

## ***MARTYR ANASTASIA THE ROMAN***

***October 29***

The Martyr Anastasia the Roman lost her parents in infancy and was then taken to be reared by the abbess of a women's monastery, named Sophia. She raised Anastasia in fervent faith, in the fear of God and obedience.

The persecution against Christians by the emperor Decius (249-251) began at that time. The city administrator, Probus, on the orders of the emperor commanded that Anastasia be brought to him. Blessed by her abbess to suffer for Christ, the young martyr Anastasia humbly came out to meet the armed soldiers. Seeing her youth and beauty, Probus first attempted flattery to make her deny Christ.

“Why waste your youth, deprived of pleasure? What is there to gain by enduring tortures and death for the Crucified? Worship our gods, marry a handsome husband, and live in glory and honor.”

The saint steadfastly replied, “My spouse, my riches, my life and happiness are my Lord Jesus Christ, and you will not turn me away from Him by your deceit!”

Probus subjected Anastasia to fierce tortures. The holy martyr bravely endured them, glorifying and praising the Lord. In anger the torturers cut out her tongue.

The people, seeing the inhuman and disgusting treatment of the saint, became indignant; and the ruler was compelled to end the tortures by beheading the martyr. In this manner, St. Anastasia received the crown of martyrdom.

The body of the saint was thrown out beyond the city to be eaten by wild animals, but the Lord did not permit her holy relics to be dishonored. At the command of a holy angel, Abbess Sophia went to find St. Anastasia's mutilated body. With the help of two Christians, she buried it in the earth.

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OCTOBER 29, 2017

## ***TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST***

*Martyr Anastasia the Roman;*  
*Ven Abramius the Recluse, and his niece, Bl. Mary, of Mesopotamia;*  
*Ven. Avramii, Archimandrite of Rostov;*  
*Martyr Claudius, Asterius, Neon, and Theonilla, of Ægæ in Cilicia;*  
*Righteous Anna of Constantinople; Monk Martyr Timothy of Esphigmenou*

“With great love, the virgin martyr, Anastasia, cries out to her Lord, offering Him the martyrdom she endured for Him. As by baptism she was buried with Him that she might rise with Him, so, by her sufferings, she died to live in Him. Having given Christ the pure oblation of her life, she now reigns with Him in glory. By her prayers, O Christ, in your mercy save our souls.”

Troparion, Tone IV

“You abandoned all earthly comforts, O Father Abramius, living righteously in hope of things to come and receiving a sacred second anointing. Initiated into divine mysteries, you enlighten those who cry: Glory to Him who has strengthened you! Glory to Him who has granted you a crown! Glory to Him who through you works healing for all!”

Troparion, Tone I

TODAY'S EPISTLE: GALATIANS 2:16-20

TODAY'S GOSPEL: LUKE 8:26-39

### **HOLY WORSHIP THIS WEEK:**

Saturday, November 5      5:00 p.m. Great Vespers

### **Daily Scripture Readings**

Monday, October 30	Colossians 2:13-20	Luke 11:29-33
Tuesday, October 31 (St. John Kochurov)	Colossians 2:20-3:3 Hebrews 13:7-16	Luke 11:34-41 Luke 12:32-40
Wednesday, November 1	Colossians 3:17-4:1	Luke 11:42-46
Thursday, November 2	Colossians 4:2-9	Luke 11:47-12:1
Friday, November 3	Colossians 4:10-18	Luke 12:2-12
Saturday, November 4	II Corinthians 5:1-10	Luke 9:1-6

**ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY**

**COMING EVENTS**

**OCTOBER:**

29, TODAY HTOC Parish Meeting

**NOVEMBER:**

5, Sunday Noon HTOC Annual Meatloaf Dinner and Basket Auction

10-12, Fri-Sun. St. Nicholas Church (Mogadore) 100th Anniversary Celebration

12, Sunday Second Sunday Food Sale

13, Monday 12:30 p.m. St. Elizabeth Book Circle

6:30 p.m. St. Herman’s House Benefit at St. George Church; 2587 W. 14th St.

**ANNUAL MEETING:**

The Annual Parish Meeting will take place today in the Fellowship Hall after the Divine Liturgy. Please stay to take part in this important parish event.

**MEATLOAF DINNER & BASKET AUCTION:**

On Sunday, November 5, at noon, we will have our annual Meatloaf Dinner to benefit the monthly meals we provide to St. Herman’s House.

There will also be a Basket Auction. Baskets are on display in the Fellowship Hall.

**BOOK CIRCLE:**

The St. Elizabeth Book Circle will meet Monday, November 13, at 12:30 p.m. We are preparing for Nativity by reading The Winter Pascha by Fr. Thomas Hopko, pages 9-75. Books **are now available** at La Coupole.

**ST. THEODOSIUS CEMETERY:**

A new section of graves has been opened at St. Theodosius Cemetery, and discounts are being offered for the purchase of multiple graves. If 6-10 graves are purchased at one time, the cost drops from \$1600 to \$1200. If 10+ graves are purchased, the price is \$1000 apiece. All purchases include lifetime maintenance of the site. For further information, please contact Casandra Vasu, Office Manager at the cemetery, at 216-741-1310.

**ST. HERMAN’S HOUSE BENEFIT:**

Author/speaker Frederica Mathewes-Green will appear at the FOCUS Cleveland benefit for St. Herman’s House on Monday, Nov. 13, 6:30 p.m.; St. George Church in Tremont. Tickets are \$25, which includes appetizers. (Cash bar). See details in Hall.

**ST. NICHOLAS CHURCH:**

St. Nicholas Church in Mogadore invites all to their 100th Anniversary Celebration November 10-12; the banquet is at 1:00 on November 12. Bishop Paul and Metropolitan Tikhon will be in attendance. Details are posted in the Fellowship Hall.

**FLOWERS:**

The flowers today are offered by Vladimir Orloff, in memory of Antonina and Andre.

**TRINITARIAN COVERS:**

The covers today are offered by Jewelann Stefanar.

**COFFEE HOUR:**

Many thanks to recent donors of refreshments for our weekly Coffee Hour: the Bellack Family, MaryAnn Bobulsky, the Cundik family, the Garklavs Family, Diane Hastings, the Hatch Family, the Lobos Family, the Orloff Family, Jerry Petrykowski, the Range Family, the Ray, Family, the Schwartz Family, Karen Sherwood, the Stoyka Family.

**THE GIFTS WE OFFER TO THE LORD WE LOVE**

REGULAR COLLECTION, OCTOBER 22	\$ 3199.00
CHURCH ADMINISTRATION ASSESSMENT	155.00
BUILDING FUND	114.00
MORTGAGE FUND	65.00
CANDLES	95.00

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LETTERS FROM SOLOVKI

*(There is a reason that Fr. Nikolai addressed his letters from the Solovki Prison Camp to his daughter and not to his wife. His daughter Irene was a young teenager and she was therefore under little scrutiny by Communist authorities. All letters were periodically censored but less frequently when addressed to a youngster. Of course the entire family would read the letters.)*

December 20, 1933

Dear Irene,

Today is Mama's birthday and how I wish I was home. It would be an unspeakable joy to be there, among mother and the children, our relatives and friends, and of course our wonderful parishioners. Again, memories of past birthdays, of wonderful times flood my mind with such feelings that I am brought to heartfelt tears. Tears of joy, surely, but tears also of some sadness. Perhaps I am not sufficiently aware of my situation, perhaps I am resigned to misfortune which I understand and Christian fate, or perhaps I have earned the chastisement of the Lord which is my due; but my sadness is not so much of being in prison as it is the absence of being with you. I recall a trip I had to take to Moscow from where we lived in southern Russia. The great city was then, and I imagine still is, full of great and fantastic sights, brightly illumined by electric lights which particularly impressed me at that time, there were the most beautiful churches, interesting museums and so much to see, but I was nevertheless homesick and sad. That was then, as I knew that I would return home; now, my return, if it is to be, is indefinite. So, all that is left is writing letters, and also awaiting to receive news from you all.

I woke up, or rather I should say, that I hardly slept last night and automatically arose from bed with the strongest feelings of love, the feeling of the presence of good and Godly people in this world. I hastily said my morning prayers, maybe too hastily, but couldn't wait to sit down to write this letter. I think that today may be the shortest day of the year and I have learned to live in what feels like, more or less, total darkness as the sun is out for but a brief few hours. But this darkness has a startling effect on human consciousness. Even here on this prison island you feel how people become friendlier, more talkative, more considerate, I would even say more "Christian"! Our Orthodox Christian nation, what we call "Holy Russia" has not disappeared, it may even be that the holiness and goodness within humanity will be revived and re-energized. To be among people and to realize that we are all brothers and sisters in Christ, feeling all of God's mercies together and blessing together, as unique but united parts of Creation, there are such miracles in our midst and we usually simply neither regard nor appreciate them.

*Your father, N.J.*

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# NOVEMBER 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4  5:00 p.m. Great Vespers; Confessions
<b>5 22d Sunday after Pentecost</b>	6	7	8	9	10	11
Noon - Annual Meatloaf Dinner and Basket Auction						
<b>12 23d Sunday after Pentecost</b>	13	14	15	16	17	18
St. John the Merciful	12:30 p.m. St. Elizabeth Book Circle 6:30 p.m. St. Herman's House benefit at St. George Church					5:00 p.m. Great Vespers; Confessions
<b>19 24th Sunday after Pentecost</b>	20	<b>21 The Entry of the Theotokos into the Temple</b>	22	23	24	25
Prophet Obadiah	6:00 p.m. Great Vespers  7:00 p.m. Parish Council meeting	9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy		9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy  <b>Thanksgiving Day</b>		5:00 p.m. Great Vespers;
<b>26 25th Sunday after Pentecost</b>	27	28	29	30		
Ven. Alypius the Stylite  No Church School classes						