



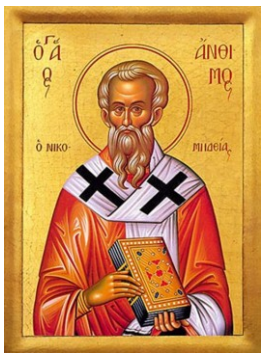
WEEKLY BULLETIN

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Saint John The Baptist Orthodox Church

September 16, 2018

Church Lectionary & Typicon



Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost Priest-Martyr Anthimus

Epistle : 2 Corinthians 6:1-10;
Gospel : Matthew 25: 14-30

Resurrectional Tone 7



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Church Services and Events

Wednesday, September 19	7:00PM Adult Education
Thursday, September 20	7:00PM Great Vespers & Litya
Friday, September 21	9:00AM Liturgy Nativity of the Mother of God
Saturday, September 22	9:00AM Pagachi Workshop 12:00PM Picnic Set-up 5:00PM Great Vespers
Sunday, September 23	9:00AM Divine Liturgy 10:45AM Church School 12:00PM Church Picnic

St John's Stewards

Date	Coffee Hour	Host	Hours	Epistle	Church Cleaner
Sept 23	Booth		Pani Carol	Cantors	Cleaning Service
Sept 30	Decerbo		Holly	Bill	Cleaning Service

2018 Parish Stewardship Offering (As of 09/09/18)

YTD: \$46,975.00 Goal: \$70,000.00

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Announcements

CHURCH SCHOOL BEGINS TODAY! - The 2018-2019 Church School Year begins Today. Class list and schedule has been sent to all parents. Parents are asked to be sure that their children will be in attendance each week. Thank you to our teachers for their willingness to teach our children. Many Years!

CHURCH PICNIC - SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 23, 2018 - All are invited to attend our Annual Parishioner appreciation Picnic on Sunday Sept 23rd at 12 Noon. There is no cost to attend, but we are in need of a few items to be donated in addition to raffle prizes. Help is also needed setting up for the picnic on Sat the 22nd, and taking shifts at the grill/kitchen area. Please add your name to the sign up sheets in the Church hall or contact Jean Lomme, Picnic Chairman.

NEW: PROPERTY MAINTENANCE FUND Our monthly Property Maintenance Fund Collections are now targeted towards specific needs. As announced at the Semi-Annual Meeting we have two pressing projects at the parish Rectory: Replacing the Front Door and sidelights (Original Doors from the 1890's) and the Garage overhead doors.

The total cost is approximately \$5500. (\$4000 for Front Door and \$1500 for the garage doors). Please keep this in mind when making your monthly property maintenance fund donation. The August Collection netted \$448.00. We are pleased to announce that we have received an anonymous donation of \$2100 and an additional \$2166.00 in memory of Lawrence Beck and Mildred Paproski. Additional donations of any amount will gratefully be accepted. We are most grateful to our parishioners for all their efforts in maintaining and improving our Church properties over the years. How blessed we are to have such a beautiful parish complex which is truly our little slice of Paradise, the Kingdom of Heaven on Earth. AS OF 9/09/18 TOTAL = \$4,714.00.00, GOAL = \$5500. WE ARE ALMOST THERE - only \$784 to go! WILL YOU HELP US REACH OUR GOAL?

PARISH SURVEY - All parishioners have received a copy of our parish survey. As of this writing only 6 people have returned the form. Perhaps this seems like a daunting task as the form is several pages long. Feel free to fill out those areas that are applicable or for which you feel strongly about. It is to be completed by all parishioners, including youth. Please place the completed forms in the metal collection box on the candle desk or mail them into the Church by next Sunday.

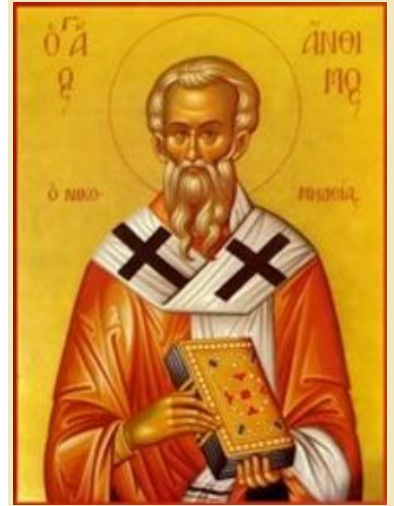
ADULT EDUCATION DISCUSSION - Our Weekly Scripture Study Class is now taking a pause until after the beginning of the Church New Year. It will resume on Wednesday, September 19, 2018.

COMMUNITY SUPPER - Our next meal will be Monday Sept 17th at The Lord's Kitchen, Christ Church, Stratford, CT. Please see Mary or Eve if you wish to help.

CHURCH DUES - As a reminder Church dues are \$75.00 per adult member. If you have not already paid your annual dues, please do so as soon as possible. As always if you are experiencing a financial hardship please speak to Fr. Peter so that they can be waived if necessary.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR - NE Deanery DDD Dinner - Sunday Oct 21 at Robertos Restaurant in Monroe, CT.

Lives of The Saints



**St. Anthimus,
Bishop of Nicomedia
September 3/16**

After the death of the 20,000 Martyrs of Nicomedia, their Bishop Anthimus fled to a certain village to care for his remaining flock. The Emperor Maximian sent men in search of him. When they found him, he promised to show Anthimus to them, but first took them in as guests, fed them, and only then made himself known to them. Amazed at his kindness, the soldiers promised him to tell Maximian that they had not found him. But Anthimus went willingly with them, and converting them by his admonitions, baptized them on the way. He boldly confessed his Faith before Maximian, and after frightful tortures was beheaded in the year 303 or 304.

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CHURCH HALL CHAIR REPLACEMENT - THANK YOU

PARISHIONERS! We have received sufficient pledges to purchase new chairs for the Church hall. The molded plastic chairs received the most votes, so we will be going with that. Please see Tom Decerbo to fulfill your pledge and make payment. You may also place your payment in an envelope clearly marked with your Name and Chair Pledge Payment and put it in the collection basket or in the metal donation box on the candle desk. Once we have received all the money pledged, they will be purchased. While we be using many of the existing chairs for our church picnics, a number of these chairs will be available for purchase at a suggested price of \$5.00. If anyone is interested in purchasing chairs, please see Tom Decerbo.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Sept 17	Diane Rowland/Brian Biles	Anniversary
Sept 19	Fr. Peter & Pani Carol	Anniversary
Sept 21	Holly Bilcheck	Birthday

FINANCIAL STATISTICS 9/16/18

Pew Collection	2638.00
7 Day Candles	6.00
First Sunday- Property Maintenance Collection	20.00
4 Hour Candles	198.00
<u>Donation to Ship Icons to OCMC</u>	<u>37.00</u>
TOTAL	\$2,907.00

Note of Thanks From Fr. Peter

On behalf of Pani Carol and myself, I would like to thank all of the members of our parish family for your kindness, generosity and love expressed to us last weekend at my 25th Anniversary of Ordination to the Holy Priesthood celebration. A special thanks to the Anniversary Banquet committee for putting on such a wonderful dinner and celebration. May Grant All Of You Many Years!

