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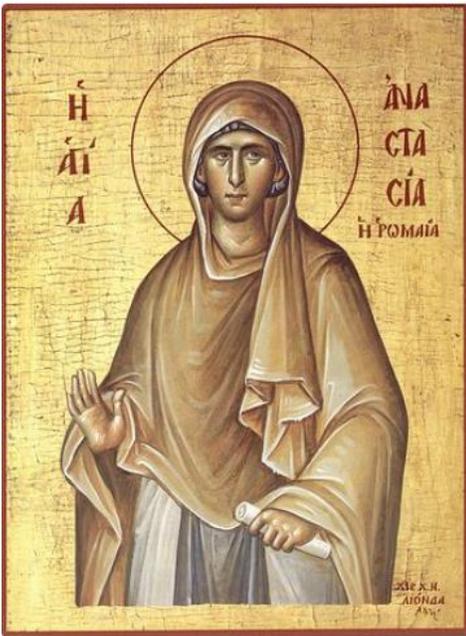
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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2023

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TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST & SEVENTH SUNDAY OF LUKE

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



Venerable Martyr Anastasia of Rome

On October 29 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the Venerable Martyr Anastasia of Rome.

Anastasia was born in Rome of noble parents, and was left an orphan at the age of three. She was taken to a convent near Rome to the abbess 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. The pagan governor Probus heard of Anastasia and sent his soldiers to bring her to him. For two hours, 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, the martyr said to him: "I am ready to die for my Lord not only once, but if it were only possible, a hundred times!" She was beaten, torn and cut up. Twice 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 was also beheaded outside the city. Blessed Sophia found her body and buried it honorably in the third century. On this day, we also commemorate Venerable Abraham and his niece Mary of Mesopotamia; and New Hieromartyr Athanasios of Sparta.

THE EPISTLE

O Lord, how magnified are Thy works.

In wisdom hast Thou made them all.

Bless the Lord, O my soul.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Galatians. (2:16-20)

Brethren, you know that a man is not justified by works of the Law but through faith in Jesus Christ. Even we have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ, and not by works of the Law, because by works of the Law shall no one be justified. But if, in our endeavor to be justified in Christ, we ourselves were found to be sinners, is Christ then an agent of sin? Certainly not! But if I build up again those things which I tore down, then I prove 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 Who lives in me; and the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, Who loved me and gave Himself for me.

الرسالة

ما أعظم أعمالك يارب، كلها بحكمة صنعت. باركي يا نفسي الرب.

فصل من رسالة القديس بولس الرسول إلى أهل غلاطية. (2: 16-20)

يا إخوة، إذ نعلم أن الإنسان لا يبرر بأعمال الناموس، بل إنما بالإيمان بيسوع المسيح. أمنا نحن أيضاً بيسوع المسيح لكي نبرر بالإيمان بالمسيح، لا بأعمال الناموس، إذ لا يبرر بأعمال الناموس أحد من ذوي الجسد. فإن كنا ونحن طاليون التبرير بالمسيح، وجدنا نحن أيضاً خطاة، أفيكون المسيح إذن خادماً للخطية؟ حاشى. فإني إن عدت أبنى ما قد هدمت، أجعل نفسي متعدياً. لأنني بالناموس مت لأحيا لله. مع المسيح صلبت فأحيا، لا أنا، بل المسيح يحيا في. وما لي من الحياة في الجسد أنا أحياه في إيمان ابن الله الذي أحبني، وبذل نفسه عني.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (8:41-56)

At that time, there came to Jesus a man named Jairus, who was a ruler of the synagogue; and falling at Jesus' feet he besought Him to come to his house, for he had an only daughter, about twelve years of age, and she was dying. As Jesus went, the people pressed round Him. And a woman, who had had a flow of blood for twelve years, and had spent all her living upon physicians, and could not be healed by anyone, came up behind Him, and touched the fringe of His garment; and immediately her flow of blood ceased. And Jesus said, "Who was it that touched Me?" When all denied it, Peter said, "Master, the multitudes surround Thee and press upon Thee! And Thou sayest, 'Who touched Me?'" But Jesus said, "Someone touched Me; for I perceive that power has gone forth from Me." And when the woman saw that she was not hidden, she came trembling, and falling down before Him declared in the presence of all the people why she had touched Him, and how she had been immediately healed. And Jesus said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace." While Jesus was still speaking, a man from the ruler's house came and said, "Your daughter is dead; do not trouble the Teacher any more." But Jesus on hearing this answered him, "Do not fear; only believe, and she shall be well." And when Jesus came to the house, He permitted no one to enter with Him, except Peter and James and John, and the father and mother of the child. And all were weeping and bewailing her; but Jesus said, "Do not weep; for she is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him, knowing that she was dead. But taking her by the hand Jesus called, saying, "Child, arise." And her spirit returned, and she got up at once; and Jesus directed that something should be given her to eat. And her parents were amazed; but He charged them to tell no one what had happened.

الإنجيل

فصل شريف من بشارة القديس لوقا الإنجيلي البشير والتلميذ الطاهر. (8: 41-56)

ففي ذلك الزمان، دنا إلى يسوع إنسان اسمه يائرس، وهو رئيس للمجمع، وخر عند قدمي يسوع، وطلب إليه أن يدخل إلى بيته. لأن له ابنة وحيدة لها نحو اثنتي عشرة سنة قد أشرفت على الموت. وبينما هو منطلق، كان الجموع يزحمونه. وإن امرأة بها نزف دم منذ اثنتي عشرة سنة، وكانت قد أنفقت معيشتها كلها على الأطباء ولم يستطع أحد أن يشفيها. دنت من خلفه ومسّت هذب ثوبه، وللوقت وقف نزف دمها. فقال يسوع: "من لمسني؟" وإذ أنكر جميعهم، قال بطرس والذين معه: "يا معلم، إن الجموع يضايقونك ويزحمونك، وتقول، من لمسني؟" فقال يسوع: "إنه قد لمسني واحد. لأني علمت أن قوة قد خرجت مني." فلما رأت المرأة أنها لم تخف، جاءت مرتعدة وخرت له، وأخبرت أمام كل الشعب لأية علة لمسته، وكيف برئت للوقت. فقال لها: "بقي يا ابنة. إيمانك أبرأك، فاذهبي بسلام." وفيما هو يتكلم، جاء واحد من ذوي المجمع وقال له: "إن ابنتك قد ماتت، فلا تتعب المعلم." فسمع يسوع، فأجابته قائلاً: "لا تخف. آمن فقط فتبرأ هي." ولما دخل البيت، لم يدع أحداً يدخل إلا بطرس، ويعقوب، ويوحنا وأبا الصبية وأمها. وكان الجميع يبكون ويلطمون عليها. فقال لهم: "لا تبكوا. إنها لم تمت ولكنها نائمة." فضحكوا عليه لعلمهم بأنها قد ماتت. فأمسك بيدها ونادى قائلاً: "يا صبية قومى." فرجعت روحها وقامت في الحال. فأمر أن تعطى لتأكل. فدهش أبواها، فأوصاهما أن لا يقولوا لأحد ما جرى.

Love Your Neighbor

October – (Youth Month) SOYO Special Olympics

This ministry is sponsored by the North American Council of Teen SOYO and is the second longest running program of Special Olympics Pennsylvania, serving over 340 Special Olympics athletes, coaches, and staff each season. It is the premier SOYO outreach program, now in its 38th year of service. Each year SOYO teens raise the funds on Special Olympics Awareness Day.

Sun. October 1st

Epistle Reader: Sofia Simon

Sermonette: Lia Simon

Sun. October 8th:

Epistle Reader: Tania Jeha

Sermonette: Jonathan Jeha

Sun. October 15th:

Epistle reader: Evan Kavar

Sermonette: Mason Kavar

Sun. October 22nd:

Epistle Reader: Malak Khalileh

Sermonette: Maron Juha (about special Olympics)

Sun. October 29th:

Epistle Reader: Ian McLellan

Ushers/ Tray Passers: All available teens



Youth Month in our Archdiocese!!

October is here and we are about to start *Youth Month* across our Antiochian Archdiocese. During the month of October we give our teens more opportunities to serve in Church, including: Epistle reading, taking the collections, serving as ushers, and other additional activities in serving the parish community.

October is also a time for us, clergy and parishioners, to share our love and concern for the youth of our parish. Let us take a moment to thank a teenager for being present in Church. Thank them for their good works. Let them know that they are welcome and wanted in our parish!

Questions from Parishioners

Question- Is raising \$2.5 million a realistic possibility for our parish?

Answer- Most definitely, and progress is being made toward that goal. The fundraising dollars we are working hard to raise will be used to ensure construction continues until the work, both exterior and interior, is finished without delay or interruption.

These points may help understand what it will take to be successful in this effort:

- We have never needed to raise this much money at one time.
- All contributions received to date are valued and appreciated.
- We need literally every parishioner to contribute directly by making a ...
 - lump sum cash donations.
 - pledging an amount to be offered in monthly installments.
 - contribute stocks, property, or other like items.
- Attending events that benefit the Building Fund are helpful, but to reach our goal we need parishioners to also make the kind of direct donations mentioned above.

While St. John has always had parishioners who tithe, tithing has never been universally practiced at our parish. If we were a "tithing parish," we could have planned for this moment in a way that would not require this type of fund-raising drive.

Therefore, donations from thousands to tens of thousands, to hundreds of thousands of dollars, and more even, are needed, along with the donations in the hundreds, to reach the goal of \$2 million plus.

Yes, our goal is realistic, and we ask God's love and guidance to help us understand and appreciate the mind set needed to realize our dreams.

Please continue sending questions about this project to Ron Nicola at rnlm@aol.com.

Upcoming Events

November 5th	IOCC Food & Wine Tour (see flyer)
November 14th	Jack's Diner Dine and Donate (see flyer)
December 3rd	Christmas Cars Event (see flyer)
December 9th and 10th	Evening Byzantine Chanting امسية ترتيل بيزنطي by Sons of Antioch
December 16th	Christmas party. Save the date!
Every Sunday at 7pm	St. Anastasia Fellowship Meeting (see flyer)

Coffee Hours

October 29th	Paula Kassouf in memory of Samir Kassouf. May his memory be eternal!
November 5th	Sponsor Needed
November 12th	Coffee hour and mercy meal in memory of John Atallah
November 19th	Luncheon hosted by Samia Shaheen, Mona Thayer and Nelly Nassif. \$15 donation.

Memorial Services

Sunday, November 12: 40 days memorial for the servant of God John Atallah, by the Atallah families. May his memory be eternal!

Holy Oblations

This week, Holy Oblations are offered by:

- † St. John Parish Family for the good health of **Nick Nicola, George Messih** and **Aida Youakeem**. Many years!
- † St. John Parish Family for the good health of **Nick Nicola**. Many years!
- † St. John Parish Family for the good health of **Haseeb Keileh**. Many years!
- † St. John Parish Family for the good health of **Ghassan** and **Vivian Sruji**. Many years!
- † St. John Parish Family in memory of **John Atallah**. May his memory be eternal!
- † Rocky and Nada Dudum in memory **Helen Salameh** (Nada's sister). May her memory be eternal!
- † St. John Parish Family for the good health of **Dimitri Antos**, the **Mitri family** and all who have St. Demitrios (October 26) as their patron saint. Many years!

Candles for the altar table and in front of the icons of Christ and the Theotokos offered by:

- † Ibrahim Fasheh in memory of Hanada Fasheh for one full year. May her memory be eternal!



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- † Altar Servers: Nathan Sweis, Clayton Morgan, Elias Freij, Angelo Freij, Andrew Freij, Mazyn Haddadin, James Dudum, John Dudum, David Evans, Evan Kawar and Mason Kawar

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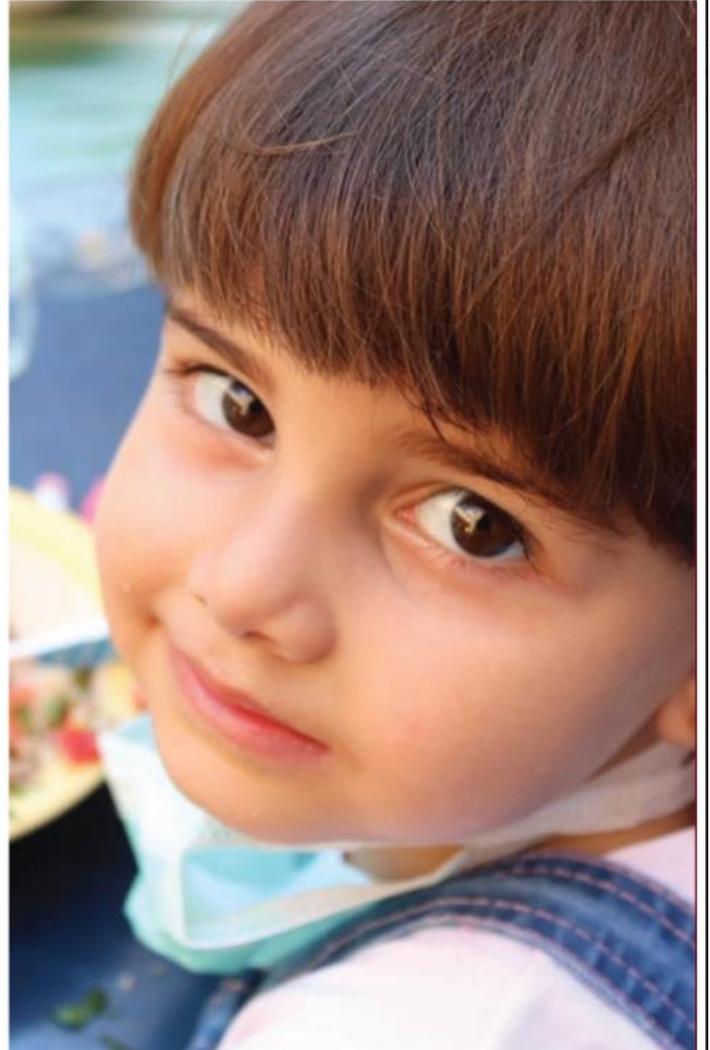
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