



**The Holy Hieromartyr Cyprian and the Virgin Martyr Justina,  
Whom the Holy Church celebrates on October 2.**

Saint Justina, who was from Damascus, lived in virginity for the sake of Christ. Saint Cyprian, who was from Antioch, began as an initiate of magic and a worshipper of demons. A certain foolish young man who had been smitten with Justina's beauty hired Cyprian to draw her to love him; when Cyprian used every demonic device he knew, and had failed, being repulsed by the power of Christ Whom Juliana invoked, he understood the weakness of the demons and came to know the truth. Delivered from demonic delusion, he came to Christ and burned all his books of magic, was baptized, and later ascended the episcopal throne in his country. Later, he and Justina were arrested by the Count of Damascus, and having endured many torments at his hands, they were sent finally to Diocletian in Nicomedia, where they were beheaded about 304.

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*Dismissal Hymn. Fourth Tone*

**A**S a sharer of the ways and a successor to the throne of the Apostles, O inspired of God, thou foundest discipline to be a means of ascent to divine vision. Wherefore, having rightly divided the word of truth, thou didst also contest for the Faith even unto blood, O Hieromartyr Cyprian. Intercede with Christ our God that our souls be saved.

*Kontakion. First Tone*  
*The soldiers standing guard*

**W**HEN thou, O godly-minded one hadst been converted \* from magic art to knowledge of God, thou becamest \* a most skilful healer for the whole world, O wise Cyprian, \* granting cures to them that honour thee with Justina; \* with her, pray the man-befriending Master to save us, \* thy servants who sing thy praise.

