

The Martyrs Anicetus and Photius

The Martyrs Anicetus and Photius (his nephew) were natives of Nicomedia. Anicetus, a military official, denounced the emperor Diocletian (284-305) for setting up in the city square an implement of execution for frightening Christians. The enraged emperor ordered Saint Anicetus to be tortured, and later condemned him to be devoured by wild beasts. But the lions they set loose became gentle and fawned at his feet. The martyr's nephew, Saint Photius, saluted the sufferer and turned to the emperor, saying, "O idol-worshipper, your gods are nothing!" The sword, held over the new confessor, struck the executioner instead. Then the martyrs were thrown into prison. After three days Diocletian urged them, "Worship our gods, and I shall give you glory and riches." The martyrs answered, "May you perish with your honor and riches!" Finally, Diocletian ordered a great furnace to be fired up, and many Christians, inspired by the deeds of Saints Anicetus and Photius, went in themselves saying, "We are Christians!" They all died with a prayer on their lips. The bodies of Saints Anicetus and Photius were not harmed by the fire, and even their hair remained whole. Seeing this, many of the pagans came to believe in Christ. This occurred in the year 305.

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Afterfeast of the Transfiguration; Martyrs Anicetus and Photius

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Readings

Epistle 1 Corinthians 9:2-12
Gospel Matthew 18:23-35

Tone 2 Troparion (Resurrection)

When Thou didst descend to death, O Life immortal, Thou didst slay hell with the splendor of Thy Godhead. And when from the depths Thou didst raise the dead, all the powers of heaven cried out:// "O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to Thee!"

Tone 7 Troparion (Transfiguration)

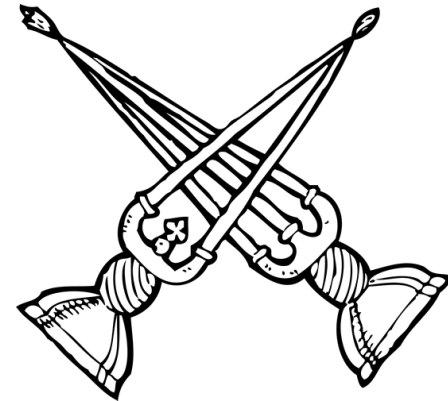
Thou wast transfigured on the mountain, O Christ God, revealing Thy glory to Thy Disciples as far as they could bear it. Let Thine everlasting Light also shine upon us sinners, through the prayers of the Theotokos!// O Giver of Light, glory to Thee!

Tone 4 Troparion (for the Martyrs)

Thy holy martyrs Anicétus and Photius, O Lord, through their sufferings have received incorruptible crowns from Thee, our God. For having Thy strength, they laid low their adversaries, and shattered the powerless boldness of demons.// Through their intercessions, save our souls!

Tone 8 Troparion (for St Maximus)

Champion of Orthodoxy, teacher of purity and of true worship, enlightener of the universe and the adornment of the hierarchs: all-wise Father Maximus, thy teachings have gleamed with light upon all things.// Intercede before Christ God to save our souls!



This Week at St. Herman's

Sunday, August 12th - Afterfeast of the Transfiguration

Wine & Oil

- 9:30 AM - Divine Liturgy
- Coffee Hour in the parish hall

Tuesday, August 14th - Prophet Micah

Wine & Oil

- 7:00 PM - Vigil for Dormition

Wednesday, August 15th - Dormition of the Most Holy Theotokos

Fish, Wine & Oil

- 9:00 AM - Divine Liturgy

Thursday, August 16th - Image of Christ not made with hands

- 6:00 PM - NT Greek Class
- 7:00 PM - Parish Council Meeting

Saturday, August 18th - Martyrs Florus and Laurus

- 6:30 PM - Jesus Prayer
- 7:00 PM - Great Vespers