

Saints Cyprian and Justina, pray for us!



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"Let the little children come to me, and do not forbid them, for to such is the Kingdom of Heaven." Mark 10:14

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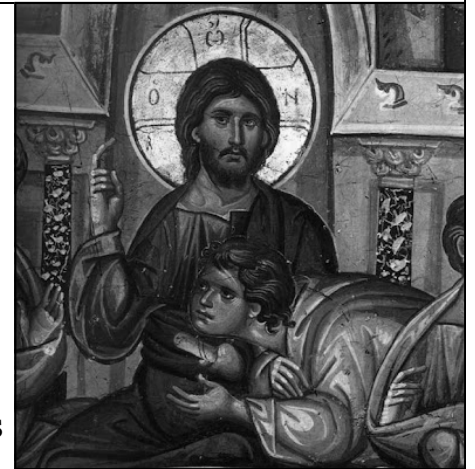
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God is love!

Have you ever been scared of somebody important? Maybe you were a little scared to talk to your teacher on the first day of school. Or maybe you met somebody famous and couldn't think of a word to say to him or her. Sometimes talking to an important person might make us feel shy or scared!



Saint John and our Lord, Jesus Christ

In today's epistle reading, Saint John tells us that when we love God, we don't have to be afraid of Him. God, of course, is the most important person of all! But our Lord doesn't want us to be afraid of Him. The epistle tells us, "God is love, and he who lives in love, lives in God, and God lives in him... There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear."

Sometimes people are afraid of God because they know how important He is. They know how powerful He is. They know that He judges us and decides if we can be in heaven with Him one day.

But Saint John reminds us today, "God is love. There is no fear in love." When we love the Lord very much, we don't have to be afraid. We can come to Him and talk to God in prayer. We can ask Him for help. We can have real joy when we love God!

WORD SEARCH

Can you find these words in the jumble?

Cyprian
Evangelist
Fear
God is love
John
Justina
Magician
Martyrs
Prayer

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What's in an icon?

If you go to the famous Saint Basil's Cathedral in Moscow, Russia, you will find a special chapel to Saints Cyprian and Justina.

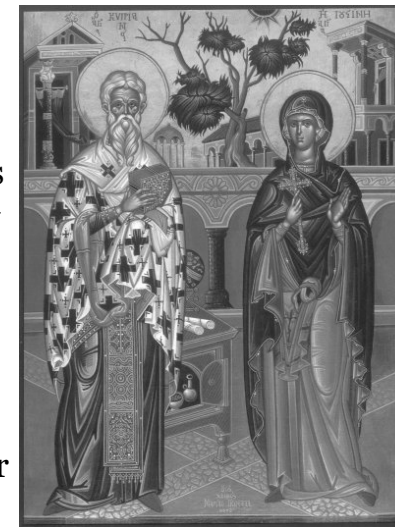
Can you see Who is in the icon at the very top of the dome?



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THE MAGICIAN WHO BECAME A CHRISTIAN SAINTS CYPRIAN AND JUSTINA

Do you know what a magician is? You might have heard of somebody showing off some card tricks, or pulling a rabbit out of a hat. That kind of magician is just good at tricking you. But did you know that there are real magicians? Those kinds of magicians try to get power from evil things, not from God.



Long ago, there was once a magician named Cyprian, who didn't know about our Lord, Jesus Christ. He asked for help from other things, and he didn't know how to ask for help from our one, true God. He found out about the power of our God from a young woman named Justina. Cyprian saw how she prayed to God and made the sign of the Cross. Cyprian saw how God listened to her and answered her prayers.

After seeing Justina's Christian example, Cyprian (the magician) wanted to become a Christian, too. He knew that his kind of power wasn't anything compared to the power of God. He was baptized. Then later, he became a deacon, a priest, and then finally a bishop!

These two saints lived at a time when the emperor did not like Christians. Saints Cyprian and Justina bravely stood up to the emperor, and they showed that they would always look to the *real* King for help!

We celebrate these saints on Saturday, October 2nd (OC: Oct. 15th).