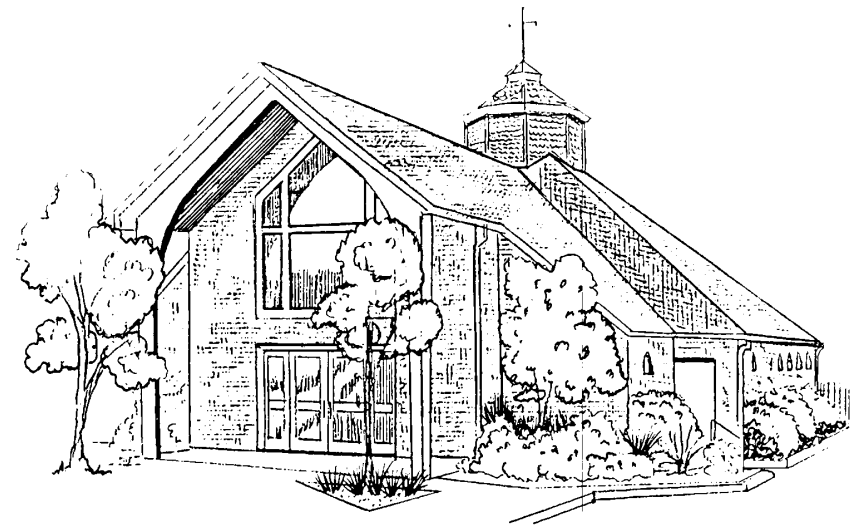


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**The Venerable Martyr Anastasia the Roman**

She was born in Rome of noble parents, and was left an orphan at the age of three. As an orphan, she was taken to a convent near Rome where the abbess was Sophia, a nun of the highest level of perfection. After 17 years, Anastasia was well known among the Christians as a great ascetic, and among the pagans as a rare beauty. Probus, the pagan governor, heard of Anastasia and sent his soldiers to bring her to him. For two hours, the good Abbess Sophia counseled Anastasia how to keep the Faith, how to resist flattering deceits, and how to endure torture. Anastasia said to her: "My heart is ready to suffer for Christ; my soul is ready to die for my Sweet Jesus." Brought before the governor, Anastasia openly expressed her faith in Christ the Lord, and when the governor tried to turn her away from the Faith—first by promises and then by threats—the martyr said to him: "I am ready to die for my Lord not only once, but—oh, if it were only possible—a hundred times!" When they stripped her naked to humiliate her, she cried out to the servants: "Whip me, cut me up and tear me apart, cover my naked body with wounds and cover my shame with blood!" She was beaten, torn and cut up. On two occasions she felt a great thirst and asked for water, and a Christian, Cyril, gave her a drink, for which he was blessed by the martyr of Christ and beheaded by the pagans. Anastasia's breasts and tongue were severed, but an angel of God appeared and sustained her. Finally, she was beheaded outside the city. Blessed Sophia found her body and buried it honorably. Anastasia was crowned with the wreath of martyrdom during the reign of Decius.

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**October 29, 2023**  
**7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Luke**

# Welcome!

## To Our Guests:

While we are not yet in formal inter-communion with other faith traditions, we have much respect for their rites of worship and sanctuaries of prayer. In our tradition, **Holy Communion is open only to those Orthodox Christians who are in good standing with the Church and have prepared themselves by prayer, fasting and a recent confession.** Please do not be offended by this if you are not an Orthodox Christian or in good standing with the Church. We welcome you to our church and invite you to receive a blessing and partake of the blessed bread at the end of the Divine Liturgy.

*In our tradition... the church temple is a house of prayer. Upon entering it, please refrain from unnecessary conversation before, during and after church services, most especially during the Divine Liturgy from the time of the consecration of the Gifts until the last person has received the Eucharist. At the end of the Divine Liturgy, please come quietly forward to receive a piece of the antidoron and exit the church temple without talking. During coffee hour in the Church Hall is the appropriate place to exchange personal greetings and converse with one another. May God bless your reverence and piety.*

**Epistle Reading:** Galatians 2:16-20

**Gospel Reading:** Luke 8:41-56

## Saints of the Day

Venerable-martyr Anastasia the Roman; Venerable Abraham and his niece, Mary of Mesopotamia; New-hieromartyr Athanasius of Sparta; Venerable-martyr Timothy of Esphigmenou monastery on Athos; Abraham, bishop of Rostov.

## A Message from the Parish Council

Dear parishioners, we have been able to pay all the insurance premiums for the year. A new shed was donated. Volunteers changed light bulbs in high places, made church repairs and cleaned the church and parish hall. The Ladies' Guild had a successful ice cream social. A splendid lunch was prepared for Bishop NICHOLAS and he was warmly received by all. Many good things done by many good people. Thank you and let us bless the Lord for allowing us to minister to each other in this place--Rob Booms, Council Chairman.

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturday, Oct. 28<sup>th</sup> – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, Oct. 29<sup>th</sup> – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Saturday, Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Thursday, Nov. 9<sup>th</sup> – Orthros, 9:00 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 10:00 A.M.

Saturday, Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> – Orthros, 9:00 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 10:00 A.M.

Saturday, Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, Nov. 12<sup>th</sup> – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Saturday, Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Tuesday, Nov. 21<sup>st</sup> – Orthros, 9:00 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 10:00 A.M.

Saturday, Nov. 25<sup>th</sup> – No Great Vespers & Confessions

Sunday, Nov. 26<sup>th</sup> – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

## **Orthodox Thoughts from Theo, the Parish Possum**



There are some important messages and prayers contained in the large icons of the church. Behind the altar table, there are icons of four saints. Each is holding a scroll. St. James, the brother of our Lord, admonishes us “Be ye doers of the word and not hearers only.” St. John

Chrysostom’s scroll proclaims “It is meet and right to hymn thee, to bless thee, to praise thee, to give thanks to thee, and to worship thee in every place of thy dominion.” Our patron St. Basil’s icon invokes the Lord to “Unite all of us to one another who become partakers of the one bread and cup.” There is also an icon of St. Gregory Dialogos, a Pope of Rome from 590 to 604 A.D. He is the author of the Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts. His scroll is a prayer that the Lord “Look upon us thine unworthy servants who stand at this holy altar as at thy cherubimic throne.” In the iconostasis, St. Herman of Alaska urges that “From this day, from this hour, from this minute, let us love God above all.” St. Anthony the Great observes that “A great work for a man is repenting of his sins before God and expecting temptation to his last breath.” As we reflect on these iconic messages, may the meditations of our hearts be always acceptable unto thee, O Lord. ---Theo

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### ***Spiritual Counsels...***

"A foolish son is ruin to his father, and a wife's quarreling is a continual dripping of rain." Proverbs 19:13

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### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Ladies Guild will have a **Spaghetti Dinner** on Nov. 5th. The dinners are \$10 age 6 & up and free for 5 & under, and will consist of spaghetti and meatballs, bread, salad and a dessert. Tickets are on sale now! For tickets and more information, please see Tania Russell.

Please join Fr. Peter in a joint celebration of the feast of the Holy Archangels at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral on Wednesday, Nov. 8<sup>th</sup>. Orthros is scheduled for 9:30 A.M. followed by Divine Liturgy at 11:00 A.M.

God willing, we shall have a bilingual (Arabic & English) Orthros & Divine Liturgy on Thursday, Nov. 9<sup>th</sup>, at 9:00 A.M. and 10:00 A.M., respectively, for the feast of St. Nectarios of Aegina.

God willing, we shall have Orthros & Divine Liturgy on Saturday, Nov. 11<sup>th</sup>, at 9:00 A.M. and 10:00 A.M., respectively, for the feast of St. Menas the Wonderworker.

God willing, on Saturday, Nov. 12<sup>th</sup>, our Arabic ladies are selling **lentil soup and spinach pies** for you to prepare for the fast period. The proceeds will be for the benefit of the parish.

The **Advent Fast** begins Wednesday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, and is divided into two periods. The first period is Nov. 15 – Dec. 19, with the traditional fasting discipline observed (no meat, poultry, dairy, eggs, fish, alcohol, and oil). There is an allowance, however, for alcohol and oil on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and an allowance for alcohol, oil and fish on Saturdays and Sundays. The second period is Dec. 20–24, with the traditional fasting discipline observed. There is an allowance, however, for alcohol and oil only on Saturday and Sunday.

With God's help, we will have a mini-retreat after Divine Liturgy on Sunday, Nov. 19. Fr. Peter will speak in-depth on the Church's teachings on personhood and what it is to be male and female. Everyone is invited to participate.

God willing, we shall have Orthros & Divine Liturgy on Tuesday, Nov. 21<sup>st</sup>, at 9:00 A.M. and 10:00 A.M., respectively, for the feast of the Entrance of the Mother of God in the Temple.

The Ladies Guild will be collecting donations for Love Moved First during the year of 2023. Love Moved First is a home for woman in crisis to recover and heal. We will have a collection bin set out and a list of needs next to it. There is much needed so even a little is a big help. If you have any questions about Love Moved First, please see Cheryl Pituch or Tania Russell. Thank you for your support.

**Today's Coffee Hour:** Potluck.      **Next Week:** Spaghetti Dinner.