

The Venerable Martyr Anastasia the Roman
October 29

Saint Anastasia 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 seventeen 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!" 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. Blessed Sophia found her body and buried it honorably. Anastasia was crowned with the wreath of martyrdom during the reign of Decius.



*Please, remember to turn your clock 1 hour back next Saturday,
November 2nd, 2024 before you go to bed.*



:JESUS EXPELS THE DEMONS:



October 27, 2024

Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost. Octoechos Tone 6; The Holy Martyr Nestor

Changeable Parts: See the special insert available in the church vestibule.

Nov. 5, 2024

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost. Octoechos Tone 7; The Holy martyrs Galaction and Epistemis

Changeable Parts: See the special insert available in the church vestibule.



Announcements:

Children's Liturgy

On the last Sunday of each month, we will have a Children's Liturgy. Children will read the Epistle and collect your offerings. The Homily will be directed to the children, but will contain a message for all. Please make an effort to bring your children to this special liturgy.

Clergy Retreat

Starting Monday afternoon, October 30st, Retreat of our Eparchy (Diocese) of St. Josaphat will be taking place until Thursday November 2. During this time of prayer, celebration of Divine Services and spiritual lessons, I ask you to offer prayers for all the clergy attending this conference. During this time, I will be absent, but you can always contact the parish office or leave a message on my cellular phone 412-478-5685 or contact Fr. Andrew Clark 724-544-5556 for emergency reasons.

Sarris Christmas Candy sale!

It is time for a Sarris Candy sale fundraiser. As last year, we will have this fundraiser, twice a year, before Christmas and before Easter. Twenty five percent of the proceeds from the sale will go to St. George Church. The order forms are available in the vestibule. Orders are due November 9. Delivery and pickup will be on Sunday, December 15 after Divine Liturgy. You only need to return the price sheet. Make checks payable to St. George Church. Thank You!

Prayer List:

Make a point of praying for everyone on the prayer list. If you don't have one, contact the office and we'll send you one. In a special way, at this time, remember the following members of our parish family: **Barbara Fedora, Thomas Kunsak, Orysia Barshowski, Kathee Shabla and Rose Shedno.**

Pyrohy

Sincere thanks to all our women and men who work so hard on this parish activity. Our total income from last week's sale was **\$1,075.00.00** Thank you.

Collection- May God bless you:

The total for Sunday of October 20, 2024 was **\$510.00 + \$1075.00**

(Collection: \$480.00, Loose & other: \$30, Pyrohy \$1075.00)

The total for Sunday of October 27, 2024 will be published in next bulletin.

Sincere thanks to all for your kindness and generosity to our Holy Church!

Twenty Third Sunday after Pentecost

Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gadarenes asked Him to depart from them; for they were seized with great fear; so He got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with Him; but He sent him away, saying, "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you."

On this Sunday Our Lord comes to the land of the possessed; there, He is neither idle, nor passive, nor absent: He acts, He heals the possessed man; and what happens, what is the response of the people? They are in terror because they have seen the power of God manifested in such a way that fills them with fear, not with awe. And they ask Christ to be gone:

Leave our realm, go away! The fact that Christ has acted, that He has healed, that He has saved the man, matters nothing; what matters, is that they have to pay the cost for it: their pigs...

Isn't it again something which we happen to do? We ask God to come into our lives; and suddenly we discover that God is not coming in the way in which we want Him to be! He is not coming into our lives simply to order things according to our view; He transforms the dead orderliness of our life into a chaos, but a chaos which is loaded with possibilities - but we don't want this! We want what we had: an orderly life, without problems, without anything great happening, also without anything tragic happening.

Earlier, on another occasion, someone else had said to Christ, "Leave me - I am unworthy". Having seen the miraculous catching of fish on the Sea of Galilee, Peter said, "Leave my boat, I am not worthy, I am a sinner." Have we ever spoken such words? Have we ever felt that we are unworthy of Christ's coming, dwelling under our roof, being with us, doing for us all we need? Indeed, being for us like a servant who will do things because we need them done.

Is that the way we respond to the Gospel? Let us think of Peter, his awe because he had seen the act of God; and let us think of these people in the land of the Gadarenes who have also seen the act of God. Both said, "Go, oh Lord!" - but how differently! Who are we on this Sunday: Apostle Peter, or the Gadarenes?

