



## ALL SAINTS OF AMERICA

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*Welcome to our parish!*

Thank you for choosing to worship with us on the Lord's Day. We are grateful for your prayers and participation!

Please join us for coffee hour after the service. Our priest, Father Alessandro, would love to greet and welcome you.

Holy Eucharist requires full communion of faith, so if you are not an Orthodox Christian, please do not approach the Chalice. If you are an Orthodox Christian, please note that communion must be preceded by fasting, recent Confession, and reconciliation with all people.

**JUNE 9, 2024**

6th SUNDAY OF PASCHA

BLIND MAN

St. Cyril, Archbishop of Alexandria

## SAINT CYRILL 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 Novatianists 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!"

### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

REQUESTING PRAYERS: Andra, Frank, Robert, Jackson, John, Michelle, Larissa, Cristina, Jerry, Davide

NEWBORN: Everett James

DEPARTED: Bishop Matthias, Alice, Mitar

CATECHUMEN: Brooke

MISSIONARIES: The Brandow family serving in Guatemala

BIRTHDAYS: Felix Bomavedar

### NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PARISH FEAST DAY: Sunday, July 7, the Sunday of All Saints of America, marks the patronal feast of our parish. We are blessed to have His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon come to our parish and preside at the Divine Liturgy. Immediately following the Liturgy, we will enjoy a picnic outside in celebration of our feast day. More details will be shared as we get closer to the date.

CHURCH SCHOOL: Please note that today, Sunday, June 9 is the last day of Church School.

ORTHODOX YOUNG PROFESSIONALS CONFERENCE: July 25-28 [www.oypc.org](http://www.oypc.org) "Love & Relationships—God's Greatest Gift" for young adults married or single aged 21+

ANCIENT FAITH MEN'S RETREAT: August 22-25 Registration is filling up quickly.

2025 SINGLES' RETREAT: The retreat is scheduled for February 20-23 for age 30+ Registration fills up quickly.

OCMC MISSIONS AWARENESS DINNER: When: Thursday, June 6, 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Where: SS Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church, 721 Norwood Road, Silver Spring, MD 20905 The keynote speaker is Chrysanthe Loizos, the OCMC Projects and Grants Manager, on the Impact of Grants and Your Gifts are having around the World. Cost: \$50 per person. Donations benefit OCMC ministries around the world. Please contact [elained@ocmc.org](mailto:elained@ocmc.org) for additional information.

### UPCOMING SERVICES & EVENTS

June 9, Sun	
8:45 AM	Church School
9:30 AM	Divine Liturgy
June 11, Tue	
6:30 PM	Parish Council
June 13, Thu	
9:00 AM	Divine Liturgy
June 15, Sat	
5:00 PM	Great Vespers
June 16, Sun	
9:30 AM	Divine Liturgy

### MINISTRY ROTATIONS

	<b>June 9</b>	<b>June 16</b>
Coffee Hour:	Woodill	Class
Reader:	Hughes	Hughes

*Fr. Alessandro is available for Confession on Saturday after Vespers or by appointment*