

## JULY 17, ST. ALEXIS, CONFESSOR

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St. Alexis was the only son of a wealthy Roman noble. For Christ's sake he left his home and, poor and unknown, devoted his life to God's service. He died early in the Fifth Century. His memory is venerated in many lands.

### INTROIT Psalms 36: 30, 31

Os justī meditatūbitur sapiēntiam, et lingua ejus loquetur judicium: lex Dei ejus in corde ipsius. (Ps 36: 1) Noli æmulāri in malignāntibus: neque zelāveris faciēntes iniquitātem. Glōria Patri et Filio et Spīritui Sancto, sicut erat in princīpio, et nunc, et semper, et in sǣcula sǣculōrum. Amen. Os justī meditatūbitur sapiēntiam, et lingua ejus loquetur judicium: lex Dei ejus in corde ipsius.

### COLLECT

Deus, qui nos beāti Alēxii Confessōris tui ānnua solemnitāte lætīficas: concede propītius; ut, cujus natalītia cōlimus, etiā actiōnes imitēmur. Per Dōminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fīlium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitāte Spīritus Sancti, Deus, per ōmnia sǣcula sǣculōrum.

### EPISTLE 1 Timothy 6: 6-12

Carīssime: Est quæstus magnus pietas cum sufficiēntia. Nihil enim intūlimus in hunc mundum: haud dūbium, quod nec auferre quid pōssumus. Habēntes autem alimēnta, et quibus tegāmur, his contēnti simus. Nam qui volunt dīvites fieri, incidunt in tentatiōnem et in lāqueum diaboli, et desidēria multa inutilia et nocīva: quæ mergunt hōmines in intēritum et perditōnem. Radix enim ōnium malōrum est cupīditas: quam quidam appetēntes, erravērunt a fide, et inseruērunt se dolōribus multis. Tu autem, o homo Dei, hęc fuge: sectāre vero justītiām, pietātem, fidem, caritātem, patiēntiam, mansuetūdinem. Certa bonum certāmen fidei, apprehēnde vitam ætērnām.

### GRADUAL Psalms 91: 13,14

Justus ut palma florēbit: sicut cedrus Libani multiplicātur in domo Dōmini. Ad annuntiāndum mane misericōrdiam tuam, et veritātem tuam per noctem.

### LESSER ALLELUIA James 1: 12

Allelūja, allelūja. Beātus vir, qui suffert tentatiōnem. quōniam cum probātus fūerit, accīpiet corōnam vitæ. Allelūja.

### GOSPEL Matthew 19: 27-29

In illo tēmpore: Dixit Petrus ad Jesum: Ecce, nos reliquimus ōmnia, et secūti sumus te: quid ergo erit nobis? Jesus autem dixit illis: Amen, dico vobis, quod vos, qui secuti estis me, in regeneratiōne, cum sēderit Fīlius hōminis in sede majestātis suæ, sedēbitis et vos super sedes duōdecim, judicāntes duōdecim tribus Israēl. Et omnis, qui reliquerit domum, vel fratres, aut sorōres, aut patrem, aut matrem, aut uxōrem, aut filios, aut agros, propter nomen meum, cēntuplum accīpiet, et vitam ætērnām possidēbit.

### OFFERTORY Psalms 88: 25

Vēritas mea et misericōrdia mea cum ipso: et in nōmine meo exaltābitur cornu ejus.

### SECRET

Laudis tibi, Dōmine, hostias immolāmus in tuōrum commemoratiōne sanctorū: quibus nos et præsēntibus exui malis confidimus, et futūris. Per Dōminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fīlium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitāte Spīritus Sancti, Deus, per ōmnia sǣcula sǣculōrum.

### COMMUNION Matthew 24: 46-47

Beātus ille servus quem cum vēnerit dōminus ejus invēnerit sic faciēntem. Amen dico vobis quōniam super ōmnia bona sua constituet eum.

### POSTCOMMUNION

Refēcti cibo, pōtuque cǣlesti, Deus noster, te sūpplices exorāmus: ut, in cujus hęc commemoratiōne percēpimus, ejus muniāmur et prēcibus. Per Dōminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fīlium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitāte Spīritus Sancti, Deus, per ōmnia sǣcula sǣculōrum.

The mouth of the just shall meditate wisdom, and his tongue shall speak judgment: the law of his God is in his heart. (Ps. 36: 1) Be not emulous of evildoers: 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 mouth of the just shall meditate wisdom, and his tongue shall speak judgment: the law of his God is in his heart.

O God, Who dost gladden us by the annual feast of blessed Alexis, Thy confessor, mercifully grant that, as we celebrate his natal day, we may also imitate his actions. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

Dearly beloved: Godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into this world, and certainly we can carry nothing out. But having food, and wherewith to be covered, with these we are content. For they that will become rich, fall into temptation, and into the snare of the devil, and into many unprofitable and hurtful desires, which drown men in destruction and perdition. For covetousness is the root of all evils; which some desiring have erred from the Faith. and have entangled themselves in many sorrows. But thou, O man of God, fly these things; and pursue justice, godliness, faith, charity, patience, meekness. Fight the good fight of faith; lay hold on eternal life.

The just shall flourish like the palm tree: he shall grow up like the cedar of Lebanon in the house of the Lord. To show forth Thy mercy in the morning, and Thy truth in the night.

Alleluia. Alleluia. Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he hath been proved, he shall receive the crown of life. Alleluia.

At that time, Peter said to Jesus: Behold we have left all things, and have followed thee: what therefore shall we have? And Jesus said to them: Amen, I say to you, that you, who have followed me, in the regeneration when the Son of man shall sit on the seat of his majesty, you also shall sit on twelve seats, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And every one that hath left house, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for My Name's sake, shall receive an hundredfold, and shall possess life everlasting.

My truth and My mercy shall be with him: and in My name shall his horn be exalted.

We offer Thee, O Lord, sacrifices of praise in commemoration of Thy saints, by whom we trust to be delivered from evils both present and future. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

Blessed is that servant, whom when his lord shall come he shall find so doing. Amen I say to you, he shall place him over all his goods.

We Thy suppliants, who are refreshed with heavenly food and drink, beseech Thee, O our God, that we may be fortified by the prayers of him in whose commemoration we have partaken of these gifts. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.