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Martyr Anastasia the Roman

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Troparion – Tone 4

When the women disciples of the Lord learned from the angel the joyous message of thy Resurrection, they cast away the ancestral curse and elatedly told the apostles: “Death is overthrown! Christ God is risen,// granting the world great mercy!”

Troparion – Tone 4

Thy lamb Anastasia calls out to Thee, O Jesus, in a loud voice: “I love Thee, my Bridegroom, and in seeking Thee I endure suffering. In baptism I was crucified so that I might reign in Thee, and I died so that I might live with Thee. Accept me as a pure sacrifice, for I have offered myself in love!”// Through her prayers save our souls, since Thou art merciful!

Troparion – Tone 8

The image of God was truly preserved in thee, O Father, for thou didst take up the Cross and follow Christ. By so doing thou didst teach us to disregard the flesh for it passes away but to care instead for the soul, since it is immortal. Therefore thy spirit, venerable Abramius, rejoices with the Angels.

Kontakion – Tone 4

My Savior and Redeemer as God rose from the tomb and delivered the earth-born from their chains. He has shattered the gates of hell, and as Master,// He has risen on the third day!

Kontakion – Tone 3

Purified by the waters of virginity, righteous Anastasia, thou wast crowned by the blood of martyrdom. Thou dost grant healing and salvation to those in need, and who call on thee from their hearts,// for Christ gives thee strength, pouring out on thee ever-flowing grace.

Kontakion – Tone 3

Thou didst live in the flesh on earth as an angel, and through thy ascetic life thou didst become like a tree nourished by the waters of abstinence and didst flourish. Thou hast washed away stains with the streams of thy tears and so thou hast been revealed, Abramius, to be a God-like vessel of the Spirit.

Prokeimenon – Tone 4

O Lord, how manifold are Thy works; in wisdom hast Thou made them all.

v: Bless the Lord, O my soul! O Lord, my God, Thou art very great!

Martyr Anastasia the Roman

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 abess 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 my 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, Saint 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 Saint Anastasia’s mutilated body. With the help of two Christians, she buried it in the earth.

Epistle: Galatians 2:16-20

Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law but by faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, that we might be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law; for by the works of the law no flesh shall be justified. But if, while we seek to be justified by Christ, we ourselves also are found sinners, is Christ therefore a minister of sin? Certainly not! For if I build again those things which I destroyed, I make myself a transgressor. For I through the law died to the law that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

Gospel: Luke 8:26-39

Then they sailed to the country of the Gadarenes, which is opposite Galilee. And when He stepped out on the land, there met Him a certain man from the city who had demons for a long time. And he wore no clothes, nor did he live in a house but in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he cried out, fell down before Him, and with a loud voice said, “What have I to do with You, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg You, do not torment me!” For He had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. For it had often seized him, and he was kept under guard, bound with chains and shackles; and he broke the bonds and was driven by the demon into the wilderness. Jesus asked him, saying, “What is your name?” And he said, “Legion,” because many demons had entered him. And they begged Him that He would not command them to go out into the abyss. Now a herd of many swine was feeding there on the mountain. So they begged Him that He would permit them to enter them. And He permitted them. Then the demons went out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd ran violently down the steep place into the lake and drowned. When those who fed them saw what had happened, they fled and told it in the city and in the country. Then they went out to see what had happened, and came to Jesus, and found the man from whom the demons had departed, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. They also who had seen it told them by what means he who had been demon-possessed was healed. Then the whole multitude of the surrounding region of the Gadarenes asked Him to depart from them, for they were seized with great fear. And He got into the boat and returned. Now the man from whom the demons had departed begged Him that he might be with Him. But Jesus sent him away, saying, “Return to your own house, and tell what great things God has done for you.” And he went his way and proclaimed throughout the whole city what great things Jesus had done for him.

Service Schedule for the week of October 29

Today – 9:00 AM Church School, 9:45 AM Hours, 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy followed by Coffee Hour in Daria Hall

Saturday November 4 – 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy, 5:00 PM Vespers followed by Confession

Sunday November 5 – 9:45 AM Hours, 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy

Weekly Giving

October 22 – 38 adults, 8 youth, \$2,318

Parish Announcements

Reminder – Daylight Savings Time ends next weekend. Remember to turn your clocks BACK 1 hour between Saturday night and Sunday morning.

On the tables in Daria Hall are lists of items needed for the Turkey Social gift baskets. Please let Nina Laushell (215-260-1411) know what you are interested in donating before buying anything just to make sure someone else has not selected the same item(s). If you are interested in helping during the Turkey Social please let Nina know as well. All proceeds will be donated to the church. Thank you for your support! The Turkey Social will be held on Sunday November 12 starting around 12:30-1:00 PM. There will not be a coffee hour that Sunday, but food will be available for purchase.

As a reminder, the Nativity Fast will begin on Wednesday November 15.

The Senior R Club will be sponsoring a Seminarian family from St. Herman's Seminary in Alaska for the St. Nicholas Christmas Gift Project. Instead of gift tags we will collect money to purchase Walmart and Amazon gift cards, which are easier to transport to Alaska. Please support the Club with your donations. A collection plate is in the back of the church starting today and our last collection date will be Sunday November 26. Thank you!

The Sunday School children will decorate the Christmas tree in Daria Hall during coffee hour on Sunday December 3, and the Christmas Yolka will be held on Sunday December 10 during coffee hour.