

Venerable Alypius the Iconographer of the Kiev Near Caves:

In our church, rest relics of **Saint Alypius**. He was commemorated by the church last Wednesday, **August 17**.

Saint Alypius, one of the first and finest of Russian iconographers, was a disciple of St Nikon, and from his youth he lived a life of asceticism at the Kiev Caves monastery. He studied the iconography of the Greek masters, and from the year 1083 beautified the Caves monastery church of the Dormition of the Most Holy Theotokos.

If he learned that in some church the icons had become worn, he took them with him and restored them without charge. If people happened to pay him for his work, he set aside one third to purchase supplies for painting icons, one third as alms for the poor, and the remainder for his own needs.

St Alypius was never famous, and he painted icons only to serve God. He was ordained a hieromonk, and was known for working miracles even in his lifetime. St Alypius healed a Kievan man suffering from leprosy and decay of the body by anointing the wounds of the sick man with the paints he used for the painting of icons. Many of his icons were glorified by miracles, and sometimes angels helped him in the holy task of painting icons.

A certain man of Kiev who had built a church, once gave two monks of the Caves a commission to have icons painted for it. The monks concealed the money and said nothing to St Alypius about it. After waiting a long time for the work to be completed, the man went to the igumen to complain about St Alypius. Only then did they discover that he had not been told of the commission. When they brought the boards provided by the customer, it turned out that beautiful icons had already been painted on them.

When the church was consumed by fire, all of the icons remained unharmed. One of these icons (the Dormition of the Most Holy Theotokos), known as the **Vladimir-Rostov Icon**, was taken by Great Prince Vladimir Monomakh (1113-1125) to a church he had built at Rostov.

Another time, when St Alypius lay deathly ill, an angel painted an icon of the Dormition of the Most Holy Theotokos for him. On August 17 (around the year 1114), an angel came to receive the soul of St Alypius, and he was buried in the Near Caves. The first three fingers of St Alypius's right hand were positioned together, and the last two were bent to the palm. It seems that he died while signing himself with the Sign of the Cross.

One of the icons painted by St Alypius survives from the time of Sts Anthony and Theodosius of the Kiev Caves, and is now preserved in the State Tretyakov Gallery. This is the **Sven Icon** (May 3 and August 17).

A twentieth century icon in the church of the Pskov Caves Monastery of the Dormition depicts St Alypius holding a copy of the "**Assuage My Sorrows**" **Icon of the Most Holy Theotokos** (January 25 and October 9).

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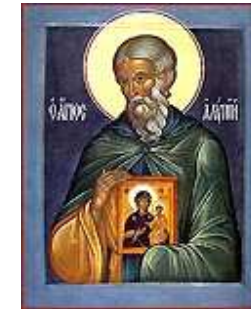
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Saint Alypius

**Christ is in our
midst!**

**He is and always
will be!**

*Let Your mercy, O Lord, come upon us
as we have set our hope on Thee.*

*Exult in the Lord, O You righteous.
Praise befits the just.*

PROKEIMENON - Tone 1 (Psalm 32)

On this day the Church remembers:

- **Afterfeast of the Dormition** • Apostle Thaddæus of the Seventy (ca. 44)
- Martyr Bassa of Edessa and her sons Theogonius, Agapius, and Pistus (2nd c.)
 - Ven. Abramius, Archimandrite and Wonderworker of Smolensk, and his disciple, Ven. Ephraim (13th c.)
 - Ven. Abramius the Lover-of-Labor, of the Kiev Caves (Near Caves—12th-13th c.)
 - Ven. Nun Martha of Diveyevo (1829).

August 21, 2011

Tone 1 of the Octoechos.

10th Sunday after Pentecost

Today's Bulletin Sponsors are:**For eternal memory of:****Leonid Stefy**, offered by Lore Stefy**Mariana Stefy**, offered by Lore Stefy**Helen Kosko**, beloved mother of MaryAnn Kuzemchak**For health of:****Andrew Jankowski** who is in the hospital, son of Paul and Linda

Readings:

- 1 Corinthians 4:9-16
- Matthew 17:14-23

BRETHREN, God has exhibited us apostles as last of all, like men sentenced to death; because we have become a spectacle to the world, to angels and to men. We are fools for Christ's sake, but you are wise in Christ. We are weak, but you are strong. You are held in honor, but we in disrepute. To the present hour we hunger and thirst, we are ill-clad and buffeted and homeless, and we labor, working with our own hands. When reviled, we bless; when persecuted, we endure; when slandered, we try to conciliate; we have become, and are now, as the refuse of the world, the off-scouring of all things. I do not write this to make you ashamed, but to admonish you as my beloved children. For though you have countless guides in Christ, you do not have many fathers. For I became your father in Christ Jesus through the gospel. I urge you, then, be imitators of me.

At that time, when they came to the crowd, a man came up to him and kneeling before him said, "Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is an epileptic and he suffers terribly; for often he falls into the fire, and often into the water. And I brought him to your disciples, and they could not heal him." And Jesus answered, "O faithless and perverse generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him here to me." And Jesus rebuked him, and the demon came out of him, and the boy was cured instantly. Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, "Why could we not cast it out?" He said to them, "Because of your little faith. For truly, I say to you, if you have faith as a grain of mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible to you." As they were gathering in Galilee, Jesus said to them, "The Son of man is to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him, and he will be raised on the third day." And they were greatly distressed.

Summer Sunday service:**Hours - 9:10 AM****Divine Liturgy - 9:30 AM****(General Confession on the first Sunday of each month)****Coffee hour** after Liturgy

We would like to welcome all parish visitors and invite you to join us after the Liturgy, downstairs, for Coffee hour.

Announcements:

- Summer Schedule: Hours 9:10 am
Divine Liturgy 9:30 am
Regular service schedule returns in three weeks on September 11th.
Hours will be at 9:40 am and Divine Liturgy will start at 10:00 am.

Special Announcements:

- Upcoming bulletins can be sponsored; this can be done with the sign-up sheet at the candle stand.
- Special Announcements for the bulletin can be submitted by E-Mail to: Bulletin@ChurchMotherOfGod.org