

# Saintly Notes

## The Hieromartyr Autonomos (September 12)

**D**uring Diocletian's persecution, Autonomos left Italy for Asian Bithynia, for a place called Soreoi. There, he converted many to Christianity, and built a church for them dedicated to the holy Archangel Michael.

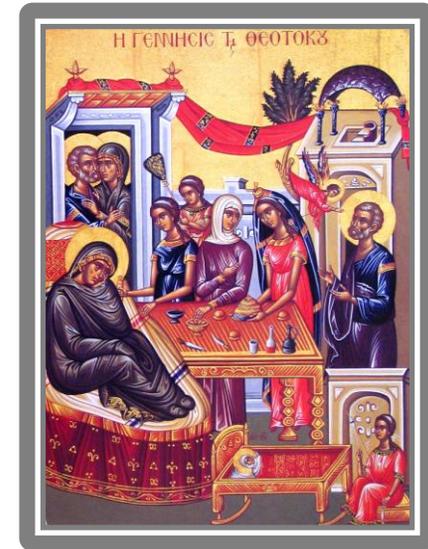
Autonomos lived in the home of a devout Christian, Cornelius, whom he first ordained as a presbyter, and then consecrated to the episcopacy. Not far from Soreoi there was a place called Limnae, inhabited entirely by pagans. St. Autonomos went to this place and soon enlightened many with the Gospel of Christ. This embittered the pagans, and one day they rushed into the Church of the Holy Archangel Michael in Soreoi during the divine service and slew Autonomos in the sanctuary, and killed many other Christians in the church.

During the reign of the Emperor Constantine, Severian, a royal nobleman, built a church over the tomb of St. Autonomos. Two hundred years after his death, St. Autonomos appeared to a soldier named John. John exhumed the relics of the saint and found them to be completely incorrupt, and many who were sick received healing from Autonomos' relics. Thus, God glorifies the one who glorified Him while living in the flesh.

*(The Prologue from Ochrid)*

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## The Saints Whom We Remember

Hieromartyrs Autonomos of Italy and Coronatos of Iconium;

Martyr Okeanos; Venerable Daniel of Thasios

## This Week's Schedule

**Today:** 9:00a Orthros; 10:00a Divine Liturgy  
**Monday:** Church Office Closed; 6:30p Eve. Div. Liturgy for the Exaltation of the Holy Cross  
**Tuesday:** 7:00p Parish Council  
**Wednesday:** 9:15a 3<sup>rd</sup> Hour Prayer; 6:30p Daily Vespers  
**Saturday:** 9:00a Women's Bible Study; 5:30p Great Vespers;  
**Sunday:** 9:00a Orthros; 10:00a Divine Liturgy

## First Antiphon

*Refrain:* Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us.

## Second Antiphon

*Refrain:* Save us, O Son of God, *Who art risen from the dead*, who sing to Thee. Alleluia.

## Third Antiphon

For the Nativity of the Theotokos  
(Tone 4)

Here will I dwell, for I have desired it. The Most High hath sanctified His tabernacle. Holy is Thy temple, and wonderful in righteousness.

*(Troparion of the Nativity of the Theotokos)* Thy nativity, O Theotokos, hath proclaimed joy to the whole universe; for from thee did shine forth the

Sun of justice, Christ our God, annulling the curse, and bestowing the blessing, abolishing death and granting us life everlasting.

## Little Entrance

† *Entrance Hymn:* "Come, let us worship and bow down before Christ . . . Alleluia."

† *Troparion of the Resurrection (Tone 7):* Thou didst shatter death by Thy Cross, Thou didst open paradise to the thief; Thou didst turn the sadness of the ointment-bearing women into joy. And didst bid Thine Apostles proclaim a warning, that Thou hast risen O Christ, granting to the world the Great Mercy.

† *Troparion of the Nativity of the Theotokos (Tone 4):* (See above)

† *Troparion for All Saints (Tone 4):* As with fine porphyry and royal

purple Thy Church has been adorned with Thy martyr's blood shed throughout all the world. She cries to Thee, O Christ God, send down Thy bounties on Thy people, grant peace to Thy habitation and great mercy to our souls.

† *Kontakion of the Nativity of the Theotokos (Tone 4):* By thy holy nativity, O pure one, Joachim and Anna were delivered from the reproach of barrenness; and Adam and Eve were delivered from the corruption of death; thy people do celebrate it, having been saved from the stain of iniquity, crying unto thee, The barren doth give birth to the Theotokos, who nourisheth our life.

## The Trisagion

Holy God, Holy Mighty, . . .

## Scripture

for today and next Sunday

Today: (See insert)

Next Sunday:

Epistle: Gal. 2:16–20  
Gospel: Mark.8:34—9:1

## Alegalynarion

(Tone 8)

*Magnify, O my soul, the Virgin Mary, born of a barren womb.*

Verily, virginity, O Theotokos, is impossible for a mother, as birth-giving is impossible for virgins. Yet in thee hath the dispensation of both been accomplished. Wherefore, all we families of the earth ceaselessly bless thee.

## Communion Hymn

(Tone 8)

I will receive the cup of salvation, and call upon the Name of the Lord. Alleluia.

## Post-Communion Hymn

We have seen the true light . . .

## Parish Notes

### Altar Servers Today

Ethan Haynes, Rim Gibrealfa, John Pridgen, Jonah Sieck, Michael Fogg, Justin Fogg, Aidan Labrozzi.

### Special Attention

- **Extraordinary Designated Gifts for our New Temple and Education Wing.** On the Narthex table you will find a brochure with a list of possible gifts for our new building.

Please read the message from Fr. Nicholas on page 2 of the brochure. It contains important information about how donations can be made.

We currently have donations for the center dome icon, the altar table, Last Supper Icon, and the Theotokos icon on the iconostasis. Thank God for the generosity of our parishioners.

- **Women's Fellowship Bible Study.** All women are invited to attend this brunch and study, Saturday September 18<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am to 11:00am in the Parish Hall. Contact Khr. Barbara (772-9819) for further information.
- **Saint Sophia Prayer Group.** Calling all mothers, grandmothers, godmothers and anyone who prays for our children—join us as we pray the Akathist hymn to the Mother of God for our children on the first Tuesday of every month, at 10:00am in the Nave. See brochures on the Narthex table.
- **September Calendars Available on the Narthex Table.**
- **Building Update.** We are still expecting the first Divine Liturgy to be celebrated in our new temple on October 3, 2010.

## Today's Epistle and Gospel Readings

### **Prokeimenon:**

O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance.

*To Thee, O Lord, I have cried, O my God.*

### **†Epistle: Gal. 6:11–18 (RSV)**

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