



CYRIACUS AND JULITTA, ACTS OF

CYRIACUS AND JULITTA, ACTS OF, Christian martyrological text. The Greek original is lost, but versions survive in several languages, including Latin, Armenian, Syriac, and Arabic. Part of a Sogdian version, translated from the Syriac, is extant in a fragment with the signature T ii B 60 [No. 13] (unpublished; preserved in the Turfan collection of the Akademie der Wissenschaften, Berlin). The legend, which has been conveniently summarized by August Dillmann, recounts the martyrdom of Julitta, a noblewoman from Iconium, and of her son Cyriacus, a child of two years and nine months; it is set in Tarsus in Cilicia in the year 304 c.e., according to the Syriac version, but appears wholly unhistorical and fantastic. The most interesting part of the Syriac text is a long prayer uttered by the child Cyriacus, which is thought to be of Jewish origin (see Gressmann).

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(Syriac text; [Figure 1](#)).

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