

This holy Bishop was, according to an ancient tradition, the last offshoot of the noble stem of Jesse, and a distant relative of Our Savior. He became Bishop of Jerusalem and was crucified under Emperor Trajan, A.D. 107.

INTROIT Ecclesiasticus 45: 30

Státuit ei Dóminus testaméntum pacis, et príncipem fecit eum: ut sit illi sacerdotii dignitas in aetérnum. (Ps. 131: 1) Meménto, Dómine, David: et omnis mansuetúdinis ejus. Glória Patri et Fílio et Spirítui Sancto, sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper, et in saecula saeculorum. Amen. Státuit ei Dóminus testaméntum pacis, et príncipem fecit eum: ut sit illi sacerdotii dignitas in aetérnum.

COLLECT

Infirmítatem nostram respice, omnipotens Deus: et, quia pondus própriæ actiónis gravat, beáti Simeónis, Martyris tui atque Pontíficis intercésio gloriósa nos prótegat. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spirítus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia saecula saeculorum.

EPISTLE JAMES 1: 12-18

Caríssimi: Beátus vir, qui suffert tentatiónem: quóniam, cum probátus fúerit, accípiet corónam vitæ, quam repromísit Deus diligéntibus se. Nemo, cum tentátur, dicat, quóniam a Deo tentátur: Deus enim intentátor malórum est: ipse autem néminem tentat. Unusquisque vero tentátur a concupiscéntia sua abstráctus et illéctus. Deinde Concupiscéntia cum concéperit, parit peccátum: peccátum vero cum consummátum fúerit, génerat mortem. Nolíte itaque erráre, fratres mei dilectíssimi. Omne datum óptimum et omne donum perfectum desúrsum est, descéndens a Patre lúminum, apud quem non est transmutátio nec vicissitúdinis obumbrátio. Voluntárie enim génuít nos verbo veritátis, ut simus initium aliquod creatúræ ejus.

GRADUAL Psalms 88: 21-23

Inveni David servum meum, óleo sancto meo unxi eum: manus enim mea auxiliábitur ei, et bráchium meum confortábit eum. Nihil profíciet inimicus in eo, et filius iniquitátis non nocébit ei.

(After Septuagesima, the Alleluia is replaced by the Tract.)

LESSER ALLELUIA Psalms 109: 4

Allelúja, allelúja. Tu es sacerdos in aetérnum, secúndum órđinem Melchisedech. Allelúja.

TRACT Psalms 20: 3-4

Desidérium animæ ejus tribuísti ei: et voluntáte labiórum ejus non fraudásti eum. Quóniam prævenísti eum in benedictiónibus dulcédinis. Posuísti in cápite ejus corónam de lápide pretióso.

GOSPEL Luke 14: 26-33

In illo témpore: Dixit Jesus turbis: Si quis venit ad me, et non odit patrem suum, et matrem, et uxórem, et fílios, et fratres, et soróres, adhuc autem et ánimam suam, non potest meus esse discipulus. Et qui non bájulat crucem suam, et venit post me, non potest meus esse discipulus. Quis enim ex vobis volens turrim aedificáre, non prius sedens cómputat sumptus, qui necessarij sunt, si hábeat ad perficiéndum; ne, posteaquam posúerit fundaméntum, et non potúerit perficere, omnes, qui vident, incipient illúdere ei, dicéntes: Quia hic homo coepit aedificáre, et non pótuit consummáre? Aut quis rex iturus committere bellum advérsus álium regem, non sedens prius cógitat, si possit cum decem mílibus occurrere ei, qui cum vigínti mílibus venit ad se? Alióquin, adhuc illo longe agénte, legatiónem mittens, rogat ea, quæ pacis sunt. Sic ergo omnis ex vobis, qui non renúntiat ómnibus, quæ pössidet, non potest meus esse discipulus.

OFFERTORY Psalms 88: 25

Véritas mea et misericórdia mea cum ipso: et in nómine meo exaltábitur cornu ejus.

SECRET

Hóstias tibi, Dómine, beáti Simeónis Mártyris tui atque Pontíficis dicátas méritis, benignus assúme: et ad perpétuum nobis tríbus proveníre subsidiúm. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spirítus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia saecula saeculorum.

COMMUNION Psalms 88: 36, 37-38

Semel jurávi in sancto meo: Semen ejus in aetérnum manébit: et sedes ejus sicut sol in conspectu meo, et sicut luna perfectá in aetérnum, et testis in cælo fidélis.

POSTCOMMUNION

Refécti participatióne múnemis sacri, quæsumus, Dómine, Deus noster: ut, cujus exséquimur cultum, intercedénte beáto Simeóne, Mártyre tuo atque Pontífice, sentiámus effectum. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spirítus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia saecula saeculorum.

The Lord made to him a covenant of peace, and made him a prince; that the dignity of priesthood should be to him forever. (Ps. 131: 1) O Lord, remember David: and all his meekness. 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 Lord made to him a covenant of peace, and made him a prince; that the dignity of priesthood should be to him forever.

Have regard to our weakness, O almighty God: and grant that we who are borne down by the weight of our own evil deeds may be safeguarded by the glorious intercession of Blessed Simeon, thy Martyr and Bishop. 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, blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he hath been proved, he shall receive the crown of life, which God hath promised to them that love Him. Let no man, when he is tempted, say that he is tempted by God. For God is not a tempter of evils, and He tempteth no man. But every man is tempted by his own concupiscence, being drawn away and allured. Then when concupiscence hath conceived it bringeth forth sin. But sin, when it is completed, begetteth death. Do not err therefore, my dearest brethren. Every best gift, and every perfect gift, is from above; coming down from the Father of lights, with Whom there is no change, nor shadow of alteration. For of His own will hath He begotten us by the word of truth, that we might be some beginning of His creature.

I have found David, My servant; with My holy oil I have anointed him: for My hand shall help him, and My arm shall strengthen him. The enemy shall have no advantage over him, nor the son of iniquity have power to hurt him.

Alleluia, alleluia. Thou art a priest according to the order of Melchisedech. Alleluia.

Thou hast given him his heart's desire; and hast not withholden from him the will of his lips. For Thou hast prevented him with blessings of sweetness. Thou hast set on his head a crown of precious stones.

At that time, Jesus said to the multitudes, If any man come to me, and hate not his father and mother and wife and children and brethren and sisters, yea and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple. And whosoever doth not carry his cross, and come after Me, cannot be My disciple. For which of you having a mind to build a tower, doth not first sit down and reckon the charges that are necessary, whether he have wherewithal to finish it; lest after he hath laid the foundation, and is not able to finish all that see it begin to mock him, saying, This man began to build, and was not able to finish? Or what king about to go and make war against another king, doth not first sit down and think whether he be able with ten thousand to meet him that with twenty thousand cometh against him? Or else, whilst the other is yet afar off, sending an embassy, he desireth everyone of you that doth not renounce all that he possesseth, cannot be My disciple.

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

Graciously receive, O Lord, the Sacred Victim we, by the merits of Blessed Simeon., Thy martyr and bishop, dedicate to Thee; and grant that it may be to us an everlasting help. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

Once have I sworn by My holiness: his seed shall endure forever; and his throne as the sun before Me, and as the moon perfect forever: and a faithful witness in heaven.

Our strength renewed from having shared in Thy sacred gift, we beseech Thee, O Lord our God, that by the intercession of Blessed Simeon, Thy martyr and bishop, we may ever feel the mighty power of the sacrament we worship. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.