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+++++The **Holy Martyr Justin the Philosopher** was born around 114 at Sychem, an ancient city of Samaria. Justin’s parents were pagan Greeks. From his childhood the saint displayed intelligence, love for knowledge and a fervent devotion to the knowledge of Truth. When he came of age he studied the various schools of Greek philosophy: and he concluded that none of these pagan teachings revealed the way to knowledge of the true God.

Once, when he was strolling in a solitary place beyond the city and pondering about where to seek the way to the knowledge of Truth, he met an old man. In the ensuing conversation he revealed to Justin the essential nature of the Christian teaching and advised him to seek the answers to all the questions of life in the books of Holy Scripture. “But before anything else,” said the holy Elder, “pray diligently to God, so that He might open to you the doors of Light. No one is able to comprehend Truth, unless he is granted understanding from God Himself, Who reveals it to each one who seeks Him in prayer and in love.”

In his thirtieth year, Justin accepted holy Baptism (between the years 133 and 137). From this time Saint Justin devoted his talents and vast philosophical knowledge to preaching the Gospel among the pagans. He began to journey throughout the Roman Empire, sowing the seeds of faith. “Whosoever is able to proclaim Truth and does not proclaim it will be condemned by God,” he wrote.

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES FOR THE REMAINDER OF JUNE

Saturday June 20th	Vespers	4:00 pm
Sunday June 21st	Divine Liturgy	10:00 am
Saturday June 27th	Vespers	4:00 pm
Sunday June 28th	Divine Liturgy	10:00 am

COME LET US WORSHIP AND BOW DOWN BEFORE CHRIST

+++++Dear Church School Families,

After Divine Liturgy is over for the next several weeks, our children will have the opportunity to help paint crafts to be gifted to our homebound parishioners - part of St. Elijah Fellowship & Ministry care packages to be given in celebration of our Church Slava (Sunday August 2nd). Church School will have a table set up in the downstairs hall with art supplies. We hope you can all join us!

Save the date: **St. Elijah Summer Day Camp** will take place **August: 12th, 13th and 14th**. Mark your calendars and stay tuned for a registration link in your email arriving soon!

