

## Life of the Holy Martyr Tatiana of Rome

Tatiana was a Roman whose parents were from the nobility. She was a Christian and a deaconess in the church. After the death of Emperor Heliogabalus, there reigned the Emperor Alexander, whose mother, Mammaea, was a Christian. Emperor Alexander himself was wavering and indecisive in his faith, for he kept statues of Christ, Apollo, Abraham and Orpheus in his palace. His chief assistants took it upon themselves to persecute the Christians without awaiting orders from the emperor. When they brought out the virgin Tatiana for torture, she prayed to God for her torturers. And lo, their eyes were opened and they saw four angels around the martyr. Seeing this, eight of them believed in Christ, for which they also were tortured and slain. The tormentors continued to torture St. Tatiana. They whipped her, cut off parts of her body, and scraped her with irons. All disfigured and bloody, Tatiana was thrown into the dungeon that evening, so that the next day they could begin anew with different tortures. But God sent His angels to the dungeon to encourage her and to heal her wounds, so that each morning Tatiana appeared before the torturers completely healed. They threw her before a lion, but the lion fawned about her and did her no harm. They cut off her hair, thinking, according to their pagan reasoning, that some sorcery or magical power was concealed in her hair. Finally, Tatiana and her father were led out together, and both were beheaded. Thus, Tatiana ended her earthly life in about the year 225 A.D., and this heroic virgin, who had the fragile body of a woman but a robust and valiant spirit, was crowned with the immortal wreath of glory.

*“Let us Attend!”*



*“Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand...”*

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**Sunday After Theophany**

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**29th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone  
4. Afterfeast of the Theophany. Sunday after**

**Theophany. Martyr Tatiana of Rome and those who suffered with her (226–235).** Ven. Martinian, Abbot of Belozersk (1483). Martyr Mertius of Mauretania (284–305). Martyr Peter Apselamus of Palestine (309–310). Ven. Eupraxia of Tabenna, in Egypt (393). The “AKATHIST” and “THE MILKGIVER” Icons of the Mother of God. Icon of the Mother of God, the “Priestly”. Virgin Martyrs Neollina, Domnina, and Parthena (1375).

**Epistle:** Ephesians 4:7–13

**Gospel:** Matthew 4:12–17

*Our souls and minds are strengthened and fortified by the regular reading of the Holy Scriptures. Daily readings can be found on the parish’s wall calendar, or online by visiting the OCA’s daily reading page <https://www.oca.org/readings>.*

**Weekly Schedule:**

- **Wednesday, 15 January 2024, 9AM Akathist to Icon of the Theotokos of the Inexhaustible Cup.**
- **Saturday, 18 January 2024: 5:00–5:45Pm Fr. Paul available for Confession; 6:00PM Great Vespers.**
- **Sunday, 19 January 2024. 30<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost. 9:30AM Divine Liturgy, followed by Coffee Hour Agape Fellowship.**

~ A warm welcome to all those who are visiting with us today. Please join us downstairs and join us for Agape Coffee Hour fellowship. All are welcome.

~ This morning at the Liturgy we installed the members of Parish Council, and Auditors. May God bless you and grant you many years. Please pray for members of our Council as they work diligently for the building up of our parish community.

~ There will be a Parish Council meeting this Tuesday at 6pm.

~ Please look forward to a call from Father Paul requesting a convenient time to bless your home.

~ Our thanks to all those that provided special contributions during the feast of the Lord’s Nativity, as well as those that gave for the flowers that adored the church for the festive season. Many blessed years.