

St. Chrysanthus came with his wife St. Daria from the East to Rome, some time in the Third Century. They were accused of being Christians, and after suffering many torments their lives were closed by a glorious martyrdom in one of the persecutions, probably in that of Valerian, about the year 237. Of them the Byzantine Liturgy says: "Chrysanthus and Daria live in heaven, though they are dead, having been buried alive in one grave. The inseparable pair were entombed on March 19."

INTROIT Psalms 78: 11, 12, 10

Intret in conspectu tuo, Dómine, gémitus séptuplimum in sinu eórum: víndica sánguinem Sanctórum tuórum, qui effúsus est. (Ps. 78: 1) Deus, venérunt gentes in hereditátem tuam: polluérun't templum sanctum tuum: posuérun't Ierúsalem in pomórum custódiám. Glória Patri et Fílio et Spíritui Sancto, sicut erat in princípío, et nunc, et semper, et in sáecula sáeculórum. Amen. Intret in conspectu tuo, Dómine, gémitus compeditórum: redde vicínis nostris séptuplum in sinu eórum: víndica sánguinem Sanctórum tuórum, qui effúsus est.

COLLECT

Beatórum Mártyrum tuórum, Dómine, Chrysánthi et Dáriæ, quæsumus, adsit nobis orátio: ut, quos venerámur obséquo, eórum píum júgiter experiámur auxiliúm. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti Deus, per ómnia sáecula sáeculórum.

EPISTLE 2 Corinthians 6: 4-10

Fratres: Exhibeámus nosmetípsos sicut Dei minístros, in multa patiéntia, in tribulatióibus, in necessitatibus, in angústiiis, in plagis, in carcéribus, in seditiõibus, in labóribus, in vigíliis, in jejúniis, in castitate, in sciéntia, in longanimitate, in suavitate, in Spíritu Sancto, in caritate non ficta, in verbo veritátis, in virtúte Dei, per arma justítiæ a dextris et a sinístris: per glóriam et ignobilitátem: per infámiam et bonam famam: ut seductóres et veráces: sicut qui ignóti et cõgniti: quasi moriéntes et ecce, vívimus: ut castigáti et non mortificáti: quasi tristes, semper autem gaudéntes: sicut egéntes, multos autem locupletántes: tamquam nihil habéntes et ómnia possidéntes.

GRADUAL Exodus 15: 11, 6

Gloriósus Deus in Sanctis suis: mirábilis in maiestate, fáciens prodígia. Déxtera tua, Dómine, gloriificáta est in virtúte: déxtera manus tua confrégit inimicos.

LESSER ALLELUIA

Ecclesiasticus 44: 14

Allelúja, allelúja. Córpora Sanctórum in pace sepúlta sunt, et nómina eórum vivent in generatióem et generatióem. Allelúja.

GOSPEL Luke 11: 47-51

In illo témpore: Dicébat Jesus scribis et pharisæis: Væ vobis, qui ædificátis monuménta prophetárum: patres autem vestri occidérunt illos. Profécto testificámini, quod consentítis opéribus patrum vestrórum: quóniam ipsi quidem eos occidérunt, vos autem ædificátis eórum sepúlcrá. Proptérea et sapiéntia Dei dixit: Mittam ad illos prophétas et apóstolos, et ex illis occidént et persecúntur: ut inquirátur sanguis ómnium prophetárum, qui effúsus est a constitutióne mundi a generatióne ista, a ságuine Abel usque ad sánguinem Zachariæ, qui périit inter altáre et ædem. Ita dico vobis, requirétur ab hac generatióne.

OFFERTORY Psalms 67: 36

Mirábilis Deus in Sanctis suis: Deus Israëli, ipse dabit virtútem et fortitudínem plebi suæ: benedíctus Deus, allelúja.

SECRET

Pópuli tui, quæsumus, Dómine, tibi grata sit hóstia, quæ in natalítiis sanctórum Mártyrum tuórum Chrysánthi et Dáriæ sollémniter immolátur. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sáecula sáeculórum.

COMMUNION Wisdom 3: 4-6

Et si coram homínibus torménta passi sunt, Deus tentávit eos: tamquam aurum in fornáce probávit eos, et quasi holocáusta accépit eos.

POSTCOMMUNION

Mýsticis, Dómine, repléti sumus votis et gáudiis: præsta, quæsumus; ut, intercessiõibus sanctórum Mártyrum tuórum Chrysánthi et Dáriæ, quæ temporáliter ágimus, spirituáliter consequámur. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sáecula sáeculórum.

Let the sighings of the prisoners come in before Thee, O Lord; render to our neighbors sevenfold in their bosom; revenge the blood of Thy Saints, which hath been shed. (Ps. 78: 1) O God, the heathens are come into Thine inheritance; they have defiled Thy holy temple: they have made Jerusalem as a place to keep fruit. 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 sighings of the prisoners come in before Thee, O Lord; render to our neighbors sevenfold in their bosom; revenge the blood of Thy Saints, which hath been shed.

May the prayers of Thy blessed martyrs, Chryanthus and Daria, be with us, O Lord, that we may continually experience the loving assistance of those to whom we pay homage of veneration. 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: In all things let us exhibit ourselves as the ministers of God, in much patience, in tribulation, in necessities, in distresses, in stripes, in prisons, in seditions, in labors, in watchings, in fastings, in chastity, in knowledge, in long-suffering, in sweetness, in the Holy Ghost, in charity unfeigned, in the word of truth, in the power of God: by the armor of justice on the right hand and on the left: by honor and dishonor: by evil report and good report: as deceivers, and yet true: as unknown, and yet known: as dying, and behold we live: as chastised, and not killed: as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing: as needy, yet enriching many: as having nothing, and possessing all things.

Glorious is God in His Saints, marvelous in majesty, doing wonders. Thy right hand, O Lord, is magnified in strength: Thy right hand hath slain the enemy.

Alleluia, alleluia. The bodies of the Saints are buried in peace, and their name liveth unto generation and generation. Alleluia.

At that time, Jesus said to the Scribes and Pharisees: Woe to you who build the monuments of the prophets: and your fathers killed them. Truly you bear witness that you consent to the doings of your fathers: for they indeed killed them, and you build their sepulchres. For this cause also the wisdom of God said: I will send to them prophets and apostles; and some of them they will kill and persecute. That the blood of all the prophets which was shed from the foundation of the world, may be required of this generation, from the blood of Abel unto the blood of Zacharias, who was slain between the altar and the temple: Yea I say to you, it shall be required of this generation.

God is wonderful in His Saints: the God of Israel is He who will give power and strength to His people: blessed be God, alleluia.

May the offering of Thy people, we beseech Thee, O Lord, be pleasing to Thee; which is solemnly sacrificed on the natal feast of Thy holy martyrs Chrysanthus and Daria. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

And though in the sight of men they suffered torments, God hath tried them: as gold in the furnace He hath proved them, and as a victim of a holocaust He hath received them.

We have been filled, O Lord, with mystic desires and joys; grant, we beseech Thee, that, by the intercession of Thy holy martyrs, Chrysanthus and Daria, we may in spirit attain those things which in time we celebrate. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.