

These twin brothers, distinguished themselves as physicians. They gave their lives for the Faith at Cyrus in Syria where they were buried. Besides using their skill for the healing of diseases they sought to spread the Faith in Christ. After many tortures they died about the year 285 in the persecution under Diocletian. The fame of their miracles spread over the whole world; many churches were erected in their honor at Rome and elsewhere. Their names are mentioned in the Canon of the Mass and in the Litany of the Saints.

INTROIT Ecclesiasticus 44: 15, 14

Sapiéntiam sanctorum narrent populi, et laudes eorum nuntiet Ecclesia: nomina autem eorum vivent in saeculum saeculi. (Ecclus. 44: 32, 1) Exsultate, justi in Domino: rectos decet collaudatio. Gloria Patri et Filio et Spiritui Sancto, sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper, et in saecula saeculorum. Amen. Sapiéntiam sanctorum narrent populi, et laudes eorum nuntiet Ecclesia: nomina autem eorum vivent in saeculum saeculi.

COLLECT

Præsta, quæsumus, omnipotens Deus: ut, qui sanctorum Martyrum tuorum Cosmæ et Damiáni natalitia colimus, a cunctis malis imminéntibus, eorum intercessionibus, liberémur. Per Dominum nostrum Jesum Christum, Filium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitate Spiritus Sancti, Deus, per omnia saecula saeculorum.

LESSON Wisdom 5: 16-20

Justi autem in perpetuum vivent, et apud Dominum est merces eorum, et cogitatio illorum apud Altissimum. Ideo accipient regnum decoris, et diadema specièi de manu Domini: quoniam dextera sua teget eos, et brachio sancto suo defendet illos. Accipiet armaturam zelus illius, et armabit creaturam ad ultionem inimicorum. Induet pro thorace justitiam, et accipiet pro galea iudicium certum. Sumet scutum inexpugnabile, æquitatem.

GRADUAL Psalms 33: 18-19

Clamaverunt justi, et Dominus exaudivit eos: et ex omnibus tribulationibus eorum liberavit eos. Juxta est Dominus his, qui tribulatio sunt corde: et humiles spiritu salvabit.

LESSER ALLELUIA

Allelúja, allelúja.. Hæc est vera fraternitas, quæ vicit mundi crimina: Christum secuta est, inclita tenens regna cælestia. Allelúja.

GOSPEL Luke 6: 17-23

In illo tempore: Descendens Jesus de monte, stetit in loco campèstri, et turba discipulorum ejus, et multitudo copiosa plebis ab omni Judæa, et Jérusalem, et marítima, et Tyri, et Sidónis, qui vénerant, ut audirent eum et sanarentur a languoribus suis. Et, qui vexabantur a spirítibus immúndis, curabantur. Et omnis turba quærebat eum tangere: quia virtus de illo exibat, et sanabat omnes. Et ipse, elevatis oculis in discipulos suos, dicebat: Beati, pauperes: quia vestrum est regnum Dei. Beati, qui nunc esuritis: quia saturabimini. Beati, qui nunc fletis: quia ridèbitis. Beati eritis, cum vos oderint homines, et cum separaverint vos et exprobraverint, et ejecerint nomen vestrum tanquam malum, propter Filium hominis. Gaudete in illa die et exsultate: ecce enim, merces vestra multa est in cælo.

OFFERTORY Psalms 5: 12-13

Exsultabunt Sancti in glória, lætabúntur in cubilibus suis: exaltationes Dei in faucibus eorum, allelúja.

SECRET

Sanctorum tuorum nobis, Domine, pia non desit oratio: quæ et múnera nostra concíliet, et tuam nobis indulgéntiam semper obtíneat. Per Dominum nostrum Jesum Christum, Filium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitate Spiritus Sancti, Deus, per omnia saecula saeculorum.

COMMUNION Psalms 78: 2-11

Posuerunt mortalia servorum tuorum, Domine, escas volatilibus cæli, carnes sanctorum tuorum béstiis terræ: secundum magnitudinem brachii tui posside filios morte punitorum.

POSTCOMMUNION

Prótegat, quæsumus, Domine, populum tuum et participatio cælestis indúlta convívii, et deprecatio colláta sanctorum. Per Dominum nostrum Jesum Christum, Filium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitate Spiritus Sancti, Deus, per omnia saecula saeculorum.

Let the people show forth the wisdom of the Saints, and the Church declare their praise: and their names shall live unto generation and generation. (Ecclus. 44: 32, 1) Rejoice in the Lord, O ye just: praise becometh the upright. 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. Let the people show forth the wisdom of the Saints, and the Church declare their praise: and their names shall live unto generation and generation.

Grant, we beseech Thee, O almighty God, that we who celebrate the feast day of Thy holy martyrs, Cosmas and Damian, by their intercession may be delivered. from all dangers that threaten us. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

But the just shall live for evermore: and their reward is with the Lord, and the care of them with the most High. Therefore shall they receive a kingdom of glory, and a crown of beauty at the hand of the Lord: for with his right hand he will cover them, and with his holy arm he will defend them. And his zeal will take armor, and he will arm the creature for the revenge of his enemies. He will put on justice as a breastplate, and will take true judgment instead of a helmet. He will take equity for an invincible shield.

The just cried, and the Lord heard them: and delivered them out of all their troubles. The Lord is nigh unto those who are troubled in heart, and the humble in spirit shall be saved.

Alleluia, alleluia. This is the true brotherhood that overcometh the wickedness of the world; it hath followed Christ, holding fast to the glorious heavenly kingdom. Alleluia.

At that time, Jesus coming down from the mountain stood in a plain place, and the company of His disciples, and a very great multitude of people from all Judea and Jerusalem, and the seacoast both of Tyre and Sidon, who were come to hear Him, and to be healed of their diseases. And they that were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all the multitude sought to touch Him, for virtue went out from Him, and healed all. And He, lifting up his eyes on His disciples, said, Blessed are ye poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are ye that hunger now, for you shall be filled. Blessed are ye that weep now, for you shall laugh. Blessed shall you be when men shall hate you, and when they shall separate you, and shall reproach you, and cast out your name as evil; for the Son of man's sake: be glad in that day and rejoice, for behold, your reward is great in heaven.

The saints shall rejoice in glory, they shall be joyful in their beds: the high praises of God shall be in their mouths, alleluia.

May the loving prayers of Thy saints not be wanting to us, O Lord, to win us Thy gifts and ever to obtain us Thy pardon. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

They have given the dead bodies of Thy servants, O Lord, to be meat for the fowls of the air, the flesh of Thy saints to the beasts of the earth: according to the greatness of Thy arm take possession of the children of them that have been punished by death.

May Thy people, we beseech Thee, O Lord, be protected by the privilege of participation in the heavenly banquet and by the prayer of the saints made in their behalf. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.