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- Feast: September 26, October 2 (Eastern Orthodox Church)
- Born: 3rd century AD
- Died: September 26, 304



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- **Troparion — Tone 4**

- By sharing in the ways of the Apostles, / you became a successor to their throne. / Through the practice of virtue, / you found the way to divine contemplation, O inspired one of God; / by teaching the word of truth without error, / you defended the Faith, even to the shedding of your blood. / Hieromartyr Cyprian, entreat Christ God to save our souls.

- **Troparion — Tone 4**

- You abandoned the darkness of impiety, becoming a beacon of truth, O Cyprian; / you were illustrious as a pastor; / you were glorified in contest. / O venerable Father, intercede with the Creator for us, together with the divinely-wise Justina.

- **Kontakion — Tone 1**

- Turning from the art of sorcery, O divinely-wise one, / you were shown forth as a skillful healer for the world, O divine Cyprian, / along with Justina, you grant healing to those who honor you; / pray to the Master Who loves mankind that He may save our souls.

- Cyprian, known by the title of "the magician", to distinguish him from Cyprian, bishop of Carthage,
- received a liberal education in his youth, and particularly applied himself to astrology;
- after which he travelled for improvement through Greece, Egypt, India, etc.
- Cyprian was a magician in Antioch and dealt in sorcery.



ST CYPRIAN AND JUSTINA

- A would-be suitor sought a magic spell from Cyprian to induce Justina to marry him.
- The charms had no effect on Justina, who spent her time in prayer and fasting.
- Brought to despair, Cyprian made the sign of the cross himself and in this way was freed from the toils of Satan.
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- He was received into the Church, was made pre-eminent by miraculous gifts, and became in succession deacon, priest and, finally, bishop, while Justina became the abbess of a convent
- http://orthodoxinfo.com/death/cyprian_justina.aspx

