

# March 18th: St. Cyril of Jerusalem, bishop and doctor of the Church

**Gospel text (Jn 15,1-8): Jesus said: «I am the vine and you are the branches. As long as you remain in me and I in you, you bear much fruit».**



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**Today our attention is focused on St Cyril of Jerusalem. He stood out as a great theologian, pastor, preacher, and author of great works that clearly exposed Christian doctrine. Cyril was exiled three times within the course of approximately 20 years: the first time was in 357, after being deposed by a Synod of Jerusalem; followed by a second exile in 360, instigated by Acacius; and finally, in 367, by a third exile —his longest, which lasted 11 years— by the Emperor Valens.**

**—Of Cyril's writings, 24 famous catechesis have been preserved, which he delivered as Bishop in about 350.**