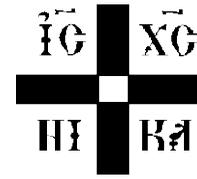


## Weekly Schedule

<b>Saturday</b>	Great Vespers, 6:00 p.m. Confessions following Vespers
<b>Sunday</b>	Reading of Hours, 9:40 a.m. Divine Liturgy, 10:00 a.m. <i>Coffee hour following Liturgy</i>

Hieromartyr Cyprian, Virgin Martyr Justina and Martyr Theoctistus suffered for Christ at Nicomedia in the year 304. St Cyprian was a pagan and a native of Antioch. From his early childhood his misguided parents dedicated him to the service of the pagan gods. From age seven until thirty, Cyprian studied at the most outstanding centers of paganism: on Mount Olympus, in the cities of Argos and Tauropolis, in the Egyptian city of Memphis, and at Babylon. Once he attained eminent wisdom in pagan philosophy and the sorcerer's craft, he was consecrated into the pagan priesthood on Mount Olympus. Having discovered great power by summoning unclean spirits, he beheld the Prince of Darkness himself, and spoke with him and received from him a host of demons in attendance. After returning to Antioch, Cyprian was revered by the pagans as a prominent pagan priest, amazing people by his ability to cast spells, to summon pestilence and plagues, and to conjure up the dead. He brought many people to ruin, teaching them to serve demons and how to cast magic spells. The holy virgin Justina lived in Antioch. After turning her own father and mother away from pagan error and leading them to the true faith in Christ, she dedicated herself to the Heavenly Bridegroom and spent her time in fasting and prayer. When the youth Aglaides proposed marriage to her, the saint refused, for she wished to remain a virgin. Agalides sought Cyprian's help and asked for a magic spell to charm Justina into marriage. But no matter what Cyprian tried, he could accomplish nothing, since the saint overcame all the wiles of the devil through her prayers and fasting. Cyprian sent demons to attack the holy virgin, trying to arouse fleshly passions in her, but she dispelled them by the power of the Sign of the Cross and by fervent prayer to the Lord. Even though one of the demonic princes and Cyprian himself, assumed various guises by the power of sorcery, they were not able to sway St Justina, who was guarded by her firm faith in Christ. All the spells dissipated, and the demons fled at the mere mention of the saint's name. Cyprian, in a rage, sent down pestilence and plague upon Justina's family and upon all the city, but this was thwarted by her prayer. Cyprian's soul, corrupted by its domination over people and by his incantations, was shown in all the depth of his downfall, and also the abyss of nothingness of the evil that he served. "If you take fright at even the mere shadow of the Cross and the Name of Christ makes you tremble," said Cyprian to Satan, "then what will you do when Christ Himself stands before you?" The devil then flung himself upon the pagan priest who had begun to repudiate him, and attempted to beat and strangle him. St Cyprian then first tested for himself the power of the Sign of the Cross and the Name of Christ, guarding himself from the fury of the enemy. Afterwards, with deep repentance he went to the local bishop Anthimus and threw all of his books into the flames. The very next day, he went into the church, and did not want to leave it, though he had not yet been baptized. By his efforts to follow a righteous manner of life, St Cyprian discerned the great power of fervent faith in Christ, and made up for more than thirty years of service to Satan. Seven days after Baptism he was ordained reader, on the twelfth day, sub-deacon, on the thirtieth, deacon. After a year, he was ordained priest. In a short time St Cyprian was elevated to the rank of bishop. The Hieromartyr Cyprian converted so many pagans to Christ that in his diocese there was no one left to offer sacrifice to idols, and the pagan temples fell into disuse. St Justina withdrew to a monastery and there was chosen Abbess. During the persecution against Christians under the emperor Diocletian, Bishop Cyprian and Abbess Justina were arrested and brought to Nicomedia, where after fierce tortures they were beheaded with the sword. St Cyprian, fearful that the holy virgin's courage might falter if she saw him put to death, asked for time to pray. St Justina joyfully inclined her neck and was beheaded first. The soldier Theoctistus, seeing the guiltless sufferings of St Justina, fell at Cyprian's feet and declared himself a Christian, and was beheaded with them.



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### **Troparion (Tone 7)**

By Your Cross You destroyed death.  
To the thief You opened Paradise. For  
the Myrrhbearers You changed weep-  
ing into joy. And You commanded  
Your disciples, O Christ God, to pro-  
claim that You are risen,//granting  
the world great mercy.

### **Troparion (Tone 4)**

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 contem-  
plation, O inspired one of God; by  
teaching the word of truth without er-  
ror, you defended the Faith, even to  
the shedding of your blood.//  
Hieromartyr Cyprian, entreat Christ  
God to save our souls!

### **Kontakion (Tone 7)**

The dominion of death can no longer  
hold mankind captive, for Christ de-  
scended, shattering and destroying its  
powers. Hell is bound, while the  
Prophets rejoice and cry: "The Savior  
has come to those in faith;//enter, you  
faithful, into the Resurrection!"

**October 02, 2011**

**16<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST —**  
**Tone 7 (2<sup>nd</sup> of Luke).** Hieromartyr Cyprian,  
Virgin Martyr Justina, and Martyr Theoctistus,  
of Nicomedia (304).

### **Kontakion (Tone 1)**

You turned from the art of sorcery to the  
knowledge of God, and were shown forth  
as a skillful healer for the world, Cyprian,  
inspired by God. Together with Justina  
you grant cures to those who honor  
you; //With her, pray to the Master Who  
loves mankind that He may save our  
souls!

### **Prayers for The Faithful and De- parted**

Rdr. Leonard Maclush, Daniel Herbert,  
Julia Guavala, Alexander Mackiewicz,  
Pellack family and friends, Patterson  
family and friends, Witiak family and  
friends. Emily Burychka, Olga Vail,  
Emily Gerasimoff. **May God Grant  
Them Many Years!**

Ella Drozdak, Nancy Starecky. **May  
Their Memories Be Eternal!**

### **Epistle Reading**

#### **2 Corinthians 6:1-10**

We then, as workers together with Him also plead with you not to receive the grace of God in vain. For He says: In an acceptable time I have heard you, And in the day of salvation I have helped you." Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation. We give no offense in anything, that our ministry may not be blamed. But in all things we commend ourselves as ministers of God: in much patience, in tribulations, in needs, in distresses, in stripes, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labors, in sleeplessness, in fastings; by purity, by knowledge, by longsuffering, by kindness, by the Holy Spirit, by sincere love, by the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armor of righteousness on the right hand and on the left, by honor and dishonor, by evil report and good report; as deceivers, and yet true; as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold we live; as chastened, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things.

### **Gospel Reading**

#### **Luke 6:31-36**

And just as you want men to do to you, you also do to them likewise. But if you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive back, what credit is that to you? For even sinners lend to sinners to receive as much back. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, hoping for nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High. For He is kind to the unthankful and evil. Therefore be merciful, just as your Father also is merciful.



### **Welcome to our Visitors!**

A warm welcome to all our visitors and guests who have joined us in celebrating the Divine Liturgy. Please join us for our Fellowship Hour in the Church Hall . **Please note: Only those Orthodox Christians that have properly prepared themselves through prayer, fasting, and confession of sins should approach the Chalice and receive Holy Communion.**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **Church Telephone Number**

Our church's telephone number is 215-468-3535. If there is inclement weather, do please call the number and wait for the answering machine. If church is canceled, it will be announced on the machine.

#### **Roof Leaking**

As many of you know, time is nearing when we will have to complete repair work on our and the hall's roof. The council has decided to allocate \$22,500 to repair the hall's roof.

#### **Roof Repair Fund Raisers**

*October 16:* Chicken Cutlet Dinner, \$12.00 donation - chicken soup, chicken cutlet, cranberries, potatoes, string beans, salad, cakes, pies, rice pudding, coffee, soda, tea.

#### **Orthodoxy 101**

Next Sunday there will be an Orthodoxy 101 course.

#### **Baptism**

Little Theodore Cantrell will be baptized on Saturday, October 15, at 10:00 a.m. All parishioners and friends are invited to attend.

#### **Wedding**

Michael McCartney and Janine Legg plan to wed on Sunday, October 23. If you would have any reason they should not wed, please do see Fr. Matthew in private.

#### **Parish Statistics for September 18, 2011**

Attendance: 40 (good!)

Income : \$2666.00

Expenses: \$61.72

**Surplus: \$2604.28**