the deaconess; uncovering of the relics of Nektarios of Pentapolis, the wonder-worker; Ioanikios I, patriarch of Serbia.

Hymns of the Day

Apolytikion of the Resurrection Tone 4

When the women disciples of the Lord heard the Angel joyously proclaim the resurrection, they cast aside the ancestral verdict, and boasting in glory they said to the Apostles, Death has been despoiled! Christ God has risen, granting the great mercy to the world!

Apolytikion for St. Anthimos Tone 4

Becoming a partner with the Apostles in way of life and successor to their thrones, O God-inspired Saint, in the active life you found an entrance to contemplation. Hence you rightly expounded the word of truth, and you shed your blood in struggling for the faith, O Hieromartyr Anthimos. Intercede with Christ our God, beseeching Him to save our souls.

Apolytikion for St. Theoklistos Tone 8

With the rivers of your tears you made the barren desert bloom; and with your sighs from deep within, you made your labors bear their fruits a hundredfold; and you became a star, illuminating the world by your miracles, O Theoktistos our devout father. Intercede with Christ our God, for the salvation of our souls.

Apolytikion of the Archangels Tone 4

Supreme Commanders of the Hosts of the Heavens, we, the unworthy, implore and beseech You that by Your supplications You encircle us in the

shelter of the wings of Your immaterial glory, guarding us who now fall down and cry to You with fervor: Deliver us from dangers of all kinds, as the great marshals of the heavenly hosts on high.

Kontakion for the Nativity of the Theotokos Tone 4

Both Joachim and Anna from their sterility's stigma, and Adam and Eve from their mortality's ruin have been set free, O immaculate Maid, by your holy nativity. For this do your people hold celebration, redeemed from the guilt of transgression as they cry to you, The barren one bears the Theotokos, the nourisher of our Life.

Divine Services

Wed. Sept. 6: Small Paraklesis 5pm.

Thurs. Sept. 7: Great Vespers 5pm

Fri. Sept. 8: Orthros 8am and Lit. 9am for the Nativity of the Theotokos

Sat. Sept. 9: Great Vespers 5pm

Holy Communion in the Orthodox Church

Holy Communion of the Orthodox Church is the Holy Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is *"With the fear of God, faith and love"* that we approach the Divine Mysteries. Therefore, Holy Communion is reserved only for those baptized and chrismated Orthodox Christians who have prepared themselves by prayer and fasting, as prescribed by the teachings of the Holy Orthodox Church. We ask that women, before approaching to receive from the Holy Cup, in respect of our Lord, to please remove lipstick.

Bookstore and Library

New Orthodox books and various items are available in the bookstore and come in weekly. Recently our Church bookstore received an amazing Icon donation from a parishioner (thank you!). These beautiful Icons are in perfect condition and are available for sale for very reasonable prices. The only way to know what is in offer at our wonderful bookstore is to come downstairs and have a look. *It's not who we are when we read a spiritual book that is most important, but who we are when we close it. ~Monk Simeon the Athonite*

Coffee Hour Signup

Please consider sponsoring a coffee hour. Donations are welcome!

Sept. 3: Sponsor Needed

Sept. 10: Sponsor Needed

Sept. 17: Sponsor Needed

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Metropolitan Isaiah

His Eminence suffered a broken hip at his residence. Surgery was performed on Monday and our Metropolitan is at rehab. It would be a wonderful gesture to a get well card to the Metropolitan. We are praying for a complete and quick recovery.

Stewardship 2023

On Sunday, December 11, 2022, following services, our Chairperson Ruxandra Georgescu offered some words of inspiration for us to be faithful stewards of the Church. Please see Ruxandra for a 2023 packet.

Photo Directory

Many thanks to Angie Bode Topakas for organizing our photo directory displayed in the hall. If you would like to have your family photo added please see Angie.

Inquirers Welcome

Those visiting our parish are welcome to set up a time to speak with Fr. Dennis about the Orthodox faith. Please see Fr. Dennis. Following services or call him on his cell phone listed on the front of the bulletin.

Saints Peter and Paul 50th Anniversary

On Saturday, September 23, 2023, Sts. Peter and Paul Greek Orthodox Church will have a banquet at the Embassy Suites in Boulder. For reservations and more information call 303.581.1434. Adults are \$100 and children \$25.

Capital Campaign Challenge Match

As we have striven to place God first, He has blessed us with growth. Standing room only on Sundays is no longer a rare phenomenon, as people from all walks of life and backgrounds crowd in to worship our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. In order to better serve the needs of our parish and enable us to play a larger role our community, we need to seek a larger space. To that end, the General Assembly in June 2023 approved the use of \$54,000 of Festival funds this year to serve as a matching campaign for the Capital Campaign...meaning every dollar we donate between now and the end of the year will be matched by the Festival up to \$54,000. Please prayerfully consider what you may be able to contribute toward this effort. Thank you!

Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology

This Sunday and next Sunday we will take a collection to benefit our seminary. Please be generous!

AMGOC 25th Annual Greek Festival

Many thanks to all who helped make the Festival a great success. *OPA!*

Greek School to Resume in the Fall

Alex Ellis offering Greek language classes free of charge. Classes resume on September 5, 2023 at 4:30 pm.

IOCC 5k Run/Walk

Saturday, **September 16, 2023**, registration at 8:00 am and Run/Walk 8:45 am. Blessing of the Five Loaves 10:00 am St. Catherine Greek Orthodox