

## THE SCHEDULE OF THE CHURCH SERVICES

*For September 2017.*

- 03.09. - (Sunday) - Divine Liturgy @ 10:00 am
- 10.09. - (Sunday) - Divine Liturgy @ 10:00 am
- 11.09. - **THE BEHEADING OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST** (Monday) - Divine Liturgy @ 10:00 am
- 13.09. - **HOLY NEW MARTYRES OF JASENOVAC**
- 17.09. - (Sunday) - Divine Liturgy @ 10:00 am
- 21.09. - **NATIVITY OF THE THEOTOKOS** (Thursday) - Divine Liturgy @ 10:00 am
- 24.09. - (Sunday) - Divine Liturgy @ 10:00 am
- 27.09. - **HOLY CROSS DAY** (Wednesday) - Divine Liturgy @ 10.00 am

### **ОБАВЕШТЕЊА**

- Канцеларија ЦШО отворена је УТОРКОМ, ЧЕТВРТОМ и ПЕТКОМ ОД 09:00 - 12:00 часова



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## HOLY HIEROMATYR ANTHYMUS



Born in Nicomedia, he was brought up from childhood as a true Christian. "His body was mortified, his spirit humble; jealousy was uprooted, anger tamed, sloth banished. ... he had love for all and was at peace with all, had a good understanding with all, was filled with zeal for the glory of God and was open to all." It is not surprising that a man of such virtues was made a bishop. St Anthimus worked as a bishop in Nicomedia at the time of a harsh persecution of Christians under the two wicked Emperors Diocletian and Maximian. Streams of Christian blood were spilled, especially in Nicomedia. One

year, on the feast of the Nativity of Christ, twenty thousand martyrs were burned in one church (see Dec. 28th). This happened during Anthimus's episcopate. The persecution did not end with this, but continued, and many Christians were thrown into prison and kept there for torture and death. St Anthimus withdrew to a village, Omana, not to escape death but to be able thence to strengthen his flock in the path of martyrdom, that none should draw back through fear. One of his letters to the Christians in prison was seized and taken to the Emperor Maximian. The Emperor sent twenty soldiers to find Anthimus and take him. The grey-beard, discerning this, went out to meet the soldiers, brought them into his house as his guests and only then revealed that he was Anthimus. The soldiers, amazed at his kindness, urged him to hide, and said that they would tell the Emperor that they had been unable to find him, but Anthimus replied that he dared not allow God's Law to be violated by a lie in order to save his life. So he set out with the soldiers. On the way, all the soldiers came to faith in Christ and were baptised by Anthimus. Brought before the Emperor, Anthimus was submitted to harsh and long-drawn-out torture, and was finally beheaded with an axe. He glorified God and entered into rest in the Lord at the beginning of the fourth century.

## PRAYER TO THE HOLY CROSS

Let God arise, and let His enemies be scattered; and let those who hate Him flee from His face. As smoke vanishes, let them vanish; and as wax melts from the presence of fire, so let the demons perish from the presence of those who love God and who sign themselves with the Sign of the Cross and say with gladness: Hail, most precious and life-giving Cross of the Lord, for Thou drivest away the demons by the power of our Lord Jesus Christ Who was crucified on thee, went down to hell and trampled on the power of the devil, and gave us thee, His honorable Cross, for driving away all enemies.

O most precious and life-giving Cross of the Lord, help me with our holy Lady, the Virgin Theotokos, and with all the Saints throughout the ages. Amen.

