



# ALL SAINTS OF AMERICA

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*Welcome to our parish!*

Thank you for choosing to worship with us on the Lord's Day. We are grateful for your prayers and participation!

Please join us for coffee hour after the service. Our priest, Father Alessandro, would love to greet and welcome you.

Holy Eucharist requires full communion of faith, so if you are not an Orthodox Christian, please do not approach the Chalice. If you are an Orthodox Christian, please note that communion must be preceded by fasting, recent Confession, and reconciliation with all people.

## September 3, 2023

13th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Tone 4

Hieromartyr Anthimus, Bishop of Nicomedia, and those with him  
St. Phœbe, Deaconess at Cenchreae

## Hieromartyr Anthimus, Bishop of Nicomedia

The Hieromartyr Anthimus, Bishop of Nicomedia, and those with him suffered during the persecution against Christians under the emperors Diocletian (284-305) and Maximian (305-311). The pagans accused the Christians of setting the fire and reacted against them with terrible ferocity. In Nicomedia alone, on the day of the Nativity of Christ, as many as twenty thousand Christians were burned inside a church. However, this monstrous inhumanity did not frighten the Christians, who firmly confessed their faith and endured martyrdom for Christ. Saints Dorotheus, Mardonius, Migdonius, Peter, Indes and Gorgonius died during this period. One of them was beheaded by the sword, others perished by burning, or being buried alive, or by drowning in the sea. The soldier Zeno boldly denounced the emperor Maximian, for which he was stoned, and then beheaded. Then the holy Virgin Martyr Domna, a former pagan priestess, perished at the hands of the pagans, and also Saint Euthymius, because of their concern that the bodies of the holy martyrs should be buried. Bishop Anthimus, who headed the Church of Nicomedia, hid himself in a village not far from Nicomedia 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 of his letters, sent with Deacon Theophilus, was intercepted and given to the emperor Maximian. Theophilus was interrogated and died under torture. After a while Maximian managed to learn where Saint Anthimus was, and sent a detachment of soldiers after him. The bishop met them along the way, but the soldiers did not recognize the saint. He invited them to join him and provided a meal, after which he revealed that he was the one they sought. The soldiers did not know what to do. They wanted to leave him and tell the emperor that they had not found him. Bishop Anthimus was not one to tolerate a lie, and so 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 Bishop 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.

### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

REQUESTING PRAYERS: Michelle, Daniel, Brian, Bobbi, Yuri

DEPARTED: Danyelle

BIRTHDAYS: Anton Dolgopolov, Matushka Anna Margheritino, Seth Chase

NAMEDAYS: Elizabeth (Libby) Garber

### NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PARISH SPECIAL MEETING: Please note that we will convene a Special Parish Meeting on Sunday, September 10 following Divine Liturgy. The meeting will only consider one item, the approval of the new parish by-laws. We invite especially the voting members to be in attendance.

CHURCH SCHOOL: Please note that Church School will resume on Sunday, September 10 at 8:45a. Just like last year, we will use the classrooms in the main Cameron building.

JOURNEY TO FULLNESS: Starting on September 14, Fr. Alessandro will lead the discussion on the introductory course to the Orthodox Church called *Journey to Fullness*. The course has been prepared and produced by [Fr. Barnabas Powell](#). The sessions will be held at 7:00p

every Thursday via Zoom  
(<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84045438423?pwd=cmNDYUZHZnBByTzpcWxOM1VzcDJwUT09>). We look forward to great discussions--this is open to all parishioners. If you would like to invite a friend or relative outside of All Saints, please speak to Fr. Alessandro.

**CHOIR REHEARSALS:** Choirs members, please note the dates of the choir rehearsals over the next few months: September 16, and October 14.

**MULTICULTURAL FESTIVAL:** The parish of St. Matthew Orthodox Church in Columbia, MD will host its annual multicultural festival on October 6-8. Please visit their website for more information.

### UPCOMING SERVICES & EVENTS

September 3, Sun

9:30 AM

Divine Liturgy

September 8, Fri

9:00 AM

Divine Liturgy

September 9, Sat

5:00 PM

Great Vespers

September 10, Sun

8:45 AM

Church School

9:30 AM

Divine Liturgy

11:30 AM

Special Parish Meeting

### MINISTRY ROTATIONS

**Sept 3**

**Sept 10**

*Coffee Hour:*

Class

Barr

*Reader:*

Class

Easton

*Fr. Alessandro is available for Confession on Saturday after Vespers or by appointment*