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HIEROMARTYR EUSEBIUS VENERABLE ANASTASIA OF SERBIA

Epistle Reading
Romans 6:18-23

Gospel Reading
Matthew 8:5-13

**CHRIST IS IN OUR MIDST!
HE IS AND EVER SHALL BE!**

Troparion for Hieromartyr Eusebius the Bishop of Samosata

By sharing in the ways of the Apostles, you became a successor to their throne. Through the practice of virtue, you found the way to divine contemplation, O inspired one of God; by teaching the word of truth without error, you defended the Faith, even to the shedding of your blood. Hieromartyr Eusebius, entreat Christ God to save our souls.

Troparion to Venerable Anastasia of Serbia

Abundant in virtue, and adorned with meekness and piety, you shone forth through the purity of your life; therefore, you were granted the grace to be the mother of our people's Luminary. Thus, we cry aloud to you: "Rejoice, O venerable mother Anastasia!" (Mother of Saint Sava of Serbia)

Kontakion: You lived piously as a bishop, and trod the path of martyrdom. You extinguished idolatrous burnt offerings, Hierarch Eusebius. Since you have boldness before Christ God, entreat Him that our souls may be saved!

Kontakion: Having been blessed by marriage, and living a life of sobriety, you humbly taught your children to love God above all else. As you now stand before Him, intercede for us who cry aloud to you: "Rejoice, O venerable mother Anastasia!"

Our parish is truly blessed thanks to everyone's faith, prayer and financial support.

God Bless America on Independence Day

"By your prayers, O Theotokos, pour out on this land a burning love for God and our neighbor, and fill every heart with zeal for justice and holiness. Preserve us from all our foes, whether visible or hidden from our sight, and obtain for us as for people everywhere peace and Great Mercy."



The Apostles Fast and Feastdays

- The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist is commemorated on Tuesday, July 7.
- The Apostles Fast continues through Saturday, July 11.
- The Feast of Saints Peter and Paul will be celebrated next Sunday, July 12.

First Sunday of the Month – Today – Charitable Giving

The Faith in Action Team sponsors a "Back 2 School Drive" each year to benefit children through Northern Virginia Family Services. Donations for 2020 can be made on the [NVFS website](http://NVFS.org) all July. "Your Gift Will Transform a Child's Future."

Orthodoxy 201 – Wednesday, July 8 – 7PM

Everyone is invited to join the online study group this Wednesday. Fr. John will email sign-in information for the discussion on St. Dionysius the Areopagite from the excellent book, "The Holy Fire" by Robert Payne.

2020 Parish Development Forum – Thursday, July 9 – 10AM - 5PM -- Zoom

[Online Registration](http://www.oca.org) is now open for the 2020 Parish Development Forum, "The Orthodox Parish: Charting a Course in Challenging Times." The Forum is co-sponsored by three OCA dioceses: Western Pennsylvania, Midwest and Bulgarian. It is open to all interested clergy and lay persons with various budget friendly and free-will pricing options. For the list of speakers and more information, see [here](http://www.oca.org). Metropolitan Tikhon will deliver the Keynote address:

*Orthodox Christian Communities in 2020:
Reflecting on the coronavirus pandemic and social divisions of 2020*

God Grant You Many Years!

May God grant many years to Fr. John and Popadija Kitty on the 11th anniversary of his priestly ministry in our St. Luke parish. God bless Louise Romanchak on her birthday and Karla Glomazic on her 1st birthday. Mnogaja ljeta!