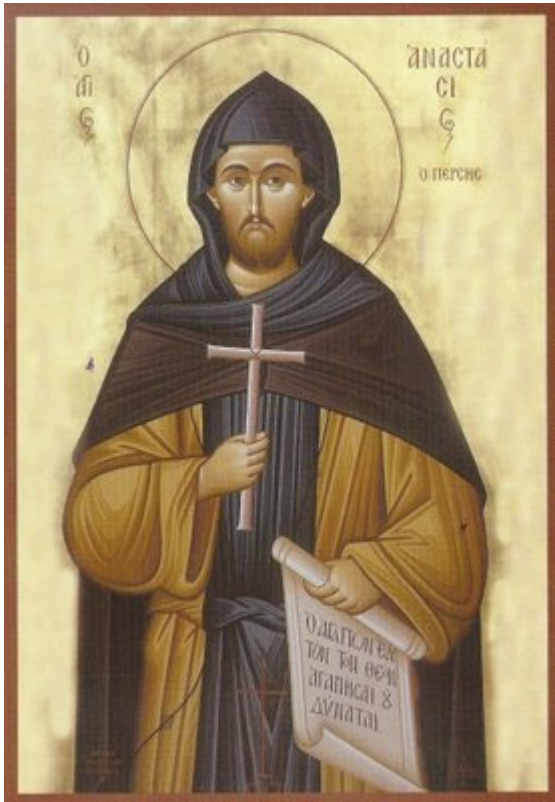


Saint Anastasios the Persian

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Saint Anastasios was born in the village of Rachiz in Persia, which was situated at the province of Rasnouni. He lived during the 7th century AD, during time of the Persian king Chosroes the Second (590-628 AD), and the Emperor of Byzantium, Irakleios. His name was Magundat and came from the class of the Magoi (Zoroastrian priests), as he was the son of magus Mav. He had a good education and had great interest in philosophical and religious thought.

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