

## “A Great Cloud of Witnesses”

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

### Saint Casimir

*15th Century Poland*

St. Casimir was the son of the King of Poland, and was raised in the royal court from his birth in 1458. From the age of nine, St. Casimir was trained by a devout priest, and even from that young age he was known for his piety.

In 1479, his father the king went for five years to Lithuania to settle some affairs in that country, and St. Casimir was placed in charge of ruling Poland. He did so with much prudence and wisdom, and on his return, St. Casimir's father tried to find him a worthy bride. However, St. Casimir preferred to remain single, and lived the remainder of his brief life practicing mortification and fasting.

In 1484, he grew very sick, and died while on his way to Lithuania. St. Casimir is the patron saint of Lithuania, and is invoked as a protector against temptations of the flesh and illnesses caused by chills. **His Feast day is March 4.**



Each month, 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](http://www.hcscchurch.org).  
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