

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 justi meditabitur sapientiam, et lingua ejus loquetur iudicium: lex Dei ejus in corde ipsius. (Ps 36: 1) Noli aemulari in malignantibus: neque zelaveri facientes iniquitatem. Gloria Patri et Filio et Spiritui Sancto, sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper, et in saecula saeculorum. Amen. Os justi meditabitur sapientiam, et lingua ejus loquetur iudicium: lex Dei ejus in corde ipsius.

COLLECT

Deus, qui nos beati Alexii Confessoris tui annua solemnitate laetificas: concede propitius; ut, cujus natalitia colimus, etiam actiones imitemur. Per Dominum nostrum Jesum Christum, Filium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitate Spiritus Sancti, Deus, per omnia saecula saeculorum.

EPISTLE 1 Timothy 6: 6-12

Carissime: Est quaestus magnus pietas cum sufficientia. Nihil enim intulimus in hunc mundum: haud dubium, quod nec auferre quid possumus. Habentes autem alimenta, et quibus tegamur, his contenti simus. Nam qui volunt divites fieri, incidunt in tentationem et in laqueum diaboli, et desideria multa inutilia et nociva: quae mergunt homines in interitum et perditionem. Radix enim omnium malorum est cupiditas: quam quidam appetentes, erraverunt a fide, et inseruerunt se doloribus multis. Tu autem, o homo Dei, haec fuge: sectare vero justitiam, pietatem, fidem, caritatem, patientiam, mansuetudinem. Certa bonum certamen fidei, apprehende vitam aeternam.

GRADUAL Psalms 91: 13,14

Justus ut palma florabit: sicut cedrus Libani multiplicatur in domo Domini. Ad annuntiandum mane misericordiam tuam, et veritatem tuam per noctem.

LESSER ALLELUIA James 1: 12

Alleluja, alleluja. Beatus vir, qui suffert tentationem. quoniam cum probatus fuerit, accipiet coronam vitae. Alleluja.

GOSPEL Matthew 19: 27-29

In illo tempore: Dixit Petrus ad Jesum: Ecce, nos reliquimus omnia, et secuti sumus te: quid ergo erit nobis? Jesus autem dixit illis: Amen, dico vobis, quod vos, qui secuti me, in regeneratione, cum sederit Filius hominis in sede majestatis suae, sedebitis et vos super sedes duodecim, iudicantes duodecim tribus Israel. Et omnis, qui reliquerit domum, vel fratres, aut sorores, aut patrem, aut matrem, aut uxorem, aut filios, aut agros, propter nomen meum, centuplum accipiet, et vitam aeternam possidebit.

OFFERTORY Psalms 88: 25

Veritas mea et misericordia mea cum ipso: et in nomine meo exaltabitur cornu ejus.

SECRET

Laudis tibi, Domine, hostias immolamus in tuorum commemoratione sanctorum: quibus nos et praesentibus exui malis confidimus, et futuris. Per Dominum nostrum Jesum Christum, Filium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitate Spiritus Sancti, Deus, per omnia saecula saeculorum.

COMMUNION Matthew 24: 46-47

Beatus ille servus quem cum venerit dominus ejus invenerit sic facientem. Amen dico vobis quoniam super omnia bona sua constituet eum.

POSTCOMMUNION

Refecti cibo, potuque caelesti, Deus noster, te supplices exoramus: ut, in cujus haec commemoratione percipimus, ejus muniamur et precibus. Per Dominum nostrum Jesum Christum, Filium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitate Spiritus Sancti, Deus, per omnia saecula saeculorum.

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.