Venerable Xenia of Rome, and her two female servants

Saint Xenia of Rome, in the world Eusebia, 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 set sail upon a ship. Through the Providence of God she met the head of the monastery of the holy Apostle Andrew in Milassa, a town of Caria (Asia Minor). 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 Saint 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, Saint Euthymius. The sublime life of Saint 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 Saint Xenia, first one of her former servants died, then the other. They were buried at the saint’s feet.

Troparion — Tone 3 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.

Kontakion — Tone 2 We celebrate the memory of the life you lived as a stranger in the world, / and as we honor you with love, O Xenia, / we praise Christ, who gave you power to grant healing to all; / ever pray to Him on our behalf.

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Resurrection, O Lord, glory to Thee.

Resurrectional Apolytikon in Tone Eight From Husary.

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RESOURCEONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE EIGHT From the heights Thou didst descend, O compassionate One, and Thou didst submit to the three-day burial, that Thou might deliver us from passion; Thou art our life and our Resurrection, O Lord, glory to Thee.

Venerable Xenia, Troparion, Tone Eight In thee, O mother, that which was created according to the image of God was manifestly saved. For accepting thy cross thou didst follow after Christ, and praying thou didst learn to disdain the flesh, for thou didst transcend it to take care of thine immortal soul. Wherefore, with the angels doth thy soul rejoice, O venerable Xenia

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 2022

February 19th Crab Feed – March 19th. Family Dinner Night – April 17th, Bake Sale/Palm Sunday – May 7th, Mother’s Day/ St. George – Celebration June 18th, Father’s Day Celebration – July 31st – August 7th Camp – August 13th, Church Picnic – October 8th & 9th Festival – November 12th Friendsgiving – November 20th Bake Sale – December 2nd, Ladies Christmas – Get Togther – December 17th, Christmas Party –

CONTAKION OF THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN TONE One Thou, O Christ God, Who by Thy Birth, didst sanctify the Virgin’s womb, and as is meet, didst bless Simeon’s arms, and didst also come to save us; preserve Thy fold in wars, and confirm them whom Thou didst love, for Thou alone art the Lover of mankind.

AYE MIN BUDDAK AIBI AL-SIIIH ALLA AL-MASTUR IBTIQALY QADMSAT LAIDY SAMAAN KAMA LAAD BARKHUNA ALDNA ADRHKHAN IBTHHZA. ANFRAKHA RAKHK FBSALAM AL-HROB, WA’AYD AL-WLAD ALAIHINAHU FABAKWA AL-HUJOD.

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ATALLAH TOMA ALBAQAIN

First Week Memorial This Sunday Feb 6th, 2022

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The Parish Family is deeply saddened by the passing into eternal life the Servant of God our Brother in Christ ATALLAH TOMA ALBAQAIN.

Trisagion Service: Thursday, February 3rd, 2022 @7:00 PM, At St. George Orthodox Cathedral

Funeral Service: Friday, February 4th, 2022 @11:00 AM At St. George Orthodox Cathedral

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The Lord will give strength to His people. 
Ascribe to the Lord, O sons of God; ascribe to 
the Lord honor and glory.

**The Reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to St. Timothy. (4:9-15)**

Timothy, my son, the saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance. For to this end, we toil and strive, because we have our hope set on the living God, who is the Savior of all men, especially of those who believe. Command and teach these things. Let no one despise your youth but set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. Until I come, attend to the public reading of scripture, to preaching, to teaching. Do not neglect the gift you have, which was given you by prophetic utterance when the council of elders laid their hands upon you. Practice these duties; devote yourself to them, so that all may see your progress.

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**The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (19:1-10)**

At that time, Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. And there was a man named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector, and rich. And he sought to see Who Jesus was, but could not, on account of the crowd, because he was small of stature. So, he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see Jesus, for He was to pass that way. And when Jesus came to the place, He looked up and said to him, “Zacchaeus, make haste and come down; for I must stay at your house today.” So, he made haste and came down, and received Him joyfully. And when they saw it, they all murmured, “He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner.” And Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, “Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I restore it fourfold.” And Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham; for the Son of man came to seek and to save the lost.”

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اسمها في المعموودة كان أفسافيا أي "النقية". ولدت ونشأت في رومية للابنين من الأشراف. فلما بلغت سن الزواج رغب أبها فزوجها إلى شاب يلقب بـأبي أساقفة.ribbon. تلقى الفكرة لدى أسرتها، ولكنها رفضت ذلك، ولم تتماشى مع نواحيها، فتم إقامة زواجها في يوم بعيد. وردت القضاة إلى ملوكها، وأعادوا فسادًا في أفرادها، ودمرت ببساطة فينها. وإذا إله ستعتبر تدعى "كسينيا" التي تعني "غريبة" لأنها اختارت، بمنعها الله، أن تخرج كبيرة أبى المؤمنين، إلى أرض غريبة كانت موقعة أن الرب الإله سوف يرحمها فيها.

الخطوة التالية في رحلة كسينيا كانت أن تبد لنفسها ورفقتها أباها يرشدها في أصول الحياة الروحية. أين تجد أباً كهذا؟ الله آتى بها إلى هذا الموضع. والله يدربها! لذا لجأت إلى الصلاة:

"يا إلهي، يا من تعرف الجميع وتعطى لكل، لا تخلينا نحن الذين هجرونا بيوتنا وأرضنا ودوننا محبة بك، بل أرسل لنا إنساناً على قلب بك يحفظنا ويرشدنا إليك كما أرسلت بولس الرسول لأولى شهدائنك تقالا!"
ولم يطل الوقت حتى أطلّ عليهن رجل بائت عليه سمات النقى، وقوراً، ملائكي الطلعة، فتحرّك قلب فتاة الله نحوه. كان راهباً، رئيس دير، اسمه بولس، وكان عائداً من أورشليم إلى ديره في ميلاسا، شمالي شرقي جزيرة كوس. فاستارت به النسوة الثلاث فعرض أخذهن معه إلى ديره فرفقت به فرح.

في ميلاسا، بقرب دير بولس الشيخ، أقامت المبتلّات الثلاث في منسك وبينن لأنفسهن كنيسة كرّسّها لأول الشهداء أستفانوس. وقد أضحى المنسك فيما بعد ديراً حين ذاع صيت كسينيا وأقبلت النسوة إليها يطلبن الحياة الملائكية على يدتها.

ثم إن بولس الراهب اختر أسقفًا لياسا فجعل كسينيا شمّاسة رغم تحفظها الشديد. يقول كاتب سيرتها، وهو كاهن راهب مجهول الهوية، إن كسينيا الشمّاسة ضاقت بسيرتها الملائكة وتكدّت من أجل رئّها مشاقّاً عظيمة. حتى الأبالسّة خافت الدنو منها. كانت تأكل مرة كل ثلاثة أيام، وفي زمن الجهاد مرة واحدة في الأسبوع. طعامها اقتصر على الخبز البابس. وإذا كانت تبّل الخبز بالماء، كان يختلط بالدموع والرماد وفق القول المزمني: "أكلت الرماد مثل الخبز ومزجت شرابي بدموعي" (مرأ 1:9). لم تخلف كسينيا في قانونها مرة واحدة بشهادة رفقتها اللتين سعيتا إلى الاقتداء بها وقد إمكنهما. كانت كسينيا تجاهد في الصلاة والسجود الليل بطوله. وكثرت شاهداتها تركز في الصلاة من ساعة غياب الشمس إلى ساعة ضرب الناقوس صبحية اليوم التالي. وكانت أحياناً تمضى الليل في الصلاة ببكار لا ينقطع. والحق إنها لم تكن تصلّي الليلة من دون دموع في عينيها. سيرتها انعجنت بالوداعة والحبة الفائقة. مكّا عاشت كسينيا وعذراً استمرت إلى آخر أيامها.

فلما دنت ساعة مفاركتها، وهي عامة بما يأتي عليها، دعت راهباتها وزوّدتهن بإرشاداتها وبركتهن، ثم أقفلت على نفسها في الكنيسة إلى أن أسلمت الروح. وقد ذكر شهود عيان أن الطيب فاج ساعدت من الكنيسة، كما ذكر آخرون أن مرضى عديدين شفوا برفاتها. أما خادمتا كسينيا فلم تلبثن طويلاً حتى فارقتا كما ليكون الثلاثة معاً في الممات بعد أن كن معاً في الحياة.
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