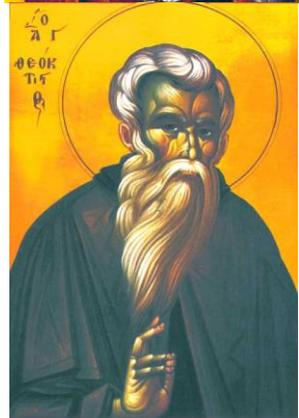


16. SEPTEMBER. 2018. 16-th. SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. TONE – 7.
 HIEROMARTYR ANTHIMUS, BISHOP OF NICOMEDIA, AND ST. THEOCTISTUS.
 16. ВЕРЕСЕНЬ. 2018. НЕДІЛЯ 16-та. ПО П'ЯТИДЕСЯТНИЦІ. ГОЛОС 7-ий.
 СВ. СВЯЩЕННОМУЧЕНИКА АНФІМА, ЄП. НИКОМІДІЙСЬКОГО, І ПРЕП. ФЕОКТИСТА.



Anthimus 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. 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.

Theoctist, Companion of St. Euthymius the Great. 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.

TROPAR OF SUNDAY IN TONE-7.

You destroyed death by Your Cross. You opened paradise to the thief. You changed the Myrrh-Bearers weeping and commanded Your apostles to proclaim that You are risen, O Christ God, granting the world great mercy.

TROPAR OF THE TEMPLE (ST. ELIA) IN TONE-4.

An angel incarnate, the foundation of prophets and second forerunner of the coming of Christ, glorious Elias sent grace from on high to Elisha to cast out sickness and cleanse lepers. Therefore he pours forth healing for all who honour him.

TROPAR OF HIEROMARTYR IN TONE-4. You did share in the ways of the apostles and occupied their throne, your activity became a passage to divine vision, O divinely inspired one. By speaking the word of truth, you did suffer for the Faith even to the shedding of your blood. O hieromartyr Anthimus, pray to Christ God, that our souls be saved.

TROPAR OF VENERABLE FATHER IN TONE - 8.

You did irrigate the barren desert with your tears, and with sighs from the depths of your soul you made it to bear fruit an hundredfold. You were a beacon to the whole world, radiating miracles. O Theoctistus our father, pray to Christ God, that our souls be saved.

KONDAK OF SUNDAY IN TONE-7. The dominion of death can no longer hold men captive, for Christ descended shattering and destroying its power. Hades is bound while the prophets rejoice in harmony. The Saviour has come to those who believe, saying; come forth you faithful, unto the resurrection.

ТРОПАР НЕДІЛЬНИЙ НА ГОЛОС 7-ий.

Зруйнував єси хрестом Твоїм смерть,
відкрив Ти розбійнику рай,
мироносицям плач змінив, і апостолам
проповідувати повелів єси, що воскрес,
Христе Боже, даючи світові велику
милість

ТРОПАР ХРАМУ (СВ. ІЛЛІ) НА ГОЛОС 4-ий.

У тілі ангел, пророків основа, другий
предтеча пришествя Христового - Ілля
славний, з висоти послав Єлисеєві
благодать недуги відганяти і
прокажених очищати. Тому і всім, що
почитають його, зливає зцілення.

ТРОПАР СВ. СВЯЩЕННОМУЧЕНИКА НА ГОЛОС 4-ий.

І по характеру до них належав, і
престол наслідував Апостолів, діями
Богонатхненними до видінь прийшов
духовний, а тому, слово істини Анфиме,
моли Христа Бога, щоб спасти нам душі
наші.

ТРОПАР ПРЕПОДОБНОМУ НА ГОЛОС 8-ий.

Сліз своїх потоками неродючість
оживив, а зітханнями із глибини серця
стократними трудами збагатив її, і був
ти світилом для світу, сяючи
чудодійствами, Феоктисте, отче наш,
моли Христа Бога, щоб спасти нам душі
наші.

КОНДАК НЕДІЛЬНИЙ НА ГОЛОС 7-ий. Влада
смерті не може вже тримати людей, бо
зійшов Христос, сокрушаючи і
знищуючи сили її. Ад вже переможений.
Пророки одностайно радуються.
Явився Спас сущим у вірі,
промовляючи, Виходьте, вірні, до
воскресіння.

KONDAK OF TEMPLE (ST. ELIA) IN TONE-2. O greatly renowned Prophet Elias, who foresaw the great deeds of our God; you stopped the rains of heaven by your command. Intercede for us with the only Lover of mankind.

GLORY to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

KONDAK OF HIEROMARTYR IN TONE-4. As a pious priest you finished the path of martyrdom, you extinguished the destruction of the idolaters, becoming a protector of your flock, O divinely wise one. Therefore we honour you, and from the depths of our hearts we cry out to you: Deliver us from evil by your prayers, O ever-memorable Anthimus.

NOW AND FOREVER and to the ages of ages. Amen.

THEOTOKION IN TONE – 6.

O Protection of Christians that cannot be put to shame, unchanging mediation unto the Creator, do not despise the suppliant voices of sinners, but be quick to come to our aid, O Good One, who in faith cry out to You: hasten to intercession and come quickly to make supplication, for You, O Theotokos, always protect those who honour You.

READER : “ **ПРОКІМЕН IN TONE – 7.** The Lord shall give strength to His people. The Lord shall bless His people with peace.”

CHOIR : “ The Lord shall give strength to His people. The Lord shall bless His people with peace.”

READER : “ Bring to the Lord, you sons of God, bring young rams to the Lord.”

CHOIR : “ The Lord shall give strength to His people. The Lord shall bless His people with peace.”

КОНДАК ХРАМУ (СВ. ІЛЛІ) НА ГОЛОС 2-ий.

Пророче і провидче великих діл Бога нашого, Ілля великоіменитий, вістуванням твоїм ти зупиняв і водоточні хмари. Моли за нас Єдиного Чоловіколюбця.

СЛАВА Отцю і Сину і Святому Духові.

КОНДАК СВ. СВЯЩЕННОМУЧЕНИКА НА ГОЛОС 4-ий.

У сані священика у благочесті проживши, мучеництвом шлях свій закінчив, Богомудрий, служби ідоцьскі припинив, охоронцем будучи для своєї пастви. А тому і вшановуємо тебе нині, із глибини сердець благаючи:

“Визволи нас від лиха твоїми молитвами, пріснопам’ятний Анфиме”.
І **НИНІ** і повсякчас і на віки вічні, Амінь.

БОГОРОДИЧНИЙ НА ГОЛОС 6-ий. Заступнице християн усердная, молитвенница до Творця надійная, не зневаж молитви грішників, але прийди швидше, як Благая, на поміч нам, що з вірою взиваємо до Тебе, поспіши на молитву і скоро прийди на благання, бо Ти заступаєшся завжди за тих, що шанують Тебе, Богородице.

ЧИТ. : “ **ПРОКІМЕН НА ГОЛОС 7-ий.**

Господь кріпость людям Своім дасть. Господь благословить людей Своїх миром.”

ХОР. : “ Господь кріпость людям Своім дасть. Господь благословить людей Своїх миром.”

ЧИТ. : (СТИХ) “ Принесіть Господеві, сини Божі, принесіть Господеві молодих ягнят.”

ХОР. : “ Господь кріпость людям Своім дасть. Господь благословить людей Своїх миром.”

READER : “ **ANOTHER PROKIMEN IN TONE**
– 7. Precious in the sight of the Lord is
the death of His Saints.”

CHOIR : “ Precious in the sight of the Lord
is the death of His Saints.”

ЧИТ. : “ **ДРУГИЙ ПРОКИМЕН НА ГОЛОС 7-**
ий. Чесна перед Господом смерть
преподобних Його.”

ХОР. : “ Чесна перед Господом смерть
преподобних Його.”

THE EPISTLE /АПОСТОЛ:

11 Corinthians. 6 : 1 - 10.

6 We then, as workers together *with Him* also plead with *you* not to receive the grace of God in vain. ² For He says:

“In an acceptable time I have heard you,
And in the day of salvation I have helped you.”

Behold, now *is* the accepted time; behold, now *is* the day of salvation.

³We give no offense in anything, that our ministry may not be blamed. ⁴ But in all *things* we commend ourselves as ministers of God: in much patience, in tribulations, in needs, in distresses, ⁵in stripes, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labors, in sleeplessness, in fastings; ⁶ by purity, by knowledge, by longsuffering, by kindness, by the Holy Spirit, by sincere love, ⁷ by the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armor of righteousness on the right hand and on the left, ⁸ by honor and dishonor, by evil report and good report; as deceivers, and *yet* true; ⁹ as unknown, and *yet* well known; as dying, and behold we live; as chastened, and *yet* not killed; ¹⁰ as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and *yet* possessing all things.

Hebrews. 13 : 7 - 16.

⁷ Remember those who rule over you, who have spoken the word of God to you, whose faith follow, considering the outcome of *their* conduct. ⁸ Jesus Christ *is* the same yesterday, today, and forever. ⁹ Do not be carried about with various and strange doctrines. For *it is* good that the heart be established by grace, not with foods which have not profited those who have been occupied with them.

¹⁰ We have an altar from which those who serve the tabernacle have no right to eat. ¹¹ For the bodies of those animals, whose blood is brought into the sanctuary by the high priest for sin, are burned outside the camp. ¹² Therefore Jesus also, that He might sanctify the people with His own blood, suffered outside the gate. ¹³ Therefore let us go forth to Him, outside the camp, bearing His reproach. ¹⁴ For here we have no continuing city, but we seek the one to come. ¹⁵ Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of *our* lips, giving thanks to His name. ¹⁶ But do not forget to do good and to share, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.

READER : “ ALLELUIA IN TONE – 7. It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to Your Name, O Most High.”
CHOIR : “ Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.”

ЧИТ. : “ АЛИЛУЯ НА ГОЛОС 7-ий. Благо є прославляти Господа, і співати Імені Твоєму, Всевишній. Аلیلія.”
ХОР. : “ Аلیلія, Аلیلія, Аلیلія.”

READER : “ To declare Your mercy in the morning and Your truth by night.”
CHOIR : “ Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.”

ЧИТ. : “ Сповідати вранці про милість Твою, і вночі про правду Твою. Аلیلія.”
ХОР. : “ Аلیلія, Аلیلія, Аلیلія.”

READER : “ ANOTHER ALLELUIA IN TONE – 2. Your priests shall clothe themselves with righteousness and Your righteous ones will rejoice.”
CHOIR : “ Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.”

ЧИТ. : “ АЛИЛУЯ НА ГОЛОС 2-ий. Священики Твої зодягнуться в правду, і преподобні Твої возрадуються.”
ХОР. : “ Аلیلія, Аلیلія, Аلیلія.”

GOSPEL/ЄВАНГЕЛІЄ

Matthew. 25 : 14 - 30

¹⁴ “For *the kingdom of heaven* is like a man traveling to a far country, *who* called his own servants and delivered his goods to them. ¹⁵ And to one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one, to each according to his own ability; and immediately he went on a journey.

¹⁶ Then he who had received the five talents went and traded with them, and made another five talents. ¹⁷ And likewise he who *had received* two gained two more also. ¹⁸ But he who had received one went and dug in the ground, and hid his lord’s money. ¹⁹ After a long time the lord of those servants came and settled accounts with them.

²⁰ “So he who had received five talents came and brought five other talents, saying, ‘Lord, you delivered to me five talents; look, I have gained five more talents besides them.’ ²¹ His lord said to him, ‘Well *done*, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.’ ²² He also who had received two talents came and said, ‘Lord, you delivered to me two talents; look, I have gained two more talents besides them.’ ²³ His lord said to him, ‘Well *done*, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.’

²⁴ “Then he who had received the one talent came and said, ‘Lord, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you have not sown, and gathering where you have not scattered seed. ²⁵ And I was afraid, and went and hid your talent in the ground. Look, *there* you have *what is yours*.’

²⁶ “But his lord answered and said to him, ‘You wicked and lazy servant, you knew that I reap where I have not sown, and gather where I have not scattered seed. ²⁷ So you ought to have deposited my money with the bankers, and at my coming I would have received back my own with interest. ²⁸ So take the talent from him, and give *it* to him who has ten talents.

²⁹ “For to everyone who has, more will be given, and he will have abundance; but from him who does not have, even what he has will be taken away. ³⁰ And cast the unprofitable servant into the outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’

John. 10 : 9 - 16.

⁹ I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture.

¹⁰ The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have *it* more abundantly.

¹¹ "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep. ¹² But a hireling, *he who is* not the shepherd, one who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees; and the wolf catches the sheep and scatters them. ¹³ The hireling flees because he is a hireling and does not care about the sheep. ¹⁴ I am the good shepherd; and I know My *sheep*, and am known by My own. ¹⁵ As the Father knows Me, even so I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep. ¹⁶ And other sheep I have which are not of this fold; them also I must bring, and they will hear My voice; and there will be one flock *and* one shepherd.

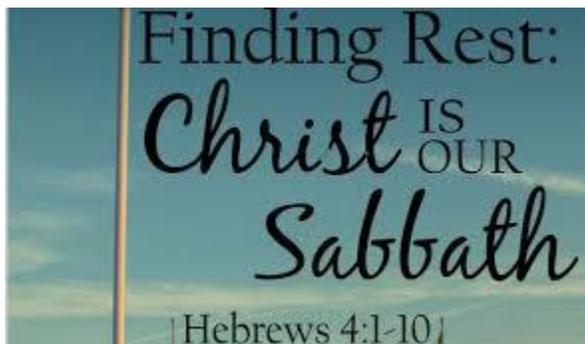
COMMUNION VERSE:

" Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest. Alleluia."

" The righteous man shall be in everlasting remembrance. He shall not fear evil tidings. Alleluia."

ПРИЧАСНИЙ. " Хвалить Господа з небес, хвалить його в небі. Алилуя."

" В пам'ять вічну буде праведник. Лихої слави він не убоїться. Алилуя."



The Lord's Day, the day of His Resurrection, is a precious and holy jewel on our weekly calendar, reminding us each week that people do not live by bread alone but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God. We need the reminder at the beginning of each week that we are no lonely wanderers in this world but that God is with us, speaking to us His words of

eternal life and offering Himself to us as the Bread of Life.

Sunday comes to remind us weekly that there is more to our lives than the sweaty routines of our everyday existence. Sunday reminds us that there is something sacred in us that remains hungry even after our bodies are fed, something that is not only alive but that seeks meaning and purpose in life.

Sunday stands as a weekly reminder that calendar time has a purpose, namely to lead us to the Kingdom of God.

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