

## Thank You to Our Subscribers! Enjoy the Newsletter!

### Sts. Anastasia and Basilissa

These two early Christian women, who were featured in our novel, are great saints that Our Holy Mother the Church sets before us in this Easter season. Their feast April 15th, depending on the year, can fall in Lent or in Eastertime. This is appropriate because in the time in which they lived, the two women experienced the pain of death and the glory of God in themselves and their neighbors because of the persecution of Christians under Emperor Nero. They saw death that *looked* like a defeat but *actually* was an enormous victory, just like Christ on Calvary *looked* like he was defeated, but *actually* he triumphed over sin, opening Heaven's gate which had been shut since the Fall of Adam and Eve. The martyrs triumphed when they died for their Master and their bodies will rise gloriously on the Last Day to go to Heaven, but their souls have been enjoying God's glory in Heaven for many years now...almost 2,000 years in fact. Anastasia and Basilissa actually were the ones who assisted in the burials of Sts. Peter and Paul in the year 67. In the year 68, Anastasia and her companion emulated these great apostles and died for Christ.

Let us ask Sts. Anastasia and Basilissa to help us to deal with death as a good Catholic should. A certain percentage of the people they knew went straight to Heaven when they died because they shed their blood for their dear Master. Our loved ones, on the other hand, who served Our Lord in life, might still have some faults to have taken away in Purgatory so that pure of any stain, they might appear before the court of Heaven. Let us remember our dead in our prayers and they will be so grateful!



April and May are the months when all of our deceased grandparents passed away. On our mother's side of the family, her father died on April 2nd and her mother on May 8th, and on our father's side, his dad died on May 29th. One more person we want to add is Mr. Del Latham, who died on April 1st of 2017. It was the day before our maternal grandfather died. This man is very important to us because he founded the company we work for, namely Roll Products, Inc. If you would, could you say a prayer for these souls that they might see Sts. Anastasia and Basilissa and Our Lord for whom they died in Heaven?



- *Saints To Remember from January to December* is the book that we used when writing this article, and the book that inspired us to put Sts. Anastasia and Basilissa in *Charity Versus Tyranny*

## Updates Coming this Summer About our Sequel + a Sneak Peek Right Now!

**W**e are officially releasing the title of our sequel which is being written right now. The name is...

### *Peace Versus Passion:*

### *Time-Travelers at the First Christmas*

In this new novel, the Baby Jesus, who is the Prince of Peace, will help the time-travelers to control their passions whether it be anger, fear or love, thus aiding them in finding and maintaining true peace of heart. "Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you." (St. John 14:27)

## What if Ancient Romans Had Modern Technology?

### Episode I

**A** note to readers: if you have not read or finished reading our book, the characters in this story are all ones featured in our novel, but as they are earlier in the story. This is because we do not wish to reveal in what ways they change or do not change as the novel continues. The family featured in this and some future articles is the family of Senator Claudius Cominius which consists of his languid wife Valeria, lazy son Pompilius, choleric and know-it-all nephew Horatius and thoughtful niece Lucia.

**O**ne day in Ancient Rome, the family of Senator Cominius was lounging about in silence, because they were more interested in the smartphone or tablet before them than any of the persons present. Even the cousins, Tribune Horatius and his sister Lucia, had faces lit up by the light of their respective screens. Since they were around so much it was not considered rudeness if the two were left to their own devices, literally.

Suddenly, there was a clatter in the hallway, and Quintus, a friend of Horatius, ran hastily into the midst of the family gathering and excitedly shouted at Horatius, "Look ye at this!" He pulled his phone out of a pouch which was attached to his belt and typed furiously for a few moments. Then he triumphantly turned it toward Horatius.

With a loud cry of excitement, Horatius leapt to his feet. "Let us go!!!"

"Nephew, where art thou going?" asked Claudius.

"I am going to the race! The Emperor hath announced on Decem that he wished to surprise the populace with a secretly prepared chariot race! He had all the charioteers train and ready themselves without the knowledge of the people!"

"Are those the same charioteers that hath been posting on Decem?" asked Valeria. "I would not go to that race just to protest such a lowering of the Roman standard."

"They are charioteers, Woman," countered Horatius. "They are some of the most admired men in Rome!" He turned and showed Quintus a video on his phone of a racing highlight posted by his favorite charioteer.

"By thy generation, anyway." His aunt rolled her eyes. "I much prefer plays."

"Thou must get with it!" Horatius exclaimed before tearing out of the room, Quintus close on his heels.

Valeria sighed, and lamented on the follies of the youth and how they were more interested in sports and fantasy than in their history and actual problems of these troubling times, like too many freed slaves. This tirade was recorded by her and posted on RomeTalk. During this, her niece and husband put on their respective headphones; the senator listening to Ceasartube reenactments of important speeches and discourses of old Roman heroes, while his niece read downloaded manuscripts of ancient philosophers while listening to her favorite cithara group.

When Valeria finally noticed that everyone else was ignoring her, she exhaled loudly for the fifth time that day, and remarked that people were so rude these days. Everyone's response was either silence or "click-click-click-click-click." Since she was not getting any attention, she ordered one of her slaves to bring in her computer, got on Faciem and conversed with some friends who were as rich and lazy as she was.

The senator after exactly twenty minutes of vegetating, put away his tablet and was about to stride out of the room when he observed that his son had been playing gladiator-themed video games on his phone for literally four hours.

"Son."

Pompilius did not reply because he was listening to the sounds of fighting and killing going on in the video game through his wireless earbuds.

The senator got in his face. "Take out thy earbuds at once and show some respect for thy father!"

Pompilius blinked, stared, and took one of the earbuds out. "What sayest thou?"

"Hast thou no life that thou spendest it tapping thy thumbs on plastic? And staring at things that are not there?"

His son gazed blankly at him.

"If thou dost enjoy pretending to be a gladiator, why dost thou not practice thy fighting skills?"

"I would rather pretend to do it than do it. Fighting maketh me tired."

“Thou art a tribune!!!! What is rest to thee? I have lived more than a generation longer than thou hast and I do not concern myself with rest, until I need it for renewed vigor!”

“Claudius!” exclaimed his wife reproachfully. “I am conversing with my friends!”

“Then go and converse with those chattering geese elsewhere!”

“Didst thou hear what he called thee?!” Valeria asked her friends. “My husband hath no regard for manners!”

“Neither hast thou when thou dost spend more time with thy electronics than with thy husband or son!” declared Claudius, and turning on his heel, strode from the room.

Moral: though electronics are useful, do not thou become useless while using them.

**To be continued...**

### Vote on Your Favorite Character!

**W**e have a challenge for our subscribers! Use the *Contact Us* page on our [website](#) to tell us who was your favorite character from *Charity Versus Tyranny*! If you wish, you can also tell us why they were your favorite. We will have a running list in our newsletters of the favorite characters so you can see what other readers are saying!

### A Note on Availability

**F**or our online shoppers, *Charity Versus Tyranny* is available at Amazon. For the fans in the St. Mary's, Kansas area, our novel can be purchased at Heaven's Treasures Gift Shop located 1570 SW Wanamaker Road in Topeka and from us personally.

### In our June/July Issue You Will See...

- An article about Saints Peter and Paul
- Updates about *Charity Versus Tyranny* & our sequel
- A second episode of the Ancient Romans with modern technology
- And more!