MAY 10, ST. ANTONINUS, CONFESSOR & BISHOP

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St. Antoninus entered the Dominican Order in his sixteenth year. In 1446 he was compelled to accept the archbishopric of Florence. When the false Renaissance was beginning to give a tone of classical paganism to society, he set an example of fervent pastoral zeal, joined with the love of study and of the most austere virtues of the cloister. He died in 1459.

Commemoration of Gordian & Epimachus. Under Pope Adrian I the bodies of these two martyrs were placed in the same tomb. Gordian was a Roman judge converted by a holy priest who was brought before him for trial under Julian the Apostate. St. Epimachus was an Alexandrian martyr who at first had a separate mass in the Liturgy.

INTROIT Ecclesiasticus 45: 30
Státuit ei Dóminus testaméntum pacis, et princípem fecit eum: ut sit illi sacerdótii dignitas in ætérnum. Allelúja, allelúja. (Ps. 131: 1) Meménto, Dómine, David: et omnis mansuetúdinis ejus. Glória Patri et Fílio et Spirítui Sancto, sicut erat in princípio, et nunc, et semper, et in sæcula sæculórum. Amen. Státuit ei Dóminus testaméntum pacis, et princípem fecit eum: ut sit illi sacerdótii dignitas in ætérnum. Allelúja, allelúja.

COLLECT
Sancti Antonini, Dómine, Confessóris tui atque Pontifícis, méritis adjuvámur: ut, sicut te in illo mirábilem prædicámus, ita in nos misericórdem tuísse glorémur. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

(Commemoration of Sts. Gordian & Epimachus)

Da quæsumus, omnípotens Deus: ut, qui beatórum Mártyrum tuórum Gordiáni et Epimachi solémnia cólimus eórum apud te intercessiónibus adjuvémur. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

LESSON Ecclesiasticus 44: 16-27; 45: 3-20
Ecce sacérdos magnus, qui in diébus suis plácuit Deo, et invéntus est justus: et in témpore iracúndiæ factus est reconciliátio. Non est invéntus símilis illi, qui conservávit legem Excélsi. Ideo jurejurándo fecit illum Dóminus crescere in plebem suam. Benedictiónem ómnium géntium dedit illi, et testaméntum suum confírmavit super caput ejus. Agnóvit eum in benedictiónibus suis: conservávit illi misericórdiam suam: et invenit grátiam coram óculis Dómini. Magnificávit eum in conspéctu regum: et dedit illi coronam glóriæ. Státuit illi testaméntum ætérnum, et dedit illi sacerdótium magnum: et beatificávit illum in glória. Fungi sacerdótio, et habére laudem in nómine ipsíus, et offérre illi incénsum dignum in odórem suavitátis.

GREATER ALLELUIA Psalms 109: 4
Allelúja, allelúja. Tu es sacérdos in ætérnum, secúndum órdinem Melchisedech. Allelúja. Hic est sacérdos, quem coronávit Dóminus. Allelúja.

GOSPEL Matthew 25: 14-23
In illo témpore: Dixit Jesus discípulis suis parábolam hanc: Homo péregre profíciscens vocávit servos suos, et trádidit illis bona sua. Et uni dedit quinque talénta, álii autem duo, álii vero unum, unicuíque secúndum própriam virtútem, et proféctus est statim. Abiit autem, qui quinque talénta accéperat, et operátus est in eis, et lucrátus est ália quinque. Símiliter et, qui duo accéperat, lucrátus est ália duo. Qui autem unum accéperat, ábiens fodit in terram, et abscóndit pecúniam dómini sui. Post multum vero témporis venit dóminus servórum illórum, et pósuit rationem cum eis. Et accédens qui quinque talénta accéperat, óbtulit ália quinque talénta,dicéns: Dómine, quinque talénta tradidísti mihi, ecce, ália quinque superlucrátus sum. Ait illi dóminus ejus: Euge, serve bone et fidélis, quia super pauca fuísti fidélis, super multa te constítuam: intra in gáudium dómini tui. Accéssit autem et qui duo talénta accéperat, et ait: Dómine, duo talénta tradidísti mihi, ecce, ália duo lucrátus sum. Ait illi dóminus ejus: Euge, serve bone et fidélis, quia super pauca fuísti fidélis, super multa te constítuam: intra in gáudium dómini tui.

OFFERTORY Psalms 88: 21-22
Invéni David servum meum, óleo sancto meo unxi eum: manus enim mea auxiliábitur ei, et bráchium meum confortábit eum. Allelúja.

SECRET
Sancti tui, quæsumus, Dómine, nos ubíque lætificent: ut, dum eórum mérita recólimus, patrocínia sentiámus. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

(Commemoration of Sts. Gordian & Epimachus)

Hóstias tibi, Dómine, beatórum Mártyrum Tuórum Gordiáni et Epimachi dícitas mérito, benígnus assúme : et ad perpétuum nobis tríbue provenire subsídium. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

PREFACE OF THE ASCENSION
Vere dignum et justum est, æquum et salutáre, nos tibi semper et ubíque grátias ágere: Dómine sancte, Pater omnípotens, ætérne Deus: per Christum, Dóminum nostrum. Qui post resurrectiónem suam ómnibus discípulis suis maniféstus appáruit, et ipsis cernéntibus est elevátus in cælum, ut nos divinitátis suæ tríbueret esse partícipes. Et ideo cum Ángelis et Archángelis, cum Thronis et Dominatiónibus cumque omni milítia cæléstis exércitus, hymnum glóriæ tuæ cánimus, sine fine dicéntes:

COMMUNION Luke 12: 42
Fidélis servus et prudens, quem constítuit dóminus super famíliam suam: ut det illis in témpore trítici mensúram. Allelúja.

POSTCOMMUNION
Præsta, quæsumus, omnípotens Deus: ut, qui percéptis munéribus grátias exhibémus, intercedéntis beáto Antonino, Confessóre tuo atque Pontífice, beneficia potióra sumámus. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

(Commemoration of Sts. Gordian & Epimachus)

Quǽsumus, omnípotens Deus : ut, Qui Cæléstia alimènta percépimus, intercedéntibus sanctis Martýribus Tuis Gordiano et Epímacho, per hæc contra ómnia advérsa muniámur. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

The Lord made to him a covenant of peace, and made him a prince; that the dignity of priesthood should be to him forever. Alleluia, alleluia. (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. Alleluia, alleluia.

May we be assisted, O Lord, by the merits of St. Antoninus, Thy confessor and bishop, that, as we declare Thee wonderful in him, so we may glory in Thy mercy toward 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.

(Commemoration of Sts. Gordian & Epimachus)

Grant, we beseech Thee, O almighty God, that we, who venerate the festival of Thy blessed martyrs Gordian and Epimachus, may be helped by their intercession with Thee. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

Behold a great priest, who in his days pleased God, and was found just; and in the time of wrath was made a reconciliation. There was not any found like to him, who kept the law of the Most High. Therefore by an oath the Lord made him increase among his people. He gave him the blessing of all nations, and confirmed His covenant upon his head. He acknowledged him in His blessings: He preserved for him His mercy: and he found grace before the eyes of the Lord. He glorified him in the sight of kings, and gave him a crown of glory. He made an everlasting covenant with him; and gave him a great priesthood; and made him blessed in glory, To execute the office of the priesthood and to have praise in His Name, and to offer to Him worthy incense for an odor of sweetness.

Alleluia, alleluia. Thou art a priest according to the order of Melchisedech. Alleluia. This is the priest whom the Lord hath crowned. Alleluia.

At that time, Jesus spoke this parable to His disciples: A man going into a far country called his servants, and delivered to them his goods. And to one he gave five talents, and to another two, and to another one, to every one according to his proper ability: and immediately he took his journey. And he that had received the five talents, went his way, and traded with the same, and gained other five. And in like manner he that had received the two, gained other two. But he that had received the one, going his way digged into the earth, and hid his lord's money. But after a long time the lord of those servants came, and reckoned with them. And he that had received the five talents coming, brought other five talents, saying: Lord, thou didst deliver to me five talents, behold I have gained other five over and above. His lord said to him: Well done, good and faithful servant, because thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will place thee over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord. And he also that had received the two talents came and said: Lord, thou deliveredst two talents to me: behold I have gained other two. His lord said to him: Well done, good and faithful servant: because thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will place thee over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.

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. Alleluia.

May Thy saints, we beseech Thee, O Lord, everywhere make us joyful, that, while we venerate their merits, we may experience their patronage. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

(Commemoration of Sts. Gordian & Epimachus)

Graciously receive, O Lord, these offerings, which we dedicate to Thee relying on the merits of Thy holy martyrs Gordian and Epimachus: and grant that they may become for 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.

It is truly meet and just, right and for our salvation, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto Thee, O holy Lord, Father almighty, everlasting God, through Christ our Lord. Who, after His Resurrection, appeared openly to all His disciples, and, while they looked on, was taken up into heaven, that He might grant unto us to be sharers in His own divinity. And therefore with the Angels and Archangels, with the Thrones and Dominations, and with all the hosts of the heavenly army, we sing the hymn of Thy glory, evermore saying:

This is the faithful and wise steward, whom his lord setteth over his family: to give them their measure of wheat in due season. Alleluia.

Grant, we beseech Thee, almighty God, that as we thank Thee for the favors we have received, we may, by the intercession of blessed Antoninus,Thy Confessor and Bishop, obtain still greater blessings. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

(Commemoration of Sts. Gordian & Epimachus)

O almighty God, we beseech Thee, that, through the prayers of Thy holy martyrs Gordian and Epimachus, the Heavenly food of which we have partaken, may be our sure defense in all adversity. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.