

SEPTEMBER 26, STS. CYPRIAN & JUSTINA, MARTYRS

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St. Cyprian was converted to the Christian Faith by the holy virgin St. Justina, and with her suffered martyrdom. They were both beheaded in the year 304 at Nicomedia, the residence of Emperor Diocletian.

Devotion to Sts. Cyprian and Justina was introduced into Rome during the Middle Ages, when tradition asserted that their relics were preserved near the Lateran Basilica.

INTROIT Psalms 36: 39

Salus autem justórum a Dómino: et protéctor eórum est in témpore tribulatiónis. (Ps. 36: 1) Noli æmulári in malignántibus: neque zeláveris faciéntes iniquitátem. Glória Patri et Fílio et Spíritui Sancto, sicut erat in princípío, et nunc, et semper, et in sæcula sæculórum. Amen. Salus autem justórum a Dómino: et protéctor eórum est in témpore tribulatiónis.

COLLECT

Beatórum Mártyrum Cypriáni et Justínæ nos, Dómine, foveant continuáta pæsidia: quia non désinis propítius intuéri, quos tálibus auxiliis concésseris adjuvári. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

EPISTLE Hebrews 10: 32-38

Fratres: Rememorámini prístinos dies, in quibus illumináti magnum certámen sustinuístis passiónum: et in áltero quidem oppróbriis et tribulatióibus spectáculum facti: in áltero autem sócii tálitter conversántium effécti. Nam et vinctis compássi estis, et rapínam bonórum vestrórum cum gáudio suscepístis, cognoscéntes vos habere meliórem et manéntem substántiam. Nolíte itaque amittere! confidéntiam vestram, quæ magnam habet remuneratiónem. Patiéntia enim vobis necéssaria est: ut, voluntátem Dei faciéntes, reportétiis promissionem. Adhuc enim módicum aliquántulum, qui ventúrus est, véniet, et non tardábit. Justus autem meus ex fide vivit.

GRADUAL Psalms 33: 18-19

Clamavérunt justí, et Dóminus exaudivit eos: et ex ómnibus tribulatióibus eórum liberávit eos. Juxta est Dóminus his, qui tribuláto sunt corde: et húmiles spírítu salvábit.

LESSER ALLELUIA

Allelúja, allelúja. Te Mártyrum candidátus laudat exércitus, Dómine. Allelúja.

GOSPEL Luke 12: 1-8

In illo témpore: Dixit Jesus discípulis suis: Atténdite a ferméto pharisæórum, quod est hypócrisis. Nihil autem opértum est, quod non revelétur: neque absconditum, quod non sciátur. Quóniam, quæ in ténebris dixístis, in lúmine dicéntur: et quod in aurem locuti estis in cubiculis, prædicábitur in tectis. Dico autem vobis: Ne terreámini ab his, qui occídunt corpus, et post hæc non habent ámplius quid fáciant. Osténdam autem vobis, quem timeátis: timéte eum, qui, postquam occíderit, habet potestátem mittere in gehénnam. Ita dico vobis: hunc timéte. Nonne quinque pásseres véneunt dipóndio, et unus ex illis non est in oblivióne coram Deo? Sed et capílli cápitis vestri omnes numerári sunt. Nolíte ergo timére: multis passéribus pluris estis vos. Dico autem vobis: Omnis, quicumque conféssus fúerit me coram homínibus, et Fílius hóminis confitébitur illum coram Ángelis Dei.

OFFERTORY Wisdom 3: 1-3

Justórum ánimæ in manu Dei sunt, et non tanget illos torméntum malítiae: visi sunt óculis insipiéntium mori: illi autem sunt in pace, allelúja.

SECRET

Múnera tibi, Dómine, nostræ devotiónis offérimus: quæ et pro tuórum tibi grata sint honóre Justórum, et nobis salutária, te miseránte, reddántur. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

COMMUNION Matthew 10: 27

Quod dico vobis in ténebris, dícite in lúmine, dicit Dóminus: et quod in aure audíti, prædicáte super tecta.

POSTCOMMUNION

Præsta nobis, quæsumus Domine, intercedentibus sanctis Martyribus tuis Cypriáno et Justína; ut quod ore contingimus, pura mente capiamus. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

The salvation of the just is from the Lord: and He is their protector in the time of trouble. (Ps. 36: 1) Be not envious of evil-doers: nor envy them that work iniquity. 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 salvation of the just is from the Lord: and He is their protector in the time of trouble.

May the continual protection of the blessed martyrs, Cyprian and Justina, comfort us, O Lord; for Thou didst not cease to behold with favor those Whom Thou hast granted the grace of such assistance. 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, call to mind the former days, wherein, being illuminated, you endured a great fight of afflictions. And on the one hand indeed, by reproaches and tribulations were made a gazing stock; and on the other, be come companions of them that were used in such sort. For you both had compassion on them that were in bands, and took with joy the being stripped of your own goods, knowing that you have a better and lasting substance. Do not therefore lose your confidence, which hath a great reward. For patience is necessary for you: that doing the will of God you may receive the promise. For yet a little and a very little while, and He that is to come, will come and will not delay. But my just man liveth by faith.

The just cried, and the Lord heard them, and delivered them out of all their troubles. The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a contrite heart; and He will save the humble of spirit.

Alleluia, alleluia. The white-robed army of martyrs praiseth Thee, O Lord. Alleluia.

At that time, Jesus said to His disciples, Beware ye of the leaven of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy. There is nothing covered that shall not be revealed: nor hidden, that shall not be known. For whatsoever things you have spoken in darkness, shall be published in the light; and that which you have spoken in the ear in chambers shall be preached on the house-tops. And I say to you, My friends, be not afraid of them who kill the body, and after that have no more that they can do. But I will show you Whom you shall fear: fear ye Him Who, after He hath killed, hath power to cast into Hell. Yea, I say to you, fear Him. Are not five sparrows sold for two farthings and not one of them is forgotten before God? Yea, the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not, therefore: you are of more value than many sparrows. And I say to you, whosoever shall confess Me before men, him shall the Son of man also confess before the angels of God.

The souls of the just are in the hand of God, and the torment of malice shall not touch them: in the sight of the unwise they seemed to die, but they are in peace, alleluia.

We offer unto Thee, O Lord, the gifts of our devotion: may they please Thee as honoring Thy just ones, and through Thy mercy profit us unto salvation.. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

That which I tell you in the dark, speak ye in the light; and that which you hear in the ear preach ye upon the housetops.

Grant us, we beseech Thee, O Lord, through the intercession of Thy holy martyrs, Cyprian and Justina, that what we take with the mouth, we may receive with a pure heart. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.