

## ***VENERABLE XENIA OF ROME***

Saint Xenia (born Eusebia) of Rome was the only daughter of an eminent Roman senator. From her youth she loved God and wished to avoid the marriage arranged for her. She secretly left her parental home with two servants devoted to her, and they set sail upon a ship. Through the Providence of God, she met the head of a monastery of the holy apostle Andrew in Milassa, a town of Caria. She besought him to take her and her companions to Milassa. She also changed her name, calling herself Xenia [which means “stranger” or “foreigner” in Greek].

At Milassa she bought land, built a church dedicated to St. Stephen, and founded a woman’s monastery. Soon after this, Bishop Paul of Milassa made Xenia a deaconess because of her virtuous life. The saint helped everyone: for the destitute, she was a benefactress; for the grief-stricken, a comforter; for sinners, a guide to repentance. She possessed a deep humility, accounting herself the worst and most sinful of all.

In her ascetic deeds she was guided by the counsels of the Palestinian ascetic, St. Euthymius. The sublime life of St. Xenia drew many souls to Christ. The holy virgin died in 450 while she was praying. During her funeral, a luminous wreath of stars surrounding a radiant cross appeared over the monastery in the heavens. This sign accompanied the body of the saint when it was carried into the city and remained until the saint’s burial. Many of the sick received healing after touching the relics of the saint.

Following the death of St. Xenia, first one of her former servants died, then the other. They were buried at the saint’s feet.

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## **THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

***Synaxis of the Holy New Martyrs and Confessors of Russia***

***Ven. Xenia of Rome and her two female slaves;***

***Martyrs Babylas of Sicily, and his two disciples: Timothy and Agapius;***

***St. Macedonius, Hermit, of Syria; Translation of the Relics of St. Anastasius the Persian;***

***St. Gerásim, Bishop of Perm; Martyr John of Kazan';***

***Ven. Dionysius of Olympus; Ven. Philotheus, founder of Philotheou Monastery;***

***Bl. Xenia of St. Petersburg***

“Living the life of a stranger in the world, you estranged yourself from every sin; you abandoned comforts and fleeting honors and betrothed yourself to your Immortal Bridegroom. Glorious Xenia, entreat Christ our God to grant us His great mercy.”

Troparion, Tone III

“In truth you were revealed to your flock as a rule of faith, an image of humility and a teacher of abstinence; your humility exalted you; your poverty enriched you. Hierarch Father Gerasimus, entreat Christ our God that our souls may be saved.”

Troparion, Tone IV

TODAY'S EPISTLE: COLOSSIANS 3:4-11  
ROMANS 8:28-39

TODAY'S GOSPEL: LUKE 18:35-43  
LUKE 21:8-19

### **HOLY WORSHIP THIS WEEK:**

Saturday, January 30 5:00 p.m. Great Vespers

### **Daily Scripture Readings**

Monday, January 25 (St. Gregory the Theologian)	Hebrews 8:7-13 I Corinthians 12:7-11	Mark 8:11-21 John 10:9-16
Tuesday, January 26	Hebrews 9:8-10,15-23	Mark 8:22-26
Wednesday, January 27 (St. John Chrysostom)	Hebrews 10:1-18 Hebrews 7:26-8:2	Mark 8:30-34 John 10:9-16
Thursday, January 28	Hebrews 10:35-11:7	Mark 9:10-16
Friday, January 29	Hebrews 11:8,11-16 Ephesians 5:1-8	Mark 9:33-41 Luke 14:1-11
Saturday, January 30	Hebrews 13:7-16	Matthew 5:14-19

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**COMING EVENTS**

**FEBUARY:**

14, Sunday

Second Sunday Food Sale

<p><b><u>FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:</u></b> If you donated to Holy Trinity Orthodox Church in 2020, your contribution statement is now available in the vestibule.</p> <p><b><u>2021 CALENDARS:</u></b> We have lectionary wall calendars available in the vestibule.</p> <p><b><u>TRINITARIAN COVERS:</u></b> The covers today are offered by Mat. Claudia Virosteck in memory of Jewel Kosckanski on her falling asleep in the Lord. There is a sign-up sheet in the vestibule for those who would like to offer covers in 2021. Your donation goes toward the printing costs of our weekly Trinitarian. Cost is \$8, or \$20 for Pascha and Christmas.</p>	<p><b><u>LIFE COACHES:</u></b> If you are an Orthodox woman seeking the opportunity to help someone in need, ZOE Women’s Center needs you. ZOE is currently recruiting for a 2021 training class of volunteer life coaches, who will work with women in distress due to an unplanned pregnancy. Nursing or related healthcare experience is a plus but is not required. Please contact Paula Kappos for details: paulamk@roadrunner.com</p> <p><b><u>PARISHIONER SUNSHINE:</u></b> If you know of a parishioner who could use a “thinking of you” message, please contact Dianna Kall at 216-741-2888 or dkall@ameritech.net Please include recipient’s name, address, city and zip code, as well as the reason for the good wishes, so an appropriate card can be sent.</p>
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“Know and remember that the matter of your salvation  
 is always near to the heart of Our Lady, the Mother of God,  
 for it was for this that the Son of God, by favour of the Father,  
 and the cooperation of the Holy Spirit,  
 chose Her out of all generations and was incarnate of Her  
 in order to save the human race from sin,  
 the curse and eternal death, or everlasting torments.  
 As the matter of our salvation is near to the Savior, so likewise it is near to Her.  
 Turn to Her with full faith and love.

St. John of Kronstadt

**THE GIFTS WE OFFER TO THE LORD WE LOVE**

REGULAR COLLECTION, THROUGH 1/17/21	\$ 8732.00
CHURCH ADMINISTRATION ASSESSMENT	1800.00
BUILDING FUND	4855.00
CANDLES	312.00
SPECIAL PROJECTS FUND	1710.00
SECOND SUNDAY FOOD SALE 1/10/21	370.00
IN MEMORY OF ANDREW VIROSTECK	47.00

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### *THE SAINTS AMONG US – THE NEW MARTYRS OF RUSSIA*

This Sunday, January 24, our Church commemorates the New Martyrs of Russia. A fairly new holy day, it falls on the fourth Sunday of January because it is the closest Sunday to January 25, the day in 1918 when Metropolitan Vladimir of Kiev became the first bishop martyr of the Russian Revolution. Already in 1918, the Russian Church planned to honor those who died as martyrs, but it was impossible, given the atheistic regime. After the fall of the Soviet Union, the commemoration was officially established in 2002. As the daughter of the Russian Church, the Orthodox Church in America incorporated this feast into our liturgical calendar. This is a major liturgical event, but it also carries immense intellectual and social significance that has still not been sufficiently accepted in our contemporary culture.

There are close to two thousand canonized Russian New Martyrs, but the actual figures of those Christians who perished during the seventy years of the Soviet yoke are not known, although it is certainly in the hundreds of thousands. There were more Christian martyrs during the 20<sup>th</sup> century than in any other time in history. Among the saints on the walls of our Holy Trinity Church are several of the Russian New Martyrs. As three of them were important missionaries in the United States, they are within the group of All the Saints of North America.

- St. Tikhon, Confessor, Patriarch of Moscow and Apostle to America. Although technically not “martyred,” he was arrested, suffered and was under extreme duress before his death on April 7, 1925. As bishop in North America from 1898 to 1907, he oversaw major missionary expansion and envisioned the future autocephaly of our Church.
- St. Benjamin, Metropolitan of Petrograd. A wise and courageous bishop, he was a victim of the first extensive wave of anti-religious persecution, when the Communists began robbing and desecrating churches. He was 48 years old when he was martyred in 1922. (He is depicted in a medallion on the left side near the altar.)
- St. John Kochurov. St. John came as a young missionary to North America at the end of the 19<sup>th</sup> century. Most of his pastoral work took place in and around Chicago. Under his priestly direction, Holy Trinity Cathedral in Chicago was built in 1903. An architectural landmark, the beautiful Cathedral is one of the most historic Orthodox churches in America. After his return to Russia, he was a pastor at a cathedral near St. Petersburg. Just a few weeks after the Russian Revolution began in October, 1917, he was shot by revolutionary soldiers while leading a prayer service for peace. He is considered the very first of the New Martyrs.
- St. Alexander Hotovitsky. After seminary he came as a lay missionary to New York, then was ordained and remained an active pastor there for almost twenty years until returning to Russia in 1914. Being close to St. Tikhon, he was pastor at the Christ the Savior Cathedral in Moscow, the main church of the Russian Church. Arrested several times, he finally died during the mass executions in 1937.

*Fr. Alexander Garklaus*