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Sunday, October 29, 2017 | 21st Sunday After Pentecost

Tone 4 – Martyr Anastasia the Roman (3rd c.)
Venerable Abramius the Recluse and his niece,
Blessed Mary, of Mesopotamia (ca 360)

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Weekly Schedule

Today: Church Life Discussion Class after Divine Liturgy.
The Topic: Icons, Iconography, and Iconostas. Its history and the stories displayed on them.

Tuesday: Hieromartyr Archpriest John Kochurov

Wednesday: Holy Wonderworkers Cosmas & Damian of Mesopotamia

Saturday: November 4 – Outdoor Clean-Up and Harvest Luncheon
Time: 9am to 1pm. Luncheon to follow. **Vespers afterwards!**

Saturday: November 4 – Great Vespers between 2:00 & 3:00PM!
(***following Harvest Luncheon*****)**

Sunday: November 5 – Martyr Galacteon and his wife, Epistemis
Reading of Hours – 9:30am
Divine Liturgy – 10:00am
Fellowship coffee hour to follow the Divine Liturgy

Texts for the Liturgical Service

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 – Virgin-martyr Anastasia)

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 – Venerable Abramius)

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 – Virgin-martyr Anastasia)

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 – Venerable Abramius)

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!

Epistle Reading: 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. Alleluia (3x's) (Tone 4)

- v. Go forth, prosper and reign, for the sake of meekness, righteousness and truth! Alleluia (3x's)
- v. For Thou lovest righteousness, and hatest iniquity. Alleluia (3x's)

Gospel Reading: 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.

Communion Hymn:

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! Alleluia (3x's)

Announcements

A Warm Welcome to all of our visitors & guests who worshiped with us today and who have joined us in celebrating the Divine Liturgy. Please join us in the church basement for our Fellowship and Coffee Hour.

Announcements

40 Days For Life – Philadelphia Campaign – Fall Season:

The 40 Days for Life Fall Campaign is in its final week concluding on Sunday, November 5. This will be the largest campaign ever with peaceful vigils occurring in ALL 50 states at the same time! Meanwhile the killing still continues at Planned Parenthood. Thank you so much in advance for signing up for this list and being willing to continue standing up for those that can't speak for themselves.

Information:

- * Contacts: Monique Ruberu or Pat Stanton at 469.231.9084
- * Email: roobearoo@hotmail.com
- * Website: <https://40daysforlife.com/local-campaigns/philadelphia/>

- * Prayer vigil located at 12th & Locust St, Philadelphia – Planned Parenthood
- * Vigils open Monday-Saturday from 8am-5pm.
- * Try to have at least one person there to cover the hour.
- * There are more abortions performed there than at any other Planned Parenthood in Pennsylvania!

The 40 Days For Life is not a political organization or a protest group. They stand and pray as a peaceful physical presence and witness for the lives of the unborn, who cannot speak for themselves.

Other peaceful vigils located in the surrounding areas include:

New Jersey – Absecon (Atlantic City area) and Cherry Hill
Pennsylvania – Northeast Philadelphia, Norristown, Warminster, and West Chester
Delaware - Wilmington and Dover

Did you know...

According to Lee Moran from the Huffington Post on October 20, he reported a Twitter user (@edgette22) noted that the Kentucky Fried Chicken (KFC) company's official Twitter account "*only*" follows eleven (11) people on its Twitter social media platform. KFC follows all five (5) former members of the Spice Girls (an all female pop music group) and six (6) men whose first name is Herb.

As expected, many comments and compliments swirled around the Twitter-verse, including Lee's that mentioned "a marketing move that Colonel Sanders himself would be proud of," Other comments ranged from: "KFC's Twitter game is finger lickin' good" | "the person that runs the KFC account needs a raise. I don't care how much they make now." | "Mind = Blown" | to a very clever tweet: "They must have a *seasoned* marketing person."

Many still need time to process this as to why only a highly select few KFC follows!

Announcements (cont.)

Candles and Prayers for the Faithful and Departed

Health for the Living:

Emelie Albrecht, Daria LeRoy offered by Nina Patterson
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Jackie Blau offered by the Hourahan Family
Katerina Rabik offered by Nancy Brasko Rabik
Daria LeRoy offered by Pellack Family
Newborn Ryan Michelle, Catherine, Albert, Patricia, Marc, William, Veronica (on her birthday),
Matthew, Matthew, Obalu, Helen, Patricia (on her birthday), Alexander, Katherine, Daniel,
Susan, John, Daria, Nina, Susan offered by M/M Ken Kavalkovich and Family

May God Grant Them Many Blessed Years!

Memory for the Departed:

Pauline Maholick, Ann Sidoriak, Elanor Labik offered by M/M Herbert
John and Julia Drimak offered by the Hourahan Family
Julia Brasko and Irene Kavesak offered by Nancy Brasko Rabik
Vito, Helen, Anne, William, Andrew, Margaret, Bridget, John, Annemarie, Dennise, Sharbel
offered by M/M Ken Kavalkovich and Family

May Their Memories Be Eternal

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Please remember in your prayers:

Emelie Albrecht; Cantrell Family; Grace Corba; Robert Corba; Paul Filanowski (recovering);
Ronald Kavalkovich (on his continuous recovery); Matushka Jan (recovery after eye surgery)
Margaret Pellack; Helen Wanenchak; Father Vincent Saverino (on his retirement); Father John
Bohush and the parishioners of Saint Nicholas Eastern Orthodox Church in Philadelphia; and all
those who are serving in our Armed Forces!

Continue to pray for all those who are still struggling and seeking relief in addition to all those
first responders assisting them as a result of the damaging affects of all the Hurricanes,
Earthquakes, Forest fires, over the past two months. Additionally, remember the victims and
injured from the senseless tragedy at the Route 91 Harvest Music Festival in Las Vegas, NV.

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**Please ensure that your Mobile Phone is set to Silent (or at least set on
vibrate) during the Divine Liturgy! Thank You!!!**

Announcements (cont.)

Sign up sheets for Coffee Hour, Cleaning and Epistle & Hours Reading. Sign up sheets for the above items are posted on the bulletin board in the church basement. Please be considerate and volunteer to assist with some of the parish responsibilities. Your time is very much appreciated!

Special weekly collections taken after Gospel or Sermon. In addition to our general collection, the parish takes a special collection each week to fund certain parish projects. Please be generous with your offering. Every little bit counts. The special collections are as follows:

- First Sunday of every month – Kitchen Fund Project
- Second Sunday of every month – Icon Fund (2016-17)
- Third Sunday of every month - Restoration/Maintenance Fund
- Fourth Sunday of every month – Charity Giving

Note: if there is a Fifth Sunday during a month, the special collection is earmarked for the Kitchen Fund Project, unless otherwise noted and stated by the Parish Council.

Cash Flow Activity (October)

	<u>Week of Oct 16 to Oct 22</u>	<u>October Month-to-date</u>
Attendance:	37	36 (average)
Funds In:	\$ 1,670.00	\$ 7,252.00
Funds Out:	(\$ 107.24) <i>reimbursement</i>	\$ 7,209.58
Net Surplus/(Deficit):	\$ 1,777.24	\$ 42.42

Thank you all for your continuous offerings to maintain the parish!

Shop Rite Gift Cards: If you need to purchase Shop Rite Gift Cards, please see David Pellack to secure them. Your purchase of a Shop Rite Gift Card is an additional fundraising project that helps support the church at no additional expense to the purchaser.

Calendar of Events

1st Sunday of each month – Monthly Panikhida immediately after Divine Liturgy.
2nd Tuesday of each month – Bible Study at 6:30pm in church basement.
2nd Sunday of each month – Property Committee Meeting after Divine Liturgy.
3rd Sunday of each month – Currently no permanent event is scheduled.
4th Sunday of each month – Church Life Discussion Class after Divine Liturgy.

IOCC 25th Anniversary Benefit Banquet – This Afternoon!

Adelphia Restaurant's Pan Athenian Grand Ballroom – 1750 Clements Bridge Road – Deptford, NJ 08096.
The reception and silent auction will begin at 3:30pm, followed at 5:00pm by dinner and a special program highlighting IOCC's humanitarian work of the last quarter-century, made possible by your generosity.
Tickets are \$60 per person.
Register online at IOCC website at: iocc.org/philadelphia

Flyer and Information posted on Bulletin Board down in the church basement

Saturday, November 4 from 9AM to 1PM – Harvest Fest Luncheon and Fall Outside Church and Hall Clean Up.

With the beauty of Autumn comes the falling of the leaves, so the Property Committee is asking everyone to join them on November 4 to help clean up the church hall yard and outside property. In addition, Father Mark will bless the newly planted pussy willow tree in the yard. Afterwards, we will enjoy a lunch filled with Fall themed goodies! Yummmmm!

Vespers to follow immediately after the Luncheon (beginning between 2pm & 3pm)

Fall Orthodox Church Festivals on Saturday, November 4:

St Stephen Orthodox Cathedral – Philadelphia, PA – 10AM to 5PM
Holy Trinity Orthodox Church – Pottstown, PA – 8AM to 2PM

“Saturday Sunday School” to begin on Saturday, November 11 at 2:30pm.

Father Mark (along with two adult teachers) will begin having Sunday School classes for our parish children on Saturday afternoons beginning at 2:30pm (since we already have too many activities/events on Sunday). The agenda for the first class (and more if necessary) will be on the Sacraments. All children 18 and under are welcome to attend the classes. Adults are also welcome to sit in on the classes.

Father Vincent Savarino retirement celebration – Sunday, November 12.

Hierarchal Divine Liturgy at St Michael Russian Orthodox Church * 4th & Fairmount St * Philadelphia, PA,
Then afterwards a banquet at the Cooper Rive Boat House in Pennsauken, NJ.

For more information on this event, please contact Father Gregory Winsky by email at winsky42@gmail.com



Martyr Anastasia the Roman [Oct 29th]

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 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.

2018 Saint Tikhon's Monastery Calendar - Taking orders now:

The parish will once again be ordering 2018 calendars from Saint Tikhon's Monastery. There is a sign up sheet posted on the bulletin board downstairs next to the other three sign up sheets (i.e. cleaning, coffee hour, reading schedule). The cost of the 2018 St Tikhon's calendars is \$6 per calendar. The deadline for ordering these calendars will be: **Sunday, November 5, 2017!**
