Saint Cyril, Archbishop of Alexandria

Cyril was of noble birth and a close relative of Theophilus, Patriarch of Alexandria, after whose death he was consecrated patriarch. During his lifetime he led three bitter struggles: with the Novatianist heretics, with the heretic Nestorius, and with the Jews in Alexandria. The Novatians had their origin in Rome and were named after Novatian the presbyter, the leader of the heresy. They took pride in their virtues, walked about dressed in white garments, forbade second marriages, and held that prayers should not be said for those who had committed a mortal sin, nor should those who had once fallen away from the Church be received back into the Church, even if they bitterly repented. Cyril defeated them and drove them out of Alexandria together with their bishop. The struggle with the Jews was more difficult and bloody. Since the time that Alexander the Great had founded the city, the Jews had been strong in Alexandria. Their hatred toward Christians was vicious and insane. They killed Christians by treachery, by poisoning, and by crucifying them on crosses. After a long and difficult struggle, Cyril succeeded, during the reign of Emperor Theodosius the Younger, in driving the Jews out of Alexandria. However, his struggle against Nestorius, the Patriarch of Constantinople, was resolved at the Third Ecumenical Council [Ephesus 431 A.D.]. Cyril himself presided at this Council and at the same time represented Pope Celestine of Rome at the request of the latter, who was unable to attend the Council because of old age. Nestorius was condemned, anathematized and banished by the emperor to the eastern boundary of the empire, where he died a horrible death (for worms consumed his tongue, by which he had blasphemed the Birth-giver of God (Theotokos), calling her the Birth-giver of Christ (Christotokos). After the completion of this struggle, Cyril lived in peace and zealously tended Christ's flock. He presented himself to the Lord in the year 444 A.D. It is said that he composed the prayer: "Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos, Mary full of grace!" [The Hail Mary].

Prologue from Ochrid

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Please send bulletin submissions to Kim A. at Keggers854 [at] aol [dot] com by Wednesday of the week.
Troparion of the Holy Fathers (Tone 8):
Thou, O Christ, art our God of exceeding praise Who didst establish our holy Fathers as luminous stars on earth, and through them didst guide us unto the true Faith, O most merciful One, glory to Thee.

Kontakion of the Ascension (Tone 6):
When you had joined earth to heaven and fulfilled your plan of redemption, O Christ God, you ascended into heaven while remaining in our midst. For you assured us who love you that no one has any pow’r over us, for you yourself are with us!

Troparion of All Saints (Tone 4):
Adorned in the blood of Thy martyrs, throughout all the world as in purple and fine linen, Thy Church through them doth cry unto Thee, O Christ God: Send down Thy compassion upon Thy people; grant peace to Thy habitation and great mercy to our souls.

Prokeimenon Psalm:
Blessed art Thou, O Lord, the God of our Fathers.
For Thou art just in all Thou hast done.

Epistle Reading: Acts 20:16-18, 28-36

Gospel Reading: John 17:1-13

Saturday, June 15: Vespers, 7:30 PM (Confession available before and after)

News and Announcements

All Saints Sunday: On Sunday June 23rd we will celebrate our Patronal Feast of All Saints with an ice cream social during coffee hour.

2019 Annual Parish Life Conference: St. Nicholas Church in Urbana, IL is excited to invite you to the 73rd Diocese of Toledo and the Midwest 2019 Parish Life Conference, June 19 - 22, in Urbana, IL. For registration and more information, please consult http://www.antiochianevents.com/toledo.html

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