

Monastic Martyr Anastasia of Rome (Oct 29)

The Monastic Martyr Anastasia the Roman lost her parents when she was three years old, and was taken to be raised by the Igoumeness of a women's monastery, whose name was Sophia, a nun who had attained a high degree of spiritual perfection. She raised Anastasia in fervent faith, in the fear of God, and obedience. After seventeen years, Anastasia became known as a great ascetic, and she was very beautiful.

The Emperor Decius (249-251) began his persecution of Christians at that time. The city administrator, Probus, following the Emperor's orders, commanded that Anastasia be brought to him. Blessed by her Igoumeness to suffer for Christ, the young martyr Anastasia went out to meet the armed soldiers. Seeing her youth and beauty, Probus first tried flattery to make her deny Christ. "Why do you waste your youth deprived of pleasure?" he asked. "What is to be gained by enduring tortures and death for the Crucified? Worship our gods, marry a handsome husband, and live with glory and honor."

While Saint Anastasia stood before the ruler, her mind stood before Christ, and with her spiritual eyes, she beheld the comeliness of her Bridegroom. The Saint replied, "My spouse, my riches, my life and my happiness are my Lord Jesus Christ, and you cannot turn me away from Him by your deceit!"

Probus had her stripped of her clothing, in order to humiliate her. She told him, "You can have me whipped, beaten, and cut to pieces, and then my nakedness will be hidden by my wounds, and my blood will cover my shame."

Probus subjected Anastasia to horrible tortures. The holy martyr bravely endured all of them, glorifying and praising God. When she became thirsty she asked for some water, and a Christian named Cyril gave her a drink. She thanked him, but Probus had him beheaded.

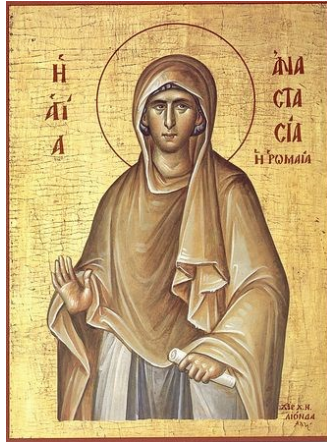
Then her tormentors cut off her breasts and ripped out her tongue, while an Angel held her upright. When the people witnessed the inhuman and disgusting treatment the Saint received, they became indignant, and Probus was forced to end the tortures by having her beheaded. In this manner, Saint Anastasia received the unfading crown of martyrdom.

Saint Anastasia's body was thrown outside the city limits to be eaten by wild animals, but the Lord did not permit her holy relics to be dishonored. By the instructions of a holy Angel, Igoumeness Sophia found Saint Anastasia's mutilated body. With the help of two Christians, she buried it in the earth.

Her right tibia with the skin is at Grigoriou Monastery on Mount Athos, and pieces of her relics are at the Saint Alexander Nevsky Lavra in St. Petersburg.

Saint Anastasia the Roman should not be confused with Saint Anastasia Pharmakolytria, who is commemorated on December 22.

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October 29, 2023

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

COMMEMORATIONS:

VENERABLE MARTYR ANASTASIA THE ROMAN
VENERABLE ABRAHAM AND HIS NIECE MARY OF
MESOPOTAMIA
NEW HIEROMARTYR ATHANASIOS OF SPARTA

Tone 4 - Eothion 10
Orthros Gospel: St. John 21:1-14
Epistle: Galatians 2:16-20
Liturgy Gospel: St. Luke 8:41-56

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!

TODAY: ORTHROS 8:45 a.m.
Divine LITURGY 10 a.m.
Sunday School & Teens
Coffee Hour

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Office Hours: Monday, Wednesday, Friday 8:30am - 3:30pm

Fr Noah & Fr James are available for hospital visits. Please contact them directly or call the church office.

Weekly Ministries & Stewards:

	This Week:	Next Week (Nov 5):
COFFEE HOUR	Bagel Sunday	Festival Worker Appreciation
PROSPHORA BREAD:	Kristi Moore	Sdn Justin
ALTAR CANDLES:	Gohls — Justin b-day	Rice Family – Emmeleia's B-day
USHERS:	Steve K. & Dan M.	Rdr Nick & Todd M.
CLEANING TEAM:	Gambles & Teens	Hertzlers; Nick T; Pam F.
COFFEE HOUR TEAM:	Sh Hannah; Tatiana; Christian/Zach W; Zach F	Myriam; Conor; Andrew; Daniel

Mark Your Calendar:

Current Education Opportunities:

Bible Study on Romans
Thursdays after Slavic Tones Vespers

Catechumen & Inquirer Class
5pm Saturdays before Vespers

Book Discussion on Gender Dysphoria
5pm Saturdays before Vespers
Sept 23 - Dec 9

Byzantine Notation Intro
Saturdays, 5:00-6:20pm
Sept 23 - Dec 16

Bp THOMAS Visit *November 13-15*

On Monday, Nov 13, we will have a catered banquet with Bp THOMAS for the 45th anniversary celebration of our parish. Donations toward building fund are welcome. Talk to Louise Shaheen for more details or to help.

St Philip Day *November 14*

Nativity Fast
November 15 - December 24

Pray For:

Living	Departed
N.I. Evan James	+Raymond
N.I. Thomas	(October Parish
N.I. Salome	Diptychs)
N.I. Eliana Mary	+Steve
Met. Onuphry and faithful of Ukraine	+Marcella
Faithful of Ethiopia	+Mary
Pr. Andrew, family, & parishioners	+Dorothy
Kh. Joyce	+Katherine
Mary	+Milan
Child Timothy	+Maria
Xenia	+Alex
George	+Gus
Ephrem	+Theodore
Nicole	+Mary
Raymond	+John
Patrick	+Alfred-Anthony
Doris	+Else
John	+Ayele
James	+Laurence
Helen	
Wadieh	
Mary	
Victoria	<u>Catechumens</u>
Alexandra	Lucretia
Steve	Ryan
Lasha	Alina
Otari	Nicholas,
John	Rachel, Luka,
Tatiana	& Leo
Jesse, Nathan, Hannah, Elizabeth, & all Missionaries	Michael
Nathan & family, John, & all seminarians	Tiffany
New & Expectant Mothers & their children	Caden
For the people of our land, and their repentance, healing & unity	Keith, Maggie, & Eli
The 12 Baskets Full team asks for prayers for our homeless Philly friends —George, Bill, Jim, Jalil, Mark, Joel, Eric	Andrew
	Daniel
	Kassandra
	Christian

The disciples were called Christians first in Antioch (Acts II:26)

40 Days of Growth in Stewardship has begun!

Theme: "He who sows sparingly will reap sparingly ..." (2 Cor 9:6)

~ ~ **Please Submit Your 2024 Pledge!** ~ ~

This Week:

- Mon, Oct 30:** Office open
- Tues, Oct 31:** Matushka Olga Sewing Club, 1 p.m.
- Wed, Nov 1:** Office Open
Compline & Patristic Reading 6:30 p.m.
- Thurs, Nov 2:** Slavic Tone Vespers 6:30 p.m.
Bible Study on Romans 7:15 p.m.
- Fri, Nov 3:** Office open
Icon Studio
Vigil for St. Raphael of Brooklyn 6:30pm-1am
Holy Unction, Vespers, Orthros, Liturgy, Festal Potluck
- Sat, Nov 4:** Men's Breakfast 8 a.m.
Virtual Missionary Visit: Hannah V., 10 a.m.
Baptism (Gabounia) 2 p.m.
Catechumen & Inquirer Class 5 p.m.
Byzantine Notation Intro 5:15 p.m.
Book Discussion on Gender Dysphoria 5:15pm
Great VESPERS 6:30 p.m.
Confessions 7:30 p.m.
- Sun, Nov 5:** **ORTHROS 8:30 a.m.**
Baptismal LITURGY (Mathe) 9:45 a.m.
Sunday School & Teens
Coffee Hour
Choir Rehearsal
Putting Your House In Order 1:15 p.m.

OCTOBER OUTREACH COLLECTION:

Bath & Shower Products

CHALLENGE FOR 2023:

"You are the Salt of the Earth"

ATTENDANCE: Vespers for Oct 21: NA Divine Services Oct 22: 246
OFFERINGS 10/22: Candles, \$285. Collections, \$3,929.82. Youth, \$1. Book Shelf Ministry, \$40. Building Fund, \$60. Classical School Fund, \$125. Food for Hungry, \$220. Icon Studio, \$80. Mission Chapel, \$200. Twelve Baskets Full, \$50. Stewardship, \$4,205. Total received: \$9,195.82. Cemetery Account, \$2,000.

THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!