

# St Mary's Orthodox Church

Iron Mountain,mi

Sunday, October 2, 2011

16th Sunday after Pentecost

**TONE 7**

**Eothion 5**

**On this day, we commemorate:** Hieromartyr Cyprian the confessor;  
Virgin-martyr Justina; Venerable Theophilus; New-martyr George;  
Blessed Andrew, fool-for-Christ; David and Constantine, prince-mar-  
tyrs of Georgia; Anna, princess of Kashin



## This week at St. Mary's:

**Saturday October 8st.....NO Great Vespers**

**Sunday October 9nd..... Matins 9am**

**Divine Liturgy 10am**



### Epistle

II Corinthians 6:1-10 (16th Sunday after Pentecost)

BRETHREN, working together with him then, we entreat you not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says, "At the acceptable time I have listened to you, and helped you on the day of salvation."

Behold, now is the acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation. We put no obstacle in any one's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, tumults, labors, watching, hunger; by purity, knowledge, forbearance, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute.

We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold we live; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich, as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

## Gospel

### Luke 6:31-36 (2nd Sunday of Luke)

The Lord said, "As you wish that men would do to you, do so to them. If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them.

And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same.

And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again.

But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the selfish. Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful."



**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 worshipper of the demons.

A certain foolish young man who had been smitten with Justina's beauty hired Cyprian to draw her to love him; when Cyprian had wed every demonic device he knew, and had failed, being repulsed by the power of Christ Whom Justina 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 the year 304.

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## **From the writings of Elder Thaddeous**

When Praying, the first thing that is needed is attentiveness. Without attentiveness prayer is not worthwhile, but if one neglects prayer completely, that is the worst. You have to work.

However our attention is always wandering. The Holy Fathers have always prayed that God might deliver them from distraction during prayer.

## **Web-site**

**[WWW.imorthodox.org](http://WWW.imorthodox.org)**

The church web-site will be focused upon over the next few months.



If you have an e-mail address, we will be sending out the bulletins and newsletters through this e-mail. This will save hundreds of dollars in postage each year. If you do not have a computer and would still like to receive the upcoming newsletters, please fill out the forms that will be available in the narthex next week and ask for the newsletters to be mailed.

Scheduling of services will be kept up to date on the web-site. Please check this out if you want to know when a service is offered or when Fr Mark is available.

**Fr Mark can always be reached on his cell phone  
906-282-3211**

**The new rectory number is 906-828-1449**