

SEPTEMBER 11, STS. PROTUS & HYACINTH, MARTYRS

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These holy martyrs, scourged and beheaded, during the persecutions of the Third Century, were commemorated by Pope Damasus with the following inscription: "The kingdom of heaven holds thee, O Protus, and thither dost thou follow him, O valiant Hyacinth, robed in the purple of thy blood. They were brothers and were unconquered in spirit. Protus first won his crown, but Hyacinth equally deserved the palm."

INTROIT Psalms 36: 39

Salus autem justórum a Dómino: et protéctor eórum est in témpore tribulatiónis. (Ps. 36: 1) Noli æmulári in malignántibus: neque zeláveris faciéntes iniquitátem. Glória Patri et Fílio et Spirítui Sancto, sicut erat in princípío, et nunc, et semper, et in sæcula sæculórum. Amen. Salus autem justórum a Dómino: et protéctor eórum est in témpore tribulatiónis.

COLLECT

Beatórum Mártyrum tuórum Proti et Hyacínthi nos, Dómine, fóveat pretiósá conféssio: et pia júgiter intercésio tueátur. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

EPISTLE Hebrews 10: 32-38

Fratres: Rememorámini prístinos dies, in quibus illumináti magnum certámen sustinuístis passiónum: et in áltero quidem oppróbriis et tribulatióibus spectáculum facti: in áltero autem sócii tálíter conversántium effécti. Nam et vinctis compássi estis, et rapinam bonórum vestrórum cum gáudio suscepístis, cognoscéntes vos habere meliórem et manéntem substántiam. Nolíte itaque amittere! confidéntiam vestram, quæ magnam habet remuneratiónem. Patiéntia enim vobis necéssaria est: ut, voluntátem Dei faciéntes, reportétis promissiónem. Adhuc enim módicum aliquántulum, qui ventúrus est, véniet, et non tardábit. Justus autem meus ex fide vivit.

GRADUAL Psalms 33: 18-19

Clamavérunt justí, et Dóminus exaudivit eos: et ex ómnibus tribulatióibus eórum liberávit eos. Juxta est Dóminus his, qui tribuláto sunt corde: et húmiles spíritu salvábit.

LESSER ALLELUIA

Allelúja, allelúja. Te Mártyrum candidátus laudat exércitus, Dómine. Allelúja.

GOSPEL Luke 12: 1-8

In illo témpore: Dixit Jesus discíplis suis: Atténdite a ferméto pharisæórum, quod est hypócrisis. Nihil autem opértum est, quod non revelétur: neque absconditum, quod non sciátur. Quóniam, quæ in ténebris dixístis, in lúmine dicéntur: et quod in aurem locuti estis in cubículis, prædicábitur in tectis. Dico autem vobis amicis meis: Ne terreámini ab his, qui occídunt corpus, et post hæc non habent ampliùs quid fáciant. Osténdam autem vobis, quem timeátis: timéte eum, qui, postquam occíderit, habet potestátem mittere in gehénnam. Ita dico vobis: hunc timeíte. Nonne quinque pásseres véneunt dipóndio, et unus ex illis non est in oblivióne coram Deo? Sed et capílli cápitis vestri omnes numerári sunt. Nolíte ergo timére: multís passéribus pluris estis vos. Dico autem vobis: Omnis, quicúmque conféssus fuerit me coram homínibus, et Fílius hóminis confitébitur illum coram Ángelis Dei.

OFFERTORY Wisdom 3: 1-3

Justórum ánimæ in manu Dei sunt, et non tanget illos torméntum malítiæ: visi sunt óculis insipiéntium mori: illi autem sunt in pace, allelúja.

SECRET

Pro sanctórum Martyrum tuórum Proti et Hyacínthi commemoratióne, múnera tibi, Dómine, quæ debémus, exsólvimus: præsta, quæsumus; ut remédium nobis perpétuæ salutis operéntur. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

COMMUNION Matthew 10: 27

Quod dico vobis in ténebris, dícite in lúmine, dicit Dóminus: et quod in aure audítis, prædicáte super tecta.

POSTCOMMUNION

Ut percépta nos, Dómine, tua sancta puríficent: beatórum Mártyrum tuórum Proti et Hyacínthi, quæsumus, ímploret orátio. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

The salvation of the just is from the Lord: and He is their protector in the time of trouble. (Ps. 36: 1) Be not emulous of evil-doers: 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 salvation of the just is from the Lord: and He is their protector in the time of trouble.

May the confession of Thy blessed martyrs, Protus and Hyacinth, comfort us, O Lord, and their kind intercession constantly protect 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.

Brethren, call to mind the former days, wherein, being illuminated, you endured a great fight of afflictions. And on the one hand indeed, by reproaches and tribulations were made a gazing stock; and on the other, be come companions of them that were used in such sort. For you both had compassion on them that were in bands, and took with joy the being stripped of your own goods, knowing that you have a better and lasting substance. Do not therefore lose your confidence, which hath a great reward. For patience is necessary for you: that doing the will of God you may receive the promise. For yet a little and a very little while, and He that is to come, will come and will not delay. But my just man liveth by faith.

The just cried, and the Lord heard them, and delivered them out of all their troubles. The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a contrite heart; and He will save the humble of spirit.

Alleluia, alleluia. The white-robed army of martyrs praiseth Thee, O Lord. Alleluia.

At that time, Jesus said to His disciples, Beware ye of the leaven of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy. There is nothing covered that shall not be revealed: nor hidden, that shall not be known. For whatsoever things you have spoken in darkness, shall be published in the light; and that which you have spoken in the ear in chambers shall be preached on the house-tops. And I say to you, My friends, be not afraid of them who kill the body, and after that have no more that they can do. But I will show you Whom you shall fear: fear ye Him Who, after He hath killed, hath power to cast into Hell. Yea, I say to you, fear Him. Are not five sparrows sold for two farthings and not one of them is forgotten before God? Yea, the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not, therefore: you are of more value than many sparrows. And I say to you, whosoever shall confess Me before men, him shall the Son of man also confess before the angels of God.

The souls of the just are in the hand of God, and the torment of malice shall not touch them: in the sight of the unwise they seemed to die, but they are in peace, alleluia.

In commemoration of Thy holy martyrs Protus and Hyacinth we pay to Thee, O Lord, the offerings which we owe Thee; grant, we beseech Thee, that they may procure for us the remedy of eternal salvation. . Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

That which I tell you in the dark, speak ye in the light; and that which you hear in the ear preach ye upon the housetops.

Let the prayer of Thy blessed martyrs, Protus and Hyacinth, we beseech Thee, O Lord, bring it to pass that we may be purified by Thy holy mysteries which we have received. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.