

## Saint Cyril, Archbishop of Alexandria (June 9)

Saint Cyril, Archbishop of Alexandria, a distinguished champion of Orthodoxy and a great teacher of the Church, came from an illustrious and pious Christian family. Theophilus (385-412), the Patriarch of Alexandria, ordained him as a deacon, numbered him among the clergy and entrusted him to preach.

Upon the death of Patriarch Theophilus, Cyril was unanimously chosen to the patriarchal throne of the Alexandrian Church. He led the struggle against the spread of the Novatian heresy in Alexandria, which taught that any Christian who had fallen away from the Church during a time of persecution, could not be received back into it.

Nestorius, a presbyter of the Antiochian Church, was chosen in 428 to the see of Constantinople and there he was able to spread his heretical teaching against the dogma about the uncommingled union of two natures in the Person of the Lord Jesus Christ. Nestorius called the Mother of God not the Theotokos, but rather Christotokos or "Birth-giver of Christ," implying that she gave birth not to God, but only to the man Christ. The holy Patriarch Cyril repeatedly wrote to Nestorius and pointed out his error, but Nestorius continued to persevere in it. ...

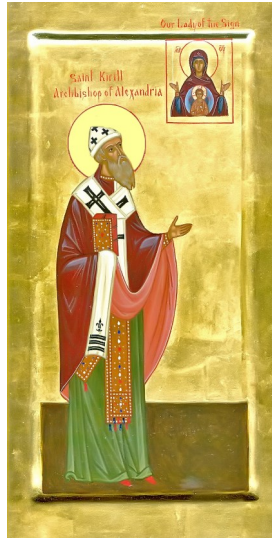
Cyril guided the Alexandrian Church for 32 years, and towards the end of his life the flock was cleansed of heretics. Gently and cautiously Cyril approached anyone, who by their own simpleness and lack of knowledge, fell into false wisdom.

Cyril learned to overcome his prejudice against the memory of the great John Chrysostom (November 13). Theophilus, the Patriarch of Alexandria, and uncle of Cyril, was an antagonist of John, and presided in a council in judgment of him. Cyril thus found himself in a circle antagonistic to John Chrysostom, and involuntarily acquired a prejudice against him.

Once in a dream he saw a wondrous temple, in which the Mother of God was surrounded by a host of angels and saints, in whose number was John Chrysostom. When Cyril wanted to approach the All-Holy Lady and venerate her, John Chrysostom would not let him. The Theotokos asked John to forgive Cyril for having sinned against him through ignorance. Seeing that John hesitated, the Mother of God said, "Forgive him for my sake, since he has labored much for my honor, and has glorified me among the people calling me Theotokos." John answered, "By your intercession, Lady, I do forgive him," and then he embraced Cyril with love. Cyril repented that he had maintained anger against the great saint of God. Having convened all the Egyptian bishops, he celebrated a solemn feast in honor of John Chrysostom.

Cyril died in the year 444, leaving behind many works. ...

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**June 9, 2024**  
**SUNDAY OF THE  
BLIND MAN**



**CHRIST IS  
RISEN!**

**Tone 5**

Eothinon 8 - St. John 20:11-18

**Epistle:** Acts 16:16-34

**Gospel:** St. John 9:1-38

**CHRIST IS RISEN FROM THE DEAD, TRAMPLING DOWN DEATH  
BY DEATH, AND UPON THOSE IN THE TOMBS BESTOWING LIFE.**

**RESURRECTION TROPARION - Tone 5 -** Let us believers praise and worship the Word, coeternal with the Father and the Spirit, born of the Virgin for our salvation; for He took pleasure in ascending the Cross in the flesh, to suffer death, and to raise the dead by his glorious resurrection!

### **TODAY:**

- ◆ *Liturgy at Fort Washington Mission 9am*
- ◆ Orthros, 8:45 am
- ◆ Divine Liturgy, 10 am
- ◆ Donation Coffee Hour for Teen SOYO trip

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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 (June 16):

COFFEE HOUR	Teen SOYO
PROSPHORA BREAD:	Gabriela P. & Rachel C.
ALTAR CANDLES:	Eggers—Dn Walid 10th anniv. Ordination
USHERS:	Steve K. & Dmitri M.
CLEANING TEAM:	Moores; Kim B.; Chilberts
COFFEE HOUR TEAM:	Mariya; Laura; Eric

Women of St. Mariamne	Gabi & Catalin T.
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Todd M. & Radu C.	Gohls; Olena; Midena
Calvin; Dale; Mariya	

\* IT IS TIME TO RETURN OUR FOOD FOR HUNGRY PEOPLE OFFERINGS. Thank you for remembering the needs of others.

### Mark Your Calendar:

#### Pentecost

*Sunday, June 23*

#### Sts. Peter & Paul

*Saturday, June 29*

*Save the Date!*

#### 2024 Parish Life Conference

*June 27-30, 2024*

#### VCS 2024

*July 29-Aug 2*

#### Dormition Fast - August 1-14

*Daily Paraklesis*

#### Transfiguration

*August 5-6*

### JUNE OUTREACH COLLECTION:

**Bath & Shower  
Products**

#### Pray For:

Living	Departed
Faithful of the Holy Land	Newly Departed
Met. Onuphry and faithful of Ukraine	Shota
Faithful of Ethiopia & Eritrea	Marina
Pr. Andrew, family, & parishioners	Tesfeja
Kh. Joyce	Edward
George	Aleksander
Maria	Maryam
Patrick	Maria
Doris	(June Parish
John	Diptychs)
James	+Nicholas
Victoria	+Maria
Steve	+Marion Betty
Lasha	+Victoria
Otari	+Anna
Tatiana	+Gail
Linda	+Sophia
Zerfenesh	+Mat. Linda
John	
Angeliki	
Chelsea-Nina	
Zotikos	<u>Catechumens</u>
Salome	Andrew
Michael	Lucretia
Xenia	Ryan
Rdr. Luke	Michael
Katherine	Daniel
Christine	Kassandra
Anesia	Christian
Jesse, Nathan, Hannah, Elizabeth, Mary, & all Missionaries	David, Darby,
Nathan & family, John, & all seminarians	& Easton
New & Expectant Mothers & their children	Rose
For the people of our land, and their repentance, healing & unity	Jasper
The 12 Baskets Full team asks for prayers for our homeless Philly friends — George, Bill, Jim, Jalil, Mark, Joel, Eric	Bryson

## **SPECIAL APPEAL**

Three ways you can help as we are gearing up for another **Vacation Church School**, of growth in faith and love for God: 1) See Kate Gohl about volunteering; 2) Pray for Fr. Noah, leaders, and students; 3) Consider offering a financial gift to cover expenses.

### This Week:

- Mon, June 10:** Church open
- Tues, June 11:** Knoebels Day for St. Philip  
Matushka Olga Sewing Club, 1 p.m.  
Paschal Vespers & Canon 6:30 p.m.
- Wed, June 12:** **LEAVE-TAKING OF PASCHA**  
Festal VESPERS & Artoklasia 6:30 p.m.
- Thurs, June 13:** **ASCENSION OF OUR LORD**  
Festal Orthros 9 a.m.  
Divine LITURGY, 10 a.m. w/ Festal Potluck  
Twelve Baskets Full serving night 6:30 p.m.
- Friday, June 14:** **Fast Day**  
Paraklesis 6:30 p.m.  
Teen Tea w/ Fr. Noah 7:30 p.m.
- Sat, June 15:** Great VESPERS at 6:30 p.m.  
Confession 7:30 p.m.
- Sun, June 16:** THE FATHERS OF THE 1st ECUMENICAL COUNCIL  
ORTHROS 8:45 a.m.  
Divine LITURGY 10 a.m.  
Coffee Hour

**ATTENDANCE:** Vespers for June 1: 49    Divine Services June 2: NA  
**OFFERINGS 6/2:** Candles, \$375. Collections, \$403. Camping, \$23.  
 Classical School Fund, \$5,000. Needy Fund, \$48.51. Pastoral Discretion, \$97.52. Stewardship, \$7,011.20. Total received: \$12,958.23. Cemetery Account, \$100.

THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

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