

“A Great Cloud of Witnesses”

A Historical Series of the Murals on the Walls of Holy Comforter-Saint Cyprian Church

Saint Jude

First Century Syria

St. Jude, one of the original Twelve Apostles, was also known as Thaddeus (Mt 10:3, Mk 3:18) and was the brother of St. James the Lesser (not St. James the Greater who was the brother of St. John and one of the “Sons of Thunder”).



St. Jude is also mentioned as being the brother of Jesus (Mk 6:3), and he wrote the letter, or epistle, attributed to him in the New Testament. Little else is known of his life. Tradition claims that he preached the Gospel in Syria and Armenia, eventually being clubbed to death with St. Simon in Persia.

Jude is invoked in desperate situations because his New Testament letter stresses that the faithful should persevere in the environment of harsh, difficult circumstances, just as their forefathers had done before them. Therefore, he is the patron saint of desperate cases.

The Feast of Saint Jude is October 28.

This series will feature the murals painted on the walls of Holy Comforter-Saint Cyprian Church along with history and commentary. You can also find this series on our website at www.hcscchurch.org.
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