

MARTYR JULIAN OF TARSUS, IN CILICIA

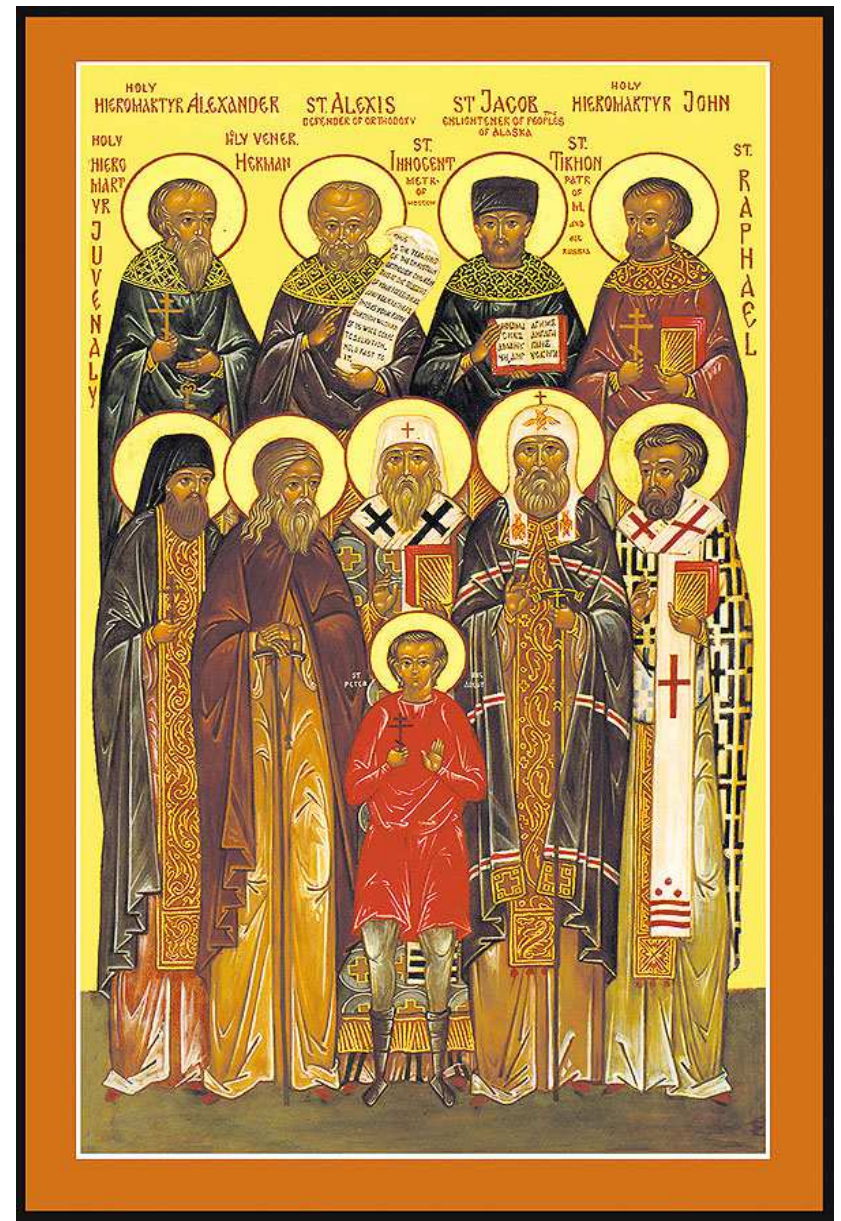
The Holy Martyr Julian was born in the Asia Minor province of Cilicia. He was the son of a pagan senator, but his mother was a Christian. After the death of her husband, the mother of St. Julian moved to Tarsus, where her son was baptized and raised in Christian piety.

When Julian reached age 18, a persecution against Christians began under the emperor Diocletian (284-305); Julian was among those arrested. They brought him before the governor Marcian for trial, and for a long time they urged him to renounce Christ. Neither tortures nor threats, nor promises of gifts and honors could convince the pious youth to offer pagan sacrifice and deny Christ; he remained steadfast in his firm faith.

For a year they led the martyr through the cities of Cilicia, everywhere subjecting him to interrogation and tortures, after which they threw him in prison. His mother followed after him and prayed that the Lord would strengthen him. In Aegea, she besought the governor to permit her to visit him in prison, ostensibly to persuade her son to offer sacrifice to idols. Instead, she spent three days with St. Julian, exhorting him to be strong until the end.

St. Julian was again brought before the governor. Thinking that his mother had persuaded Julian to submit to the imperial decree, the governor began to praise her prudence. But she boldly confessed Jesus Christ, and fearlessly denounced polytheism. The governor ordered her feet cut off. Then Julian was tied into a sack filled with sand and poisonous snakes and thrown into the sea. His body was carried by waves to Alexandria, and with reverence was buried by a Christian in about the year 305. Afterwards, his relics were transferred to Antioch.

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JUNE 21, 2020

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

All Saints of America; All Saints of Russia

Martyr Julian of Tarsus in Cilicia; Hieromartyr Terence, Bishop of Iconium;

St. Julius, Presbyter of Novara, and his brother, St. Julian the Deacon;

Martyrs Archil II and Luarsab II, Kings of Georgia

“Today the choir of Saints who were pleasing to God in the lands of North America now stands before us in the Church and invisibly prays to God for us. With them the angels glorify Him, and all the saints of the Church of Christ keep festival with them; and together they all pray for us to the Pre-Eternal God.”

Kontakion, Tone III

NATIVITY OF THE HOLY GLORIOUS PROPHET, FORERUNNER AND BAPTIST JOHN

Wednesday, June 24

“Prophet and Forerunner of the coming of Christ, although we cannot praise you worthily, we honor you in love at your nativity, and by it you ended your father’s silence and your mother’s barrenness, proclaiming to the world the incarnation of the Son of God!”

Troparion, Tone IV

TODAY’S EPISTLE: ROMANS 2:10-16
HEBREWS 11:33-12:2

TODAY’S GOSPEL: MATTHEW 4:18-23
MATTHEW 4:25-5:12

HOLY WORSHIP THIS WEEK:

Please attend worship services online on our HTOC Facebook page, accessible on www.holy-trin.org

Tuesday, June 23	6:00 p.m. Vespers
Wednesday, June 24	9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy - Nativity of St. John the Baptist
Thursday, June 25	6:00 p.m. Akathist to the Tikhvin Icon of the Holy Theotokos
Saturday, June 27	5:00 p.m. Great Vespers

Daily Scripture Readings

Monday, June 22	Romans 7:1-13	Matthew 9:36-10:8
Tuesday, June 23	Romans 7:14-8:2	Matthew 10:9-15
	Romans 8:2-13	Matthew 10:16-22
Wednesday, June 24	Romans 13:11-14:4	Luke 1:1-25,57-68,76,80
Thursday, June 25	Romans 8:22-27	Matthew 10:23-31
Friday, June 26	Romans 9:6-19	Matthew 10:32-36;11:1
Saturday, June 27	Romans 3:28-4:3	Matthew 7:24-8:4
	Romans 9:18-33	Matthew 11:2-15

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MEMORY ETERNAL:

Joanne Podojil fell asleep in the Lord on June 10 and was buried on Wednesday, June 17, 2020.

KITCHEN UPDATE:

Work has begun on some renovations in the kitchen, which we hope to finish by the end of the summer. Contributions for this work would be appreciated. Please note “kitchen” when designating funds for this purpose in your weekly donation envelope.

WEEKLY DONATIONS:

Thank you for your continued financial support to our parish. We are slowly returning to a more regular parish life and hope to be sharing statements of weekly contributions; but until we do, your mailed donations are needed and appreciated.

VIGIL CANDLES:

During the pandemic, the 7-day Vigil Candles can be lit for your health or in memory of departed loved ones. Send your names and donations to the church, and Fr. Protodeacon Anthony will light your candles in the vestibule. Vigil candles are \$5 a piece.

IOCC CARE CALLS:

Thank you to all who have contributed to the International Orthodox Christian Charities. They welcome support at any time, as they were not able to hold their annual fundraiser; you can mail donations to: IOCC; P.O. Box 17398; Baltimore, MD 21298.

The IOCC is now introducing “Care Calls.” Social distancing can mean isolation. Call, text, video chat: Stay connected for your own sake and to help your loved ones! www.iocc.org/carecall

*GOD'S BLESSINGS
AND HAPPY FATHER'S DAY
TO OUR FATHERS, GRANDFATHERS AND GODFATHERS!
MAY GOD GRANT YOU MANY YEARS!*

*AND WE OFFER PRAYERS IN REMEMBRANCE OF ALL DEPARTED
FATHERS, GRANDFATHERS AND GODFATHERS.
MEMORY ETERNAL!*

**Yes, be bold and strong! Banish fear and doubt!
For remember, the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.
(Joshua 1:9)**

**In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while
you are grieved by various trials, that the genuineness of your faith,
being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is
tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor and glory at the
revelation of Jesus Christ, Whom not having seen, you love.
Though now you do not see Him, yet believing, you rejoice with
joy inexpressible and full of glory, receiving the end of your faith —
the salvation of your souls.**

(I Peter 1:6-9)

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REMEMBRANCE OF HIS FATHER

St. Gregory the Theologian's father was also Gregory and a bishop. St. Gregory wrote a loving remembrance about his father after he died. They lived at a time when Christians were regularly baptized as adults. Here St. Gregory describes his father's character before and after baptism.

Even before he was baptized, his character made him a Christian. For, as many of our own who are with us, whose character anticipates their faith, and need only the name of that which indeed they possess. My father was one of these, inclined by his life towards us. He was so far advanced in self control, that he became at once most beloved and most modest, two qualities difficult to combine. What greater and more splendid testimony can there be to his justice than his exercise of a position second to none in the state, without enriching himself by a single farthing. Of his prudence this also is no slight proof. It was as a reward for such conduct, I think, that he attained to the faith. How this came about, a matter too important to be passed over, was in large measure due to the beneficent influence of his wife, my mother, Nonna.

He was approaching that regeneration by water and the Spirit, by which we confess to God the formation and completion of the Christlike man, and the transformation and reformation from the earthly to the Spirit. He approached the laver with warm desire and bright hope, after all the purgation possible, and a far greater purification of soul and body than that of the men who were to receive the tables from Moses. Their purification extended only to their dress, and a slight restriction of the belly, and a temporary continence. The whole of my father's past life had been a preparation for enlightenment, and a preliminary purification making sure the gift, in order that perfection might be entrusted to purity, and that the blessing might incur no risk in a soul which was confident in its possession of the grace. And as he was ascending out of the water, there flashed around him a light and a glory worthy of the disposition with which he approached the gift of faith; this was manifest even to some others, who for the time concealed the wonder, but shortly afterwards communicated it to one another. To the baptizing priest it was so clear and visible, that he could not even hold back the mystery, but publicly cried out that he was anointing with the Spirit his own successor.

He was most consistent with himself during the early days, and kept in harmony his life before the priesthood with its excellence, and his life after it with what had gone before, since it would have been unbecoming to begin in one way and end in another, or to advance to a different end from that which he had in view at first. For this is the law of spiritual sequence. And when he had been entrusted with it, the grace was the more glorified, being really the grace of God, and not of men.

From the writings of St. Gregory the Theologian