

Holy Wonderworkers and Unmercenaries Cyrus and John, and those with them (January 31)

Saint Cyrus was a noted physician in the city of Alexandria, where he had been born and raised. He was a Christian and he treated the sick without charge, not only curing their bodily afflictions, but also healing their spiritual infirmities. He would say, "Whoever wishes to avoid being ill should refrain from sin, for sin is often the cause of bodily illness." Preaching the Gospel, the holy physician converted many pagans to Christ. During the persecution by Diocletian (284-305), Saint Cyrus withdrew into Arabia, where he became a monk. He continued to heal people by his prayer, having received from God the gift to heal every sickness.



In the city of Edessa at this time lived the soldier John, a pious Christian. When the persecution started, he went to Jerusalem and there he heard about Saint Cyrus. He began to search for him, going first to Alexandria and then to Arabia. When Saint John finally found Saint Cyrus, he remained with him and became his faithful follower.

They learned of the arrest of the Christian woman Athanasia and her three young daughters. Theoctiste was fifteen; Theodota, was thirteen; and Eudoxia, was eleven. Saints Cyrus and John hastened to the prison to help them. They were concerned that faced with torture, the women might renounce Christ.

Saints Cyrus and John gave them courage to endure what lay before them. Learning of this, the ruler of the city arrested Saints Cyrus and John, and seeing their steadfast and fearless confession of faith in Christ, he brought Athanasia and her daughters to witness their torture. The tyrant did not refrain from any form of torture against the holy martyrs. The women were not frightened by the sufferings of Saints Cyrus and John, but courageously continued to confess Christ. They were flogged and then beheaded, receiving their crowns of martyrdom.

At the same place they executed the Holy Unmercenaries Cyrus and John. Christians buried their bodies in the church of the holy Evangelist Mark. In the fifth century the relics of Saints Cyrus and John were transferred from Canopis to Manuphin. Later on their relics were transferred to Rome, and from there to Munchen (Munich) (another account is located under June 28).

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January 31, 2021

**THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST**

COMMEMORATIONS:

15TH SUNDAY OF LUKE
CYRUS & JOHN THE UNMERCENARIES
HOLY WOMEN MARTYRS THEODOTE,
THEOKTISTE AND EUDOXIA
OUR RIGHTEOUS FATHER ARSENIUS OF PARUS
ELIAS ARDOUNIS THE NEW RIGHTEOUS-MARTYR
OF MOUNT ATHOS
AED FROM FERNS

Tone 1 - Eothinon 1
Orthros Gospel: St. Matthew 28:16-20
Epistle: 1 Timothy 4:9-15
Liturgy Gospel: St. Luke 19:1-10

RESURRECTION TROPARION - Tone 1 - While the stone was sealed by the Jews, and the soldiers were guarding thy most pure Body, thou didst arise on the third day, O Saviour, granting life to the world. For which cause the heavenly powers cried aloud unto thee, O Giver of life: Glory to thy resurrection, O Christ! Glory to thy kingdom! Glory to thy providence, O thou who alone art the Lover of mankind!

APOLYTIKION OF STS. CYRUS & JOHN - Tone 5 - Since Thou hast given us the miracles of Thy holy Martyrs, Cyrus and John, as an invincible battlement, by their entreaties scatter the counsels of the heathen, O Christ our God, and strengthen the faith of Orthodox Christians, since Thou alone art good and the Lover of mankind.

TODAY: ORTHROS & Confession 8:45 a.m.
Divine LITURGY 10 a.m.
Virtual Sunday School & Catechism

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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 (Feb 7):
PROSPHORA BREAD:	Sdn Justin G.	Kristi Moore
USHERS:	Steven K. & Bill H.	Sdn. John & Sdn. Justin
ALTAR CANDLES:	Hirut & Tadessa 25th Anniversary – Many Years!	----
ALTAR BOYS:	“Archangel Gabriel”	“Archangel Michael”
CLEANING TEAM:	John & Maxine N.; Tatiana Y.	Jordan & Natalie Gamble
COFFEE TO-GO TEAM:	Felicia S.; Abraham L.; Myriam K.	Todd & Kendra; Dale Y.; Jonathan Z.

Mark Your Calendar:

Special Liturgies

- ✦ Feb 17th for St. Theodore
- ✦ Feb 23rd for St. Polycarp
- ✦ Mar 4th for St. Gerasimos
- ✦ Mar 9th for 40 Martyrs of Sebaste

Lenten Triodion

Publican & Pharisee - February 21
 Prodigal Son - February 28
 Sunday of Judgment (Meatfare) -
 Mar 7

Forgiveness Sunday

March 14 - Forgiveness Vespers 1 pm

Beginning of Lent

March 15, 2021

**We live Pascha to Pascha!
 May 2, 2021**

OFFERINGS: Candles, \$272.
 Collections, \$46.33. Youth, \$1. Book
 Shelf Ministry, \$10. Building Fund,
 \$1,000. Pastoral Discretion, \$120.
 Women's Fund, \$192. March for Life,
 \$20. Stewardship, \$6,240. Total
 received: \$7,901.33.

**GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR
 FAITHFULNESS & GENEROSITY!**

Pray For:

Living	Departed
Newly-Illumined	+M.A.P. Daniel
Jonathan-Elias	+George
AP Boris	+Albert
Fr. Anthony	+Katharine
HM Sylvester	+Luke
AP Serge, Mat. Lubov, & family	+Victoria
Doris & John	+Lydia
APr. Gregory & Family	+Edward
James	
Lasha B	+Julie
Otari B	+Helen
Daniel H	+Rdr Maxime K
John	+Mimi
Peter	+George
Anesia	
Svetlana & Family	
Pulcheria	
Alexandra	
Natalia	
Andrew	
Ivan	
Dn. Thomas, Elizabeth, Elaine & all Missionaries	
New & Expectant Mothers & their children	

Catechumens

Matthew,
 Michael,
 Shaun,
 Tina,
 Asena,
 Sara,
 Barry,
 Ryan

For the people of our
 land and their
 repentance, healing &
 unity

All who are suffering,
 serving and rebuilding
 from the pandemic

This Week:

Office Open – 10am-3pm, Mon-Fri

Masks encouraged for all services.

- Monday, Feb 1:** Vespers & Artoklasia for Feast of Presentation, w/ Candle Blessing, 6:30 p.m.
 Festal Orthros 7:30 p.m.
 (Bp THOMAS will not be with us Monday evening.)
- Tuesday, Feb 2:** FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD
 Hierarchical Liturgy & Ordination of Sdn.
 Luke (Jeff) 11 a.m. (**Note time change**)
 Masks strongly encouraged!
 Matushka Olga Sewing Club, 11 a.m.
- Wed, Feb 3:** Divine Liturgy 10 a.m.
 Little Compline 6:30 p.m.
Live Not By Lies Reading Group 7:15 p.m.
- Thursday, Feb 4:** Divine Liturgy 10 a.m.
- Friday, Feb 5:** Divine Liturgy 10 a.m.
 Paraklesis 6:30 p.m.
- Saturday, Feb 6:** Divine Liturgy (Mask Required) 10 a.m.
 Vespers 6:30 p.m.
 Confession 7:30 p.m.
- Sunday, Feb 7:** ORTHROS 8:45 a.m.
 Divine LITURGY 10 a.m.



REVERENCE IN GOD'S HOUSE



Snacks for Children

Parents often bring snacks and a cup of fruit juice along for children during church. And for young children (0-2 years old), this is fine. But by the time children are 3-4 years old, they should be able to make it through Liturgy without eating anything, and by the time they reach the age of their first confession, they should begin fasting on Sunday morning for Communion (talk to your priest about this). For those children who get snacks, please don't feed them while in the line for Holy Communion (this applies to holy bread as well). They need to come to Communion without food in their mouths. Please also try to keep the snack mess down to a minimum, cleaning up after yourselves as able. Also, chewing gum during Liturgy is a No-No for everyone!