

# October 2

## Commemoration of the Holy Hieromartyr Cyprian and of the Holy Virgin Martyr Justina

(5th Class)

### VESPERS

*Stichera for the Apostles (Tone 7)*

6. The voice of the holy Apostles has gone forth to the limits of the whole inhabited world. O Lord, glory to You!
5. You are truly the fragrance of the Word of God, O blessed Apostles: pour out upon me the fragrance of the Spirit.
4. You are citizens of the heavenly homeland: teach me to think heavenly thoughts and to speak words in keeping with the will of God.

*For the Martyrs (Tone 4)*

3. By your priestly anointing and your blood shed as a martyr, you drew near to God in perfection, O Cyprian, truly worthy of our hymns. You incarnated the splendor of eloquence and were the flower of our nature, the pinnacle of wisdom and the scale showing the justice of doctrine, the harmonious proper expression of the canons and the magnificence of the Churches of God.
2. Pointing out the crown reserved for martyrs and the glory of those who struggle, you granted to the faithful courage to nobly endure multiple punishments, chains, prison, stripping, tortures, piercing cold, the blows of scourging, and finally death, O venerable martyr Cyprian.
1. Having opposed the seductions of the devil with the canticles of the Spirit and the victorious sign of the Cross, O Justina, you preserved your virginal purity, offering yourself as a sacred victim to Christ, O invincible martyr. Thus you obtained the crown of conquerors, in the splendor of the virgins and martyrs.

v. Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,

*Doxastikon (Tone 2)*

Blessed Cyprian, you truly renounced the teachings of error and the knowledge of the false gods in order to take up the cross of Christ, that armor of salvation. You rejected the books of magic, stripped yourself of the old man, and became a dwelling place for the consubstantial Trinity by your knowledge of God. Together with the angels, entreat Him for our salvation, O holy hierarch.

- now and forever and to the ages of ages. Amen.

*Theotokion*

O joy of the oppressed, protectress of those who suffer unjustly, nourisher of the hungry, consolation of strangers, staff for the blind and support for the wretched, help and protection of the afflicted, guardian of orphans, you are the Mother of God Most High. We entreat you, O pure virgin, to hasten to save your servants.

*"O Joyful Light..." Prokimenon of Wednesday evening.*

**APOSTICHA** (*Tone 7*)

1. O wondrous Apostles, pillars of the Church, heralds of the truth and beacons of light: you consumed all the stubble of error in the fire of the Spirit, enlightening the whole human race. Entreat the Savior, our God, to grant peace to the world and to save our souls.

All: To You I have lifted up my eyes, to You who live in heaven. Behold: the eyes of the servants are turned to the hands of their masters, and the eyes of the maid-servants to the hands of their mistresses: thus do our eyes watch the Lord our God until He takes pity on us.

2. O Apostles of Christ, laborers of the Savior, you took up the Cross on your shoulders like a plough. You cleansed the barren earth of the weeds of error and idolatry and

sowed it with the word of Faith. Thus, as is right, we venerate you, O holy Apostles of Christ our God.

All: Have mercy on us, O Lord, have mercy on us, for we have been filled with shame: our soul has been filled to overflowing. May scorn befall detractors, and humiliation come to the proud.

3. O martyrs worthy of all praise, you were living sacrifices, spiritual holocausts, offerings acceptable to Christ our God. Though the earth may not have covered you in burial, the heavens received you. You have become fellow-citizens with the Angels. Join with them in interceding with the Savior to grant peace to the world and to save our souls.

All: Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,

*Doxastikon (Tone 2)*

Let us acclaim Cyprian, that divinely enkindled torch, who became a second Paul by his deeds and words; he exults in joy with the angels, having received the crown of immortality from the one true God; now he intercedes before Him forever for the salvation of our souls.

- now and forever and to the ages of ages. Amen.

*Theotokion*

We possess no safe refuge, fortress, stronghold nor impregnable rampart other than in you, O all-pure Virgin; and to you we come for refuge, crying out to you: "Come to our aid, O Lady, lest we perish! Show to all of us your grace, the glory of your power, and the grandeur of your pity for us."

**TROPARION OF CYPRIAN (Tone 4)**

Sharer in the Apostles' way of life and successor on their thrones, inspired by God, you found ascetical effort as the means to contemplation. And so, dispensing rightly the word of truth, you fought for the faith unto the shedding of your blood, O hieromartyr Cyprian. Intercede with Christ God for the salvation of our souls.

- v. Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages. Amen.

**THEOTOKION OF THURSDAY** (*Tone 4*)

O Virgin Theotokos, we acknowledge that the Word of the Father, Christ our God, was incarnate of you, the only pure one, the only blessed one. Wherefore we sing to you a hymn of praise and we exalt you.