

MARTYRS CYRICUS AND JULITTA OF TARSUS

The Holy Martyrs Cyricus and Julitta lived in the city of Iconium in the province of Lykaoneia in Asia Minor. St. Julitta was descended from an illustrious family and was a Christian. Widowed early on, she raised her son Cyricus alone. During the emperor Diocletian's persecution of Christians, St. Julitta and 3-year-old Cyricus departed the city, leaving behind her home, property and servants.

Concealing her noble rank, she hid out first at Seleucia, and then at Tarsus. There around the year 305 she was recognized, arrested and brought to trial before the governor, Alexander. Strengthened by God, she fearlessly answered the judge and firmly confessed her faith in Christ.

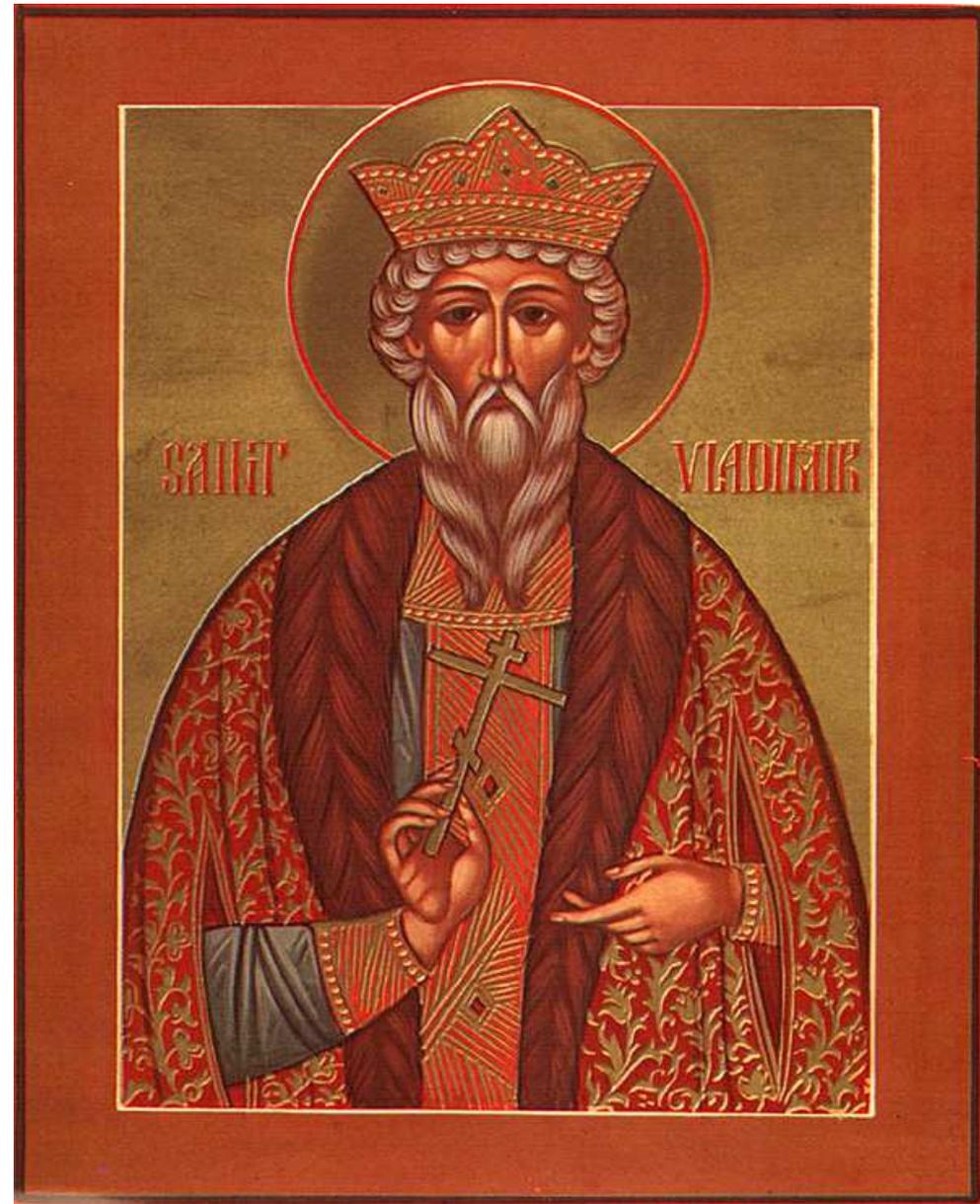
The governor gave orders to beat the saint with rods. During her torments, St. Julitta kept repeating, "I am a Christian, and will not offer sacrifice to demons."

The little boy cried, seeing his mother being tortured and wanted to go to her. The governor Alexander tried to sit him on his lap, but the boy broke free and shouted, "Let me go to my mother; I am a Christian." The governor threw the boy down from the high tribunal and kicked him down the stone steps. The boy struck his head on the sharp edges and died.

St. Julitta, seeing her lacerated son, gave thanks to God that He had permitted her child to be perfected before her and to receive the unfading crown of martyrdom. After many cruel tortures, St. Julitta was beheaded with a sword.

The relics of Saints Cyricus and Julitta were uncovered during the reign of St. Constantine the Great. A monastery was built near Constantinople in honor of these holy martyrs, and a church was built not far from Jerusalem. We pray to Saints Cyricus and Julitta for family happiness, and the restoration of sick children to health.

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TONE 6

JULY 15, 2018

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Commemoration of the Holy Fathers of the First Six Œcumenical Councils

HOLY EQUAL-TO-THE-APOSTLES GREAT PRINCE VLADIMIR, ENLIGHTENER OF RUS'

Martyr Cyricus and his mother, Julitta, of Tarsus;

Martyr Abudimus of the Isle of Tenedos

“The Apostles’ preaching and the Fathers’ doctrines have established one faith for the Church. Adorned with the robe of truth, woven from heavenly theology, it defines and glorifies the great mystery of Orthodoxy!”

Kondakion, Tone VIII

“As the mighty ruler of the mother of all the cities of Rus, you were like a merchant in search of a precious pearl. You sent envoys to the city of Constantine to inquire about the Orthodox faith, and through them you discovered the priceless pearl that is Christ Himself. In turn, He chose you as a second Paul, O holy Vladimir, removing through baptism your blindness both of body and soul. Now, as we honor you today, pray for salvation for your homeland and ours.”

Troparion, Tone IV

TODAY’S EPISTLE: ROMANS 15:1-7
HEBREWS 13:7-16
GALATIANS 1:11-19

TODAY’S GOSPEL: MATTHEW 9:27-35
JOHN 17:1-13
JOHN 10:1-9

HOLY WORSHIP THIS WEEK:

Saturday, July 21

5:00 p.m. Great Vespers

Daily Scripture Readings

Monday, July 16
Tuesday, July 17
Wednesday, July 18
Thursday, July 19
(St. Seraphim)
Friday, July 20
Saturday, July 21

I Corinthians 9:13-18
I Corinthians 10:5-12
I Corinthians 10:12-22
I Corinthians 10:28-11:7
Galatians 5:22-6:2
James 5:10-20
I Corinthians 11:8-22
Romans 13:1-10

Matthew 16:1-6
Matthew 16:6-12
Matthew 16:20-24
Matthew 16:24-28
Luke 6:17-23
Luke 4:22-30
Matthew 17:10-18
Matthew 12:30-37

COMING EVENTS

JULY:

- 16, Monday Cooking for St. Herman's House
- 18, Wednesday Serving dinner at St. Herman's House
- 23-27 All-American Council in St. Louis, MO

<p><u>OUR NEW SIGN!</u> You must have noticed the work on the new sign for our church. If all remains on track, we should be seeing the completed and working electronic sign in just a few weeks. Together with the sign, there will also be new lighting along the entire driveway. Foundations for the new lights have been built, but it will be a while before the actual new fixtures are installed.</p> <p><u>ST. PANTELEIMON FEAST DAY:</u> There will be a Great Vespers service with Blessing of 5 Loaves at St. Nicholas Church, 6:30 p.m., on St. Panteleimon Feast Day, Thursday, July 22. The church is located at 2101 Quail St. in Lakewood.</p> <p><u>FLOWERS:</u> The flowers today are offered by Jewelann Stefanar.</p>	<p><u>AAC:</u> The 19th All-American Council will be held next week, July 23-27, in St. Louis.</p> <p><u>MEMORIAL SERVICE:</u> There will be a One-Year Memorial Service for Daria Petrykowski next Sunday, July 22, at 11:30 a.m.</p> <p><u>TRINITARIAN COVERS:</u> The covers today are offered by Clare and Michael Skor.</p> <p><u>COFFEE HOUR DONORS:</u> Many thanks to the recent donors of our weekly refreshments: Bellack Family, MaryAnn Bobulsky, Matushka Carol Garklavs, Judy Howe, Kall Family, Brenda Mavechik, Tara Reidy, Pauline Smolarchuk, Stoyka Family, Table One.</p>
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Christ as the Life Giver, as the All-perfect God,
 as the Creator, as the Provider, Guardian and Savior,
 is wholly sufficient for me, for the fullness of my life,
 and no material things are needful for my immaterial heart;
 they are only needful for perishable and transitory body.
 But by the grace of God and thanks to His bounties,
 even the body has what is daily and habitually necessary for it.
 The lusts of the flesh, the old man, are innumerable, but they are illusions.
 They are the shipwreck of my soul.
 But my peace and my life are in God alone.

THE GIFTS WE OFFER TO THE LORD WE LOVE

REGULAR COLLECTION, JULY 8	\$ 2983.00
CHURCH ADMINISTRATION ASSESSMENT	40.00
BUILDING FUND	175.00
MORTGAGE FUND	160.00
CANDLES	115.00

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LETTERS TO ST. PAUL FROM ROME - V

Dear Paul,

With your eloquence and boldness, I am at a loss as how to challenge you. Not that I need to challenge you. It's your thoughts that challenge me! I must say that slowly but surely you are convincing me. Although it had not occurred to me, you are correct in disclosing the fact that we humans are unable to stop sinning and doing those things that we would rather not do. Being "fleshly" as we are, we are bound to experience temptations, to fall, to sin, and, as you conclude, to die. The only solution, according to you, is in Jesus Christ whom you praise so much. Now this Jesus lived and died, but you say that His Spirit is present. Explain in greater detail just how this Spirit of Christ can get us out of the "dead end" of death.

With gratitude, Your friend, N

My good friend N,

For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law, indeed it cannot; and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh, you are in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Any one who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to Him. But if Christ is in you, although your bodies are dead because of sin, your spirits are alive because of righteousness. If the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Jesus will give life to your bodies also through His Spirit which dwells in you.

So then, friend, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh – for if we live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the spirit of sonship. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is the Spirit Himself bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with Him in order that we may also be glorified with Him.

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with sighs too deep for words. And He who searches the hearts of men knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

What then shall we say to this? If God is with us, who is against us? He who did not spare His own Son but gave Him up for us all, will He not also give us all things with Him? Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies; who then can condemn? It is Christ Jesus who died, yes, who was raised from the dead, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? ...Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. [Romans 8:7-11, 12-17, 26-27; 31-39]

May God's peace be with you, Paul