

## Word for the Day

### St Anastasia of Rome

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.

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*Thank you to Fr. Igor for the following text:*

The services we render to others is really the rent we pay for our room on this earth (and our place in Heaven). When will our consciences grow so tender that we will act to prevent human misery rather than avenge it?

## ST. NICHOLAS ORTHODOX CHURCH

A Parish Of The New England Diocese ✝ Orthodox Church In America

**October 29, 2017**

21st SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 4. Martyr Anastasia the Roman (3rd c.). Ven. Abramius the Recluse, and his niece, Bl. Mary, of Mesopotamia (ca. 360). Ven. Abrámii, Archimandrite of Rostov (1073-77). Martyr Claudius, Asterius, Neon, and Theonilla, of Aegæ in Cilicia (285). Righteous Anna of Constantinople (826). Monk Martyr Timothy of Esphigmenou (Mt. Athos—1820).



**Martyr Anastasia the Roman**

## Divine Services

Wed., Nov. 1 .....Reader's Vespers.....**6:30 p.m.**

*(followed by Study Group)*

Sat., Nov. 4.....Reader's Vespers.....**5:00 p.m.**

Sat. Nov. 5 .....Akathist to the Mother of God.....**8:30 a.m.**

Divine Liturgy.....**9:30 a.m.**

Hours Begin at 9:00 a.m.

### Today's Readings

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

**Gospel:** Luke 8:26-39

### Next Week's Readings

Galatians 6:11-18

Luke 8:41-56

### For Next Week, Nov. 5

Hours and Thanksgiving Prayers .....Tanya Bogaevskaya

Epistle: .....Emilie Goudey

Coffee Hour: .....Irene Vassos

**In Memory of: Matushka Marie Kreta**, mother of Fr. John Kreta, our Chancellor and Diocesan Administrator/Please keep Fr. John and his family in our prayers. Mat. Marie reposed on Monday, Oct.. 23 in Arkansas.

**For the health and well-being** of Archpriest Joseph and Matushka Julia, Abdullah, David, Tony, Stanislav, Leonard, Timothy, Helen, Fenaeda, Raya, Dennis, Svetlana, Konstantin, Vladislav, Nancy, Maria, Al, Michael, Ludmila, Nick, Koren, Katya, Alexandra, Irina, Gregory, Mat. Myra, Theodore, Helen and Carol.

## October /November Birthdays

**Birthdays:** Irina Trioufanova. ( 10/31); Mat. Mary Gall (11/06), Yanet Tafet (11/09), Ana Radulescu (11/20), Patricia Davis (11/21), Helen Makdisi (11/23), Joyce Makdisi (11/23) **Anniversaries:** Danton and Elena Papurkov (11/14); Nick and Marina (11/30)

## Announcements

**Please Welcome Fr. Dennis Nagi:** Fr. Dennis is a retired priest from New York, and we are very pleased to have him as a celebrant this morning!

**Cancelled Today due to rain: Annual Sunday School Visit to Ioka Farms:** sponsored by Real and Alla Gadoury. This event will be replaced by a visit to the Humane Society on another day to be announced soon.

**October Charities.** We are collecting for the local **Habitat for Humanity**. This wonderful local and national organization uses volunteers to build low income housing for folks who wouldn't be able to afford financing a home.

**ByLaws Update:** There are plans to form a bylaws committee early in 2018 to make some possible amendments and additions to these bylaws. If you are interested in working on that committee or have suggestions for additions please contact Fr. John or Senior Executive Officer Rick Goudey.

**Annual Diocesan Assembly:** The 54th New England Diocesan Assembly was held this past Friday and Saturday, hosted by St. Jacob of Alaska Mission in Northfield, VT. Our representatives were Irene Vassos, a member of the Diocesan Council, and Diane Dunne, representing St. Nicholas as a delegate. We will report soon about the Assembly. a Notebook of the proceedings are in the Rectory for anyone who wants to see the agendas and reports.

## Upcoming Events

**Snow Phone Tree:** The Parish Council will be creating a Telephone Tree for alerting members of the Parish to weather conditions that would result in our need to cancel Sunday church services. Please stay tuned for this list!

**Sunday November 5: Barton's Crossing Meal Donation - Team C:** Spaghetti/Meat Balls. **Team Members** are Nick, Marina, Barbara, Diana F., and Lucian

**St. Nicholas Food Basket:** Remember to donate to the local food pantry by bringing canned and nonperishable donations for the basket in the back.

### Barton's Crossing Meal Schedule

*(a charity ministry of St. Nicholas)*

**Nov 5: Team C: Spaghetti/Meat Balls**  
(Nick, Marina, Barbara, Diana F., Lucian)

**Dec 3: Team A: Chicken-Macaroni Casserole**  
(Tanya, Irina T, Alla Y, Paula, Galina)

### Collections

Last Week's Collection.....\$1,231  
2017 Budget .....\$96,142  
Progress Towards Budget...\$69,704