

July 15, 2018

**SUNDAY OF THE HOLY FATHERS OF
FOURTH ECUMENICAL COUNCIL**

Martyrs Julita and Cyricus of Tarsus

The Holy Martyrs Cyricus and Julita lived in the city of Iconium in the province of Lykaoneia in Asia Minor. Saint Julita was descended from an illustrious family and was a Christian. Widowed early on, she raised her three-year old-son Cyricus (Quiricus). During the emperor Diocletian's persecution of Christians, Saint Julita departed the city with her son and two trustworthy servants, 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 the Lord, she fearlessly answered the judge's questions, and firmly confessed her faith in Christ.

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

The little boy Cyricus 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.

Saint Julita, 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 Saint Julita was beheaded with a sword.

The relics of Saints Cyricus and Julita were uncovered during the reign of Saint Constantine the Great (May 21). 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 Julita for family happiness, and the restoration of sick children to health.

Text and Image from <https://oca.org/saints/lives/2018/07/15/102041-martyr-cyricus-of-tarsus>



The disciples were called Christians first in Antioch (Acts 11:26)



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COMMEMORATIONS:

**GREAT PRINCE VLADIMIR (BASIL) OF KIEV, EQUAL-TO-
THE-APOSTLES (1015)**

**MARTYRS KYRIKOS AND HIS MOTHER JULITTA OF TARSUS
(305)**

**MARTYR ABUDIMUS OF THE ISLE OF TENEDOS (4TH C.)
ST. SWITHUN, BISHOP AND WONDERWORKER OF
WINCHESTER (862)**

Tone 6 - Eothinon 7

Matins Gospel: St. John 20:1-10

Epistle: Titus 3:8-15

Liturgy Gospel: St. Matthew 5:14-19

RESURRECTION TROPARION - Tone 6 - When Mary stood at thy grave, looking for thy sacred Body, angelic powers shone above thy revered tomb, and the soldiers who were to keep guard became as dead men. Thou led'st hades captive and wast not tempted thereby; thou didst meet the Virgin and didst give life to the world. O thou who art risen from the dead, O Lord, glory to thee!

APOLYTIKION OF THE HOLY FATHERS - Tone 8 - Thou, O Christ, art our God of exceeding praise Who didst establish our Holy Fathers as luminous stars upon earth, and through them didst guide us unto the true Faith, O most merciful One, glory to Thee.

TODAY: Orthros, 8:45 am & Divine Liturgy, 10 am
Coffee Hour, 11:45 am
Parish Council Meeting, 12:45 pm

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Office Hours: Monday through Thursday 8:30 - 4:00; Friday 10:00 - 3:00

Fr Noah & Fr James are available for hospital visits. If you or anyone you know is in the hospital or homebound and would like a visit, please call the church office.

Weekly Ministries & Stewards:

	This Week:	Next Week (July 22):
PROSPHORA BREAD:	---	MaryLynne B.
EPISTLE READER:	Catalin Tinjala	Jennifer Howanetz
ALTAR CANDLES:	---	---
GREETERS:	Don & Maryann R.	Michael & Helen Heveran
CLEANING TEAM:	Kim, Todd & Kristi	The Teens
COFFEE HOUR:	Burial Ministry Donation	Tadesse/Hirut & Natalia

Everyone is invited to stay for refreshments after the Divine Liturgy. Your assistance in cleanup is appreciated.

COFFEE HOUR SPONSORS NEEDED! Many upcoming weeks do not have sponsors - can you take a turn, partner with another family? Sign-up sheet is by the coffee pots in the Great Room.

Church Etiquette — Talking during Church

Isn't it great to come to church and see friends and family members? But wait until coffee hour to say "hi." It just isn't appropriate to greet people and have a conversation with them during the services. Besides being disrespectful toward God, it is rude toward the other people in the church who are trying to worship.

The narthex is also part of the church and should have a prayerful atmosphere. Unfortunately, parents with young children who bring them to the narthex to quiet down are sometimes surrounded by chatter from adults who should know better.

Talk to God while in church through your prayers, hymns, and thanksgiving, and to your friends in the Great Room afterwards.

Mark Your Calendar:

Vacation Church School

July 30 - Aug 3

Dormition Fast

Aug 1 - Aug 15

Feast of the Transfiguration

August 6

Feast of the Dormition

August 15

Beheading of St. John the Baptist

August 29

Sunday School Resumes

September 9

International Food Festival

September 21-22

Pray For:

Living

Baby Simeon
Natalie
Paul (H)
Paul (M)
James E
Christine S
Angela G
Mary K.
R. Maxime
Lasha B
Otari B
Daniel H
Elizabeth D
Stephanie
M. Emiliani
Mebrat
Gregory
Aristidis

Thomas, Elizabeth &
all Missionaries

Tadesa, Eyala, Yorgo

Suffering in Syria,
Ethiopia, Egypt
& unstable lands

Departed

R. Herman
Alexandra
George

St. Nina's List

Catechumens

New & Ex-

pectant Mothers

& children

Couples prepar-

ing for marriage

Joseph G.

Faith

Mary

Michael

Everyday Evangelist

"As the Father has sent me, so I send you." (Jn 20:21)

"Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none" (Lk 3.11)

This Week:

*Fr Noah & Fr James at AV for Clergy Symposium
July 16-20 (Mon-Fri)*

Fr Gregory Dudash is on-call: 540-602-8921.

- Monday, July 16:** SIXTH HOUR, 12 noon
- Tuesday, July 17:** Matushka Olga Sewing Club, 11 a.m.
SIXTH HOUR, 12 noon
- Wed, July 18:** SIXTH HOUR, 12 noon
- Thurs, July 19:** SIXTH HOUR, 12 noon
- Friday, July 20:** SIXTH HOUR, 12 noon
- Saturday, July 21:** New Moms Tea Party/Shower, 3 pm
VESPERS 6 p.m.
Mini-Retreat w/ Fr. David Sommer 7 p.m.
Festal Potluck meal to follow
- Sunday, July 22:** ORTHROS 8:45 a.m., Divine LITURGY 10 a.m.
Coffee Hour, 11:45 am

OUTREACH COLLECTION: Oral Care Products.

WISDOM FROM FATHER B.: "The devil's favorite lie is, 'there is plenty of time to repent.'"

ATTENDANCE: At Vespers on Jul 7: 46 Divine Services on Jul 8: 173
OFFERINGS: Candles, \$209. Collections, \$1,117. Flowers, \$20. Book Shelf, \$47. Cemetery Fund, \$50. One-time gift, \$500. Cemetery Plots, \$1,200. Stewardship, \$4,877.50. Total received: \$8,020.50.
GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR FAITHFULNESS & GENEROSITY!