

Saintly Notes

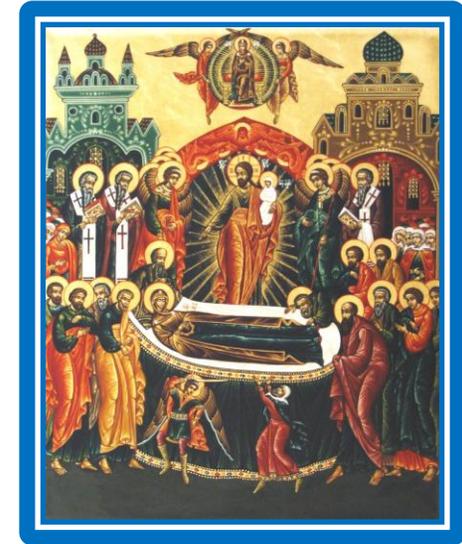
Martyr Agathonikos of Nicomedia and Those with Him (August 22)

St. Agathonikos was a citizen of Nicomedia and a Christian by faith. With great zeal he converted the Hellenes from idolatry and instructed them in the true Faith.

By order of Emperor Maximian, the emperor's deputy cruelly persecuted the Christians. During the persecution, the deputy captured St. Zoticus in a place called Carpe, crucified his disciples and brought Zoticus to Nicomedia where he also captured and bound St. Agathonikos, Princeps, Theoprepius, (Bogoljepa), Acindynus, Severianus, Zeno and many others. Securely bound, they were all taken to Byzantium.

However, along the way, Saints Zoticus, Theoprepius and Acindynus died of their many wounds and exhaustion. They killed Severianus near Chalcedon and, Agathonikos with the others were taken to Thrace to the town of Silybria where, after torture before the emperor himself, they were beheaded and entered into eternal life and into the joy of their Lord.

(The Prologue from Ochrid)



13th Sunday after Pentecost (After - Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos)

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August 22, 2010

The Saints Whom We Remember

Martyr Agathonikos of Nicomedia and those with him

This Week's Schedule

Today: 9:00a Orthros; 10:00a Divine Liturgy; 12:00noon Open House
Walk Through of New Temple and Education Wing
Monday: Church Office Closed
Wednesday: 9:15a 3rd Hour Prayer; 6:30p Daily Vespers
Thursday: 7:00p St. Thekla (Kliewer home)
Saturday: 1:00p Baptism; 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

(Tone 1)

Ready is my heart, O God, ready is my heart; I will sing and chant in my glory. What shall I render to the Lord for all that He hath given me? I will receive the cup of salvation, and call upon the Name of the Lord.

Troparion of the Dormition: In thy birth-giving, O Theotokos, thou didst keep and preserve virginity; and in thy falling-asleep thou hast not forsaken the world;

for living thou wast translated, being the Mother of Life. Wherefore, by thine intercessions, deliver our souls from death.

Little Entrance

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

† *Troparion of the Resurrection (Tone 4):* Having learned the joyful message of the Resurrection from the angel the women disciples of the Lord cast from them their parental condemnation. And proudly broke the news to the Disciples, saying, Death hath been spoiled; Christ God is risen, granting the world Great Mercy.

† *Troparion of the Dormition (Tone 1):* (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 Dormition (Tone 2):* Verily, the Theotokos, who is ever watchful in intercessions, who is never rejected, neither tomb nor death could control. But being the Mother of Life, He Who dwelt in her ever-Virgin womb did translate her to life.

The Trisagion

Holy God, Holy Mighty, . . .

Scripture

for today and next Sunday

Today: (See insert)

Next Sunday:

Epistle: Acts 13:25-33
Gospel: Mark. 6:14-30

Alegalynarion

(Tone 8)

It is truly meet and right to bless thee. . .

Communion Hymn

(Tone 8)

Praise 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

- **Open House Today.** Today you will have the opportunity to walk through our new temple and education building. We think that you will be amazed at the progress and the beauty already.
Our first Divine Liturgy in the new temple is still scheduled for October 3rd (if all goes as planned).
- **Extraordinary Designated Gifts for our New Temple and Education Wing.** In you bulletin this morning 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.
- **Farewell and Many Years to Fr. Philip and Khr. Tamera.** Today is the last Sunday that the Fr. and Khr. Pelikan will be with us for awhile. Fr. Philip and Khouria Tamera have received an assignment to Italy for the next three years. We have been blessed to have them with us for the last 3 years. They will be missed, but not forgotten. Both will continually be in our prayers and hopefully we will come back to NC for vacations, and maybe permanently when Fr. Philip retires. They will always be beloved members of our All Saints' family. May God grant them a safe and productive tour of duty and many, many ,many years. "**Arrivederci! Ci mancherete. Che Dio vi benedica**"

Today's Epistle and Gospel Readings

Prokeimenon:

O Lord, how marvelous are Thy works. In wisdom hast Thou made them all.

Bless the Lord, O my soul!

†Epistle: 1 Cor. 16:13–24 (RSV)

Brethren, be watchful, stand firm in your faith, be courageous, and be strong. Let all that you do be done in love. Now, brethren, you know that the household of Stephanas were the first converts in Achaia, and they have devoted themselves to the service of the saints; I urge you to be subject to such men and to every fellow worker and laborer. I rejoice at the coming of Stephanas and Fortunatus and Achaicus, because they have made up for your absence; for they refreshed my spirit as well as yours. Give recognition to such men. The churches of Asia send greetings. Aquila and Prisca, together with the church in their house, send you hearty greetings in the Lord. All the brethren send greetings. Greet one another with a holy kiss. I, Paul, write this greeting with my own hand. If anyone has no love for the Lord, let him be accursed. Our Lord, come! The grace of the Lord Jesus be with you. My love be with you all in Christ Jesus. Amen.

†Gospel: Matt. 21:33–42 (RSV)

The Lord spoke this parable: "There was a householder who planted a vineyard, and set a hedge around it, and dug a wine press in it, and built a tower, and let it out to tenants, and went into another country. When the season of fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants, to get his fruit; and the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other servants, more than the first; and they did the same to them. Afterward he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.' And they took him and cast him out of the vineyard, and killed him. When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons." Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the Scriptures: 'The very stone which the builders rejected has become the head of the corner; this was the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes?'"

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