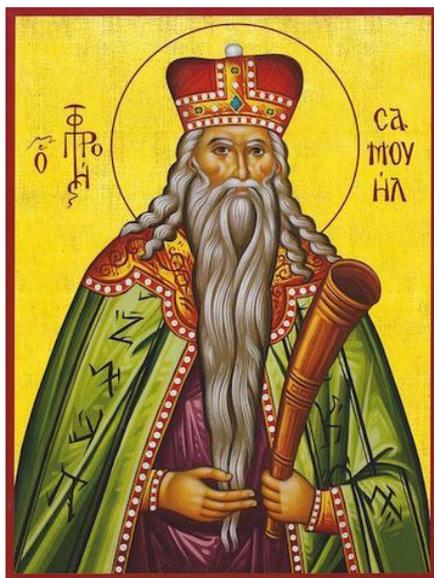




SAINT INNOCENT ORTHODOX CHURCH

September 3, 2017
13th Sunday after Pentecost
Hieromartyr Anthimus, Bishop of Nicomedia
Venerable Theoctistus



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Troparion and Kontakion for Sunday, September 3, 2017

Tone 4 Troparion (*Resurrection*)

When the women Disciples of the Lord learned from the Angel the joyous message of the Resurrection, they cast away the ancestral curse and elatedly told the Apostles: "Death is overthrown! Christ God is risen,//granting the world great mercy!"

Tone 4 Troparion (*Hieromartyr Anthimus*)

By sharing in the ways of the Apostles, you became a successor to their throne. Through the practice of virtue, you found the way to divine contemplation, O inspired one of God; by teaching the word of truth without error, you defended the Faith, even to the shedding of your blood. //Hieromartyr Anthimus, entreat Christ God to save our souls.

Tone 8 Troparion (*Venerable Theoctistus*)

By a flood of tears you made the desert fertile, and your longing for God brought forth fruits in abundance. By the radiance of miracles you illuminated the whole universe! Our Father Theoctistus, pray to Christ God to save our souls!

Tone 4 Kontakion (*Resurrection*)

My Savior and Redeemer as God rose from the tomb and delivered the earth-born from their chains. He has shattered the gates of hell, and as Master,//He has risen on the third day!

Tone 4 Kontakion (*Hieromartyr Anthimus*)

Living hon'rably as a priest, you completed the course of martyrdom; you extinguished the worship of idols and became a champion of your flock, O divinely wise one. Therefore, we honor you, mystically crying out: "Through your prayers deliver us from calamity, ever-memorable Anthimus."

Epistle: I Corinthians 16:13-24

16 Watch, stand fast in the faith, be brave, be strong. ¹⁴ Let all *that you do* be done with love. ¹⁵ I urge you, brethren — you know the household of Stephanas, that it is the firstfruits of Achaia, and *that* they have devoted themselves to the ministry of the saints — ¹⁶ that you also submit to such, and to everyone who works and labors with *us*. ¹⁷ I am glad about the coming of Stephanas, Fortunatus, and Achaicus, for what was lacking on your part they supplied. ¹⁸ For they refreshed my spirit and yours. Therefore acknowledge such men. ¹⁹ The churches of Asia greet you. Aquila and Priscilla greet you heartily in the Lord, with the church that is in their house. ²⁰ All the brethren greet you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. ²¹ The salutation with my own hand — Paul's. ²² If anyone does not love the Lord Jesus Christ, let him be accursed. O Lord, come! ²³ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ *be* with you. ²⁴ My love *be* with you all in Christ Jesus. Amen.

Gospel: Matthew 21:33-42

21 "Hear another parable: There was a certain landowner who planted a vineyard and set a hedge around it, dug a winepress in it and built a tower. And he leased it to vinedressers and went into a far country.³⁴ Now when vintage-time drew near, he sent his servants to the vinedressers, that they might receive its fruit. ³⁵ And the vinedressers took his servants, beat one, killed one, and stoned another. ³⁶ Again he sent other servants, more than the first, and they did likewise to them.³⁷ Then last of all he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' ³⁸ But when the vinedressers saw the son, they said among themselves, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and seize his inheritance.' ³⁹ So they took him and cast *him* out of the vineyard and killed *him*. ⁴⁰ "Therefore, when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those vinedressers?" ⁴¹ They said to Him, "He will destroy those wicked men miserably, and lease *his* vineyard to other

vinedressers who will render to him the fruits in their seasons.”⁴² Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the Scriptures: ‘The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. This was the LORD’s doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes’?”

Many Years!

Birthdays September 3 Elena Duran

Announcements for Sunday, September 3, 2017:

- Support IOCC
- Starting this month Fr. Theophan will be serving a 30-minute prayer service on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9am unless it is a feast day. All who are able to make it at that time are welcome.
- Starting this month on Wednesday evenings after Vespers we will be having a Bible study. This Bible study will be an informal guided study that focuses on Early Christian commentary. Building on our Lenten series we will continue to make our way through the Book of Genesis for the time being.
- The feast of the Nativity of the Theotokos is celebrated on Sept 7/8. We will have festal Vespers on the 7th and Divine Liturgy at 9am on the 8th.

We welcome all visitors to our Divine Liturgy this morning.

There are green service booklets in the entrance area of our Church that will help you follow along with the service if you like. While Holy Communion may only be received by prepared Orthodox Christians, our non-Orthodox guests are welcome to join us in venerating the cross and receiving the Holy Bread at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy.

Please join us for coffee hour.