

Akathist Hymn to Hieromartyr Cyprian



For battles against demons and witchcraft

For those who have been abandoned by their doctors

Kontakion I

O Hieromartyr Cyprian, who left the service of the devil for the worship of the One true God, and were numbered among the Saints! Entreat Christ our God that we may be delivered from the snares of the evil one, and may vanquish the world, the flesh and the devil, that we may cry to you:

Rejoice, O Hieromartyr Cyprian, speedy helper and intercessor for our souls!

Ikos I

The Angelic Choirs were amazed at how you turned from the sorcerer's arts to Divine knowledge, O Divinely wise one, and through repentance found the Angelic life of dispassion. And marveling at your conversion, we cry out to you such things as these:

Rejoice, you astonished the Angels with your conversion;
Rejoice, you gladdened the Choir of the Saints!
Rejoice, you manifested wisdom;
Rejoice, you received a crown from Christ!
Rejoice, for by you the demons are driven away;
Rejoice, for by you all sickness is healed!

Rejoice, O Hieromartyr Cyprian, speedy helper and intercessor for our souls!

Kontakion II

Seeing how from his earliest years Cyprian's ungodly parents committed him to the study of demonic worship, the Lord desired to turn him to Himself, that with the Angels and all the Saints he might chant:

Alleluia! (People sing Alleluia!)

Ikos II

Possessed of a mind as yet unsuited for higher understanding, O Cyprian, you labored diligently, studying the wiles of the devil; but perceiving the weakness of the demons, that they feared Christ, you turned to the knowledge of the One true God. Wherefore we magnify you:

Rejoice, you utterly overcame the wiles of the demons;
Rejoice, you denounced the deception of their worship!
Rejoice, you put the evil serpent to shame;
Rejoice, you have glorified Christians!
Rejoice, you are wiser than the wise of this world;
Rejoice, you have more understanding than any sage!

Rejoice, O Hieromartyr Cyprian, speedy helper and intercessor for our souls!

Kontakion III

The power of the Most High enlightened your mind, O blessed Cyprian, when having failed to bewitch Justina, the demon said to you, “We fear and tremble before the power of the Cross, whereby the virgin Justina drives us away!” And you said to them, “You fear the Cross, but He Who was Crucified on the Cross is mightier than the Cross!” Wherefore, you went to the Church of the Lord to chant with all the faithful: **Alleluia! (People sing Alleluia!)**

Ikos III

His mind illumined with power from on High, Cyprian approached the Priest and requested baptism; but the Priest, fearing treachery, drove him away. Then Cyprian went to the Church of the Lord and standing at the Liturgy, refused to leave the Church when the Deacon proclaimed “Catechumens, depart!”, but said: “I will not leave the Church until I am baptized!” And we, rejoicing that you came to your senses, chant to you such things as these:

Rejoice, you were illumined with the power from on High;
Rejoice, you were brought to your senses by the Lord!
Rejoice, you perceived the power of the Cross;
Rejoice, you drove the demons away from yourself!
Rejoice, you set your life aright!
Rejoice, you directed your steps to the Church!

Rejoice, O Hieromartyr Cyprian, speedy helper and intercessor for our souls!

Kontakion IV

A storm of thoughts plagued Cyprian as to how to obtain baptism! Wherefore, first of all, taking his sorcerers books, he brought them to the center of the city and there made a bonfire of them, chanting to God: **Alleluia! (People sing Alleluia!)**

Ikos IV

When the Priest heard that you indeed had the good intention to become a Christian, O most wise one, he baptized you and made you a Reader in the Church. Wherefore, we cry to you:

Rejoice, you vanquished the spirits of evil;
Rejoice, you burned up your books on sorcery!
Rejoice, you desired to become a Christian;
Rejoice, you received Holy Baptism!
Rejoice, you were adorned with struggles and the virtues;
Rejoice, you who were ordained to the Priesthood!

Rejoice, O Hieromartyr Cyprian, speedy helper and intercessor for our souls!

Kontakion V

Having received the Divinely-woven robe of Holy Baptism, O most lauded Cyprian, you prayed fervently to God for the forgiveness of the

sins you committed before, chanting unto God with all the Christians:
Alleluia! (People sing Alleluia!)

Ikos V

Seeing your struggles and labors, your fasting, your keeping of vigils for many nights, your prostrations, penitence, tears and prayers; the Priest had you ordained to the Deaconate after examining you, O Hieromartyr Cyprian. And we, giving thanks unto God, praise you:

Rejoice, you cried out to God repentance day and night;
Rejoice, you prayed for the forgiveness of sins!
Rejoice, you were an example of correction;
Rejoice, you offered the Lord tearful prayers!
Rejoice, you indicated the way to salvation;
Rejoice, you showed ardent love for Christ!

Rejoice, O Hieromartyr Cyprian, speedy helper and intercessor for our souls!

Kontakion VI

Emulating the virgin Justina as a model of Christian piety, O Hieromartyr Cyprian, you truly show yourself to be a perfect Christian; for having been baptized, you abandoned ungodly teaching, and in thanksgiving chanted to God with your mouth and pure heart: **Alleluia! (People sing Alleluia!)**

Ikos VI

The Light of divine perfection shined in your heart, O divinely wise Cyprian. And you attained the rank of Priest, and later Bishop. We entreat you: by your supplication illumine also the hearts of us who fervently pray to you:

Rejoice, you were elevated to the rank of Bishop;
Rejoice, O eagle held up on high!
Rejoice, city standing on the height of a mountain;
Rejoice, lamp burning before God!

Rejoice, tireless intercessor before Christ;
Rejoice, teacher given by God!

Rejoice, O Hieromartyr Cyprian, speedy helper and intercessor for our souls!

Kontakion VII

Desiring that all be saved, the Lord has given us this advocate, helper and healer against the spirits of wickedness in high places. For by his teaching and words, the Divinely eloquent one brought many to repentance and the correction of their sinful lives, teaching all to chant unto God: **Alleluia! (People sing Alleluia!)**

Ikos VII

You have been shown to the world as a new and most wise physician, O Hieromartyr Cyprian, for the evil schemes of sorcery cannot withstand your prayers, but the spells of evil men and wicked demons are immediately destroyed and dispelled. And we, seeing the power God gave you, cry out to you such things as these:

Rejoice, destroyer of sorcery's enticements;
Rejoice, dispeller of fearsome demons!
Rejoice, you vanquish the spirits of evil like smoke;
Rejoice, you give speedy aid to those suffering grievously!
Rejoice, you deliver all from misfortunes and sorrows;
Rejoice, you turn suffering into joy!

Rejoice, O Hieromartyr Cyprian, speedy helper and intercessor for our souls!

Kontakion VIII

A strange wonder is manifest upon those who have recourse unto you with faith, O Hieromartyr Cyprian; for by the Grace given to you by God, the demons which torment man are driven away, and the sick are healed, crying to God: **Alleluia! (People sing Alleluia!)**

Ikos VIII

O all-glorious one who lifted yourself up to God with all your heart, and loved Him with all your soul, you had the zeal and desire to do His Will; and as a good shepherd you did not turn away those weighed down by misfortunes, but interceded before God in prayer, granting us healing and consolation. Wherefore, praising your love for the Lord, we cry out to you:

Rejoice, you love God with all your heart;
Rejoice, you acquired all virtues!
Rejoice, aid to those sick and paralyzed;
Rejoice, consolation amid sorrows and griefs!
Rejoice, repeller of the attacks and temptations launched by the
world, the flesh and the devil;
Rejoice, healer of all ailments of soul and body!

*Rejoice, O Hieromartyr Cyprian, speedy helper and intercessor
for our souls!*

Kontakion IX

The whole army of the Angels was glad, seeing you, O father, to be an invincible warrior of the King of Heaven, preaching Christ with boldness when you were led with Justina to the place of your execution. For fearful that she would renounce Christ when she saw you beheaded, you said to her: "Let them behead you first." And bowing your heads beneath the sword, you chanted to God: **Alleluia! (People sing Alleluia!)**

Ikos IX

The most eloquent of orators are unable to worthily hymn your sufferings for Christ, for you were not afraid of the cruel threats, but stood before the emperor's tribunal with shining faces, moving all the faithful to say to you such things as these:

Rejoice, unshakable confessor of the faith of Christ;
Rejoice, bold proclaimer of the All-Holy Trinity!
Rejoice, you laid down your life for Christ;
Rejoice, you considered the cruel torments worthless!
Rejoice, for your sufferings are glorified by the faithful;
Rejoice, for your name is magnified in the Churches of God!

Rejoice, O Hieromartyr Cyprian, speedy helper and intercessor for our souls!

Kontakion X

Desiring to save the souls of all under the sway of the unclean spirits, you never cease to cry out to the Lord, O Divinely eloquent Cyprian; for you have been given the grace to pray for us, that finding mercy and purification, we may chant unto God: **Alleluia! (People sing Alleluia!)**

Ikos X

Be a firm rampart and mighty barricade for us who flee unto you with fervent faith and love, O Hieromartyr Cyprian; for protected against enemies, visible and invisible, we who are delivered by your prayers, glorify you:

Rejoice, you vanquished the spirit of evil by humility;
Rejoice, you extinguished the fiery arrows of the enemy by the fire
of prayer!
Rejoice, protection and barricade against enemies, visible and
invisible;
Rejoice, all-glorious adornment of the Orthodox Church!
Rejoice, all-wondrous help for those abandoned by their
physicians;
Rejoice, loving consolation and gladness of the sorrowful!

Rejoice, O Hieromartyr Cyprian, speedy helper and intercessor for our souls!

Kontakion XI

More than others, O Hieromartyr Cyprian, you offered unceasing hymns to the All-Holy Trinity, who out of mercy for fallen sinners are well-pleased to make the unworthy worthy and to number them among the flock of Saints. And giving thanks to God for His Mercy towards us sinners, we say to Him: **Alleluia! (People sing Alleluia!)**

Ikos XI

You were a radiant lamp in the Church of Christ, O Divinely wise one, illuminating the souls of the faithful with immaterial light. We implore you: enlighten also our hearts, which have been darkened by sins, that we may chant to you such things as these:

Rejoice, you were illumined by the Thrice-Radiant Light;
Rejoice, you have been reckoned among the company of the
Saints!

Rejoice, you enlightened the souls of the faithful with immaterial
Light;

Rejoice, you guided the lost to the straight path!

Rejoice, for like a lamb, the Savior from the pit of destruction
rescued you;

Rejoice, you put the demons to shame and give joy to men!

***Rejoice, O Hieromartyr Cyprian, speedy helper and intercessor for our
souls!***

Kontakion XII

The grace was given to you by God to trample down the power of the enemy and every assault of satan; for you vanquished your enemies, and sealed your faith in Christ by your martyric struggle. And standing now before the Throne of the King of Glory, O most blessed Cyprian, pray that we may be delivered from satanic captivity, and may cry out to God: **Alleluia! (People sing Alleluia!)**

Ikos XII

Hymning your faithfulness to God and your wondrous and all-glorious miracles, we magnify and praise you, O Hieromartyr Cyprian; you have received such grace from God. Wherefore, we entreat you, when the hordes of demons surround our souls at the hour of our death, show us your aid, that delivered by you, we may cry out to you:

Rejoice, speedy defense against the assailing enemy;
Rejoice, deliverance from all manner of tribulations and griefs!
Rejoice, you love God to the end;
Rejoice, you laid down your life for Him!
Rejoice, you were washed in the Blood of the Lamb;
Rejoice, you made your home in the Court of the Lord!

Rejoice, O Hieromartyr Cyprian, speedy helper and intercessor for our souls!

Kontakion XIII

(Kontakion is read three (3) times)

O all-wondrous and all-glorious favorite of God, Hieromartyr Cyprian, speedy helper of all who have recourse unto you! Accept from us, the unworthy, our hymns of praise. Yes, O Holy Hieromartyr, we pray to you: heal us of our multifarious ailments, help us against our enemies, visible and invisible, and entreat the Lord to deliver us from torment, that with you, we may chant: **Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! (People sing Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!)**

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Prayer to the Holy Hieromartyr Cyprian

O Holy favorite of God, Hieromartyr Cyprian, speedy helper and advocate for all who have resorted unto you! Accept this tribute from us, the unworthy. Ask that the Lord God grant to all of us strength amid our infirmities, consolation amid our grief, and all things profitable in our life. Lift up to the Lord your mighty supplication, that He would protect us from the assaults of sin, that He would teach us true repentance, that He would deliver us from satanic captivity and every action of the demonic spirits, and subdue those who oppose us. Be for us a mighty champion against all of our enemies, visible and invisible. Grant us patience amid temptations, and at the hour of our death show us your help against those who will interrogate us in the aerial toll-houses: that led by you, we may attain the Heavenly Jerusalem, and be privileged with all of the Saints, entry into the Kingdom of Heaven to glorify and hymn the All-Holy Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and forever and unto the ages of ages. **Amen!**

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