

SEPTEMBER 10, ST. NICHOLAS OF TOLENTINO, CONFESSOR

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St. Nicholas of Tolentino, in central Italy, received his name because he was born after his parents had made a pilgrimage to the tomb of St. Nicholas of Bari. He is one of the glories of the Hermits of St. Augustine. His life is remarkable because of the great devotion which he showed to the mystery of the Christ. He had impressed upon his body the stigmata of Christ. He is represented holding a lily, because he was always a model of innocence and purity. His feast dates from the time of Sixtus V.

INTROIT Psalms 91: 13, 14

Justus ut palma florébit: sicut cedrus Libani multiplicábitur: plantátus in domo Dómini: in átriis domus Dei nostri. (Ps. 91: 2) Bonum est confitéri Dómino: et psállere Nómini tuo, Altíssime. Glória Patri et Fílio et Spíritui Sancto, sicut erat in princípio, et nunc, et semper, et in sæcula sæculórum. Amen. Justus ut palma florébit: sicut cedrus Libani multiplicábitur: plantátus in domo Dómini: in átriis domus Dei nostri.

COLLECT

Adésto Dómine supplicatió nibus nostris, quas in beáti Nicolái, Confessóris tui solemnitáte deférimus: ut qui nostræ justítiae fidúciã non habémus, ejus qui tibi plácu it précibus adiuvémur. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

EPISTLE 1 Corinthians 4: 9-14

Fratres: Spectáculum facti sumus mundo, et ángelis, et homínibus. Nos stulti propter Christum, vos autem prudéntes in Christo: nos infirmi, vos autem fortes: vos nóbiles, nos autem ignóbiles. Usque in hanc horam et esurimus, et sitimus, et nudi sumus, et cólaphis cædimur, et instábiles sumus, et laborámus operántes má nibus nostris: maledicimur, et benedicimus: persecutió nem pátimur, et sustinémus: blasphemámur, et obsecrámus: tamquam purgaménta hu jus mundi facti sumus, ómnium peripsé ma usque adhuc. Non ut confúndam vos, hæc scribo, sed ut filios meos caríssimos móneo: in Christo Jesu Dómino nostro.

GRADUAL Psalms 36: 30, 31

Os justí meditábitur sapiéntiam, et lingua ejus loquétur júdiciu m. Lex Dei ejus in corde ipsíus: et non supplantabúntur gressus ejus.

LESSER ALLELUIA Psalms 111: 1

Allelúia, allelúia. Beátus vir, qui tím et Dóminum: in mandátis ejus cupit nimis. Allelúia.

GOSPEL Luke 12: 32-34

In illo témpore: Dixit Jesus discípulis suis: Nolíte timére pusíllus grex, quia complácu it Patri vestro dare vobis regnum. Véndite quæ possidé tis, et date eleemósynam. Fácite vobis sácculos, qui non veteráscunt, thesáurum non deficiéntem in cælis: quæ surum non deprópiat, neque tinea corrúmpit. Ubi enim thesáurus vester est, ibi et cor vestrum erit.

OFFERTORY Psalms 20: 2, 3

In virtúte tua, Dómine, lætábitur justus, et super salutáre tuum exsultábit veheménter: desidérium ánimæ ejus tribuísti ei.

SECRET

Præsta nobis, quæsumus omnípotens Deus: ut nostræ humilitátis oblátio, et pro tuórum tibi grata sit honóre Sanctórum, et nos córpore páriter et mente puríficet. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

COMMUNION Matthew 19: 28, 29

Amen dico vobis: quod vos, qui reliquístis ómnia, et secúti estis me, céntuplum accipiétis et vitam æté rnam possidébitis.

POSTCOMMUNION

Quæsumus, omnípotens Deus: ut, qui cæléstia aliménta percépi mus, intercedénte beáto Nicoláo, Confessóre tuo, per hæc contra ómnia advérsa muniámur. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

The just shall flourish like the palm tree: he shall grow up like the cedar of Libanus: planted in the house of the Lord, in the courts of the house of our God. (Ps. 91: 2) It is good to give praise to the Lord: and to sing to Thy Name, O Most High. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. The just shall flourish like the palm tree: he shall grow up like the cedar of Libanus: planted in the house of the Lord, in the courts of the house of our God.

Hearken, O Lord, unto our supplications, which we present to Thee on the feast of blessed Nicholas, Thy Confessor: that we, who put not our trust in our own righteousness, may be aided by the prayers of him who was well-pleasing to Thee. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

Brethren, We are made a spectacle to the world, and to angels, and to men. We are fools for Christ's sake, but you are wise in Christ; we are weak, but you are strong; you are honorable, but we without honor. Even unto this hour we both hunger and thirst, and are naked, and are buffeted, and have no fixed abode; and we labor, working with our own hands: we are reviled, and we bless; we are persecuted, and we suffer it. We are blasphemed, and we entreat; we are made as the refuse of this world, the offscouring of all even until now. I write not these things to confound you; but I admonish you as my dearest children: in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The mouth of the just shall meditate wisdom, and his tongue shall speak judgment. The law of his God is in his heart: and his steps shall not be supplanted.

Alleluia, alleluia. Blessed is the man that feareth the Lord: he shall delight exceedingly in His commandments. Alleluia.

At that time, Jesus said to His disciples: Fear not, little flock, for it hath pleased your Father to give you a kingdom. Sell what you possess and give alms. Make to yourselves bags which grow not old, a treasure in heaven which faileth not: where no thief approacheth, nor moth corrupteth. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

In Thy strength, O Lord, the just man shall joy, and in Thy salvation he shall rejoice exceedingly: Thou hast given him his heart's desire.

Grant, we beseech Thee, almighty God, that the offering we humbly bring, may both be pleasing to Thee for the honor of Thy Saints, and cleanse us alike in body and soul. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

Amen I say to you, that you, who have left all things and followed Me, shall receive a hundredfold, and shall possess life everlasting.

We beseech Thee, almighty God, that we, who have received heavenly nourishment, may through it, by the intercession of blessed Nicholas, Thy Confessor, be defended against all adversity. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.