

CALENDER

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PROPER OF THE SAINTS

November 29

Blessed Denis and Redemptus

Martyrs

3rd class

Matins

Lesson iii

Denis of the Nativity was born at Hunefflorii in the province of Neustra. His parents trained him in the ways of piety and he responded dutifully to their care. Skilled in the science of navigation, he traveled often to various regions of Europe and America. Journeying to the East Indies, he battled brilliantly against idolatrous nations. Then, enlightened by a calling to the supernatural life, he entered the Order of Discalced Carmelites in the convent of Goa where he won the admiration of everyone by his example and the regularity of his religious observance. It happened, however, that the government of Portugal wished to send an envoy to Achim, Sultan of Sumatra, for the purpose of negotiating a treaty between the two countries. Because of Denis' skill in navigation, the envoy asked and received permission to take Denis as his companion. When they reached the island of Sumatra, however, they were bound with chains and taken as captives to the Sultan.

The envoy was released but Denis was thrown into prison and tortured in an effort to force him to adopt Mohammedanism. When the torture failed to shake his faith, his head was split open with a sabre and his body pierced with swords, and thus he died a martyr's death. — Redemptus of the Cross, a Portuguese from the town of Paredes, journeyed to the East Indies where he enlisted in the Portuguese army, becoming a commander. Then he took the habit of a lay-brother in the Order of Discalced Carmelites and was sent as companion to Denis to the island of Sumatra where he also, after many torments, received the palm of martyrdom. Pope Leo XIII added Denis of the Nativity and Redemptus of the Cross to the white list of blessed Martyrs.

Te Deum laudamus.

Lauds

℣. The Saints will exult in glory. ℞. They will sing for joy upon their couches.

Ant. (Ben.) The hairs of your head * are all numbered. Do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

Collect

O God, You led Blessed Denis and Redemptus in a wonderful

way through the perils of the sea to the palm of martyrdom. Grant that in the midst of the many things of this world and the attractions of this life, we may remain, through their intercession, faithful to death in the confession of your Name. This we ask of you through our Lord.

A Commemoration is made of St. Saturninus, Martyr:

Ant. He who hates * his life in this world, keeps it unto life everlasting.

V. The just man shall flourish like the palm tree. *R.* Like a cedar of Lebanon shall he grow.

Collect

Lord, you have given us the joy of celebrating this day on which your martyr St. Saturninus was born to the glory of heaven; grant that we may be helped by his merits. This we ask of you through our Lord.

December 5

Blessed Bartholomew Fanti

Confessor

3rd class

Matins

Lesson iii

Bartholomew was born at Mantua. Proficient in both virtues and studies, he merited to experience the grace of a religious vocation, through the assistance of the most Blessed Virgin. Entering the Carmelite Order he proved himself patient and humble. As priest and preacher, he spared no labor in working for the salvation of

souls. He instituted an association of lay people under the patronage of Our Lady of Mount Carmel to promote piety and devotion. Unceasing in his devotion to the Blessed Eucharist, he passed days and nights pouring out his prayers and God often gave him power to work spectacular miracles and instantaneous cures of the sick. He fulfilled many offices in his own community in a most admirable manner. He fell asleep in the Lord on the fifth day of December, 1495. The devotion paid to him from that time was approved by Pope Pius X.

Te Deum laudamus.

Lauds

V. The Lord led the just man in right paths. *R.* And showed him the kingdom of God.

Ant. (Ben.) Well done, * good and faithful servant; because you have been faithful over a few things, I will set you over many. Enter into the joy of your Lord.

Collect

O God, you made Blessed Bartholomew renowned for his devotion to your most holy Eucharist and his fidelity to religious observance: grant that by his intercession and example, we may be detached from things of earth, cling to you alone, and love you perfectly. This we ask of you, Lord Jesus, living and reigning.

A commemoration is made of St. Sabbas, Abbot:

Ant. I shall liken him * to

a wise man who built his house on rock.

℣. The Lord loved him and adorned him. ℞. He clothed him with splendid apparel.

Collect

May the intercession of the blessed Abbot St. Sabbas recommend us to you, Lord, and we shall be able to obtain by his prayers the graces we cannot obtain by our merits. This we ask of you through our Lord.

December 11
Blessed Francus
Confessor
3rd class
Matins
Lesson iii

Francus was born of pious parents at Grotto, near Siena. He was guilty of many serious sins and, in the midst of them, by divine providence, he was stricken with blindness. The pain of this blindness brought him to his senses and he made a laborious pilgrimage to the shrine of St. James at Compostella, where he received back his sight. At Rome, he was given full pardon for all his sins by Gregory X; then he returned to Siena where he led a most austere life and moved many persons to penitence. Inspired by the most Blessed Virgin, he took the Carmelite habit and progressed wonderfully in monastic discipline and subjugated his body so sternly to the spirit that he bound almost every member of his body with iron chains and

sought to increase his austerity daily. He was renowned for his prophetic spirit and by miracles both in his life and after death. He was numbered among the Blessed by Clement V.

Te Deum laudamus.

Lauds

℣. The Lord led the just man in right paths. ℞. And showed him the kingdom of God.

Collect

O God, you showed us your unlimited power especially by your pardon and pity. As you called blessed Francus, the Carmelite, to the heavenly kingdom glorious in his merits, so also, by his merits and prayers, cleanse us from the stains of our sins. This we ask of you through our Lord.

A commemoration is made of feria.

Then a commemoration of St. Damasus I, Pope, Confessor:

Ant. Priest and Bishop * and worker of miracles, good shepherd among the people, pray for us to the Lord.

℣. The Lord loved him and adorned him. ℞. He clothed him with splendid apparel.

Collect

Lord, eternal Shepherd, in your goodness watch over your flock and guard it always under the protective patronage of your Sovereign Pontiff St. Da-

masus, whom you made to be shepherd of your whole Church. This we ask of you through our Lord.

December 16

Blessed Mary of the Angels

Virgin

3rd class

Matins

Lesson iii

Mary of the Angels was born of noble and pious parents in the city of Turin. She was trained in Christian life and doctrine and from her earliest years was so filled with love of suffering that she set about practicing every kind of penance. At the age of six her constant prayer was to be allowed to receive the Most Holy Body of Christ. In order to preserve the flower of chastity from every stain, she determined to retire to the seclusion of the cloister. And so she entered the monastery of the Discalced Carmelites in Turin. There she was conspicuous for her practice of the virtues of obedience, poverty and chastity. God permitted her to be severely harassed by the forces of hell but she led a life of ever increasing austerity. Elected Prioress against her will, she carried out her office in a most excellent manner. In her ardent desire to spread the glory of God, she founded a new monastery of the Order in Moncaglieri. She practiced the greatest charity toward her

neighbor and toward the suffering souls in Purgatory. She had an especial devotion to the most Blessed Virgin and her holy husband, St. Joseph. By her prayers to them she saved her country from an enemy invasion. She was noted for the gifts of prophecy, the discernment of spirits, reading of the secrets of hearts, and miracles. She rested in the kiss of the Lord in the year 1717. Pius IX added her name to the list of holy virgins.

Te Deum laudamus.

Lauds

∇. Grace is poured out upon your lips. ℞. Thus God has blessed you forever.

Ant. (Ben.) The kingdom of heaven * is like a merchant in search of fine pearls. When he finds a single one of great price, he gives all that he has in exchange for it.

Collect

O God, you enabled blessed Mary of the Angels, your virgin, to live an angelic life. Grant us the grace that by following her example and overcoming the enticements of the flesh, we may deserve to attain to the companionship of the angels. This we ask of you through our Lord.

A commemoration is made of feria.

Then a commemoration of

St. Eusebius, Bishop and Martyr:

Ant. He who hates * his life in this world, keeps it unto life everlasting.

V. The just man shall flourish like the palm tree. *R.* Like a cedar of Lebanon shall he grow.

Collect

Every year, Lord, you give us the joy of celebrating the feast of your martyr Bishop, St. Eusebius; in your kindness let us enjoy the protection of him whose birth into the glorious life of heaven we are celebrating. This we ask of you through our Lord.

January 28

St. Peter Thomas
Bishop and Confessor

3rd class

Matins

Lesson iii

Peter Thomas, born at Breil in Gascony, was remarkable for his love of study and his piety. He received the habit of the Virgin Mary of Mount Carmel in the monastery of Breil. After he was ordained priest he was sent to Paris where he received his degree in theology with highest honors, and there he advanced daily in sanctity. Towards the Mother of God he cherished so great a devotion that always, in every necessity, he fled to her patronage and received her help. He poured

out constant prayers to the most Holy Virgin for the perpetual preservation and increase of her Order and he was deemed worthy to receive this marvelous response: "Take courage, Peter, for the Carmelite Order is to endure to the end of the world. For Elias, its founder, has already implored this favor of my Son." He was created Bishop of Patti and, not long afterwards, Patriarch of Constantinople, and devoted himself to the salvation of the sheep entrusted to him. He was sent as Legate of the Holy See in regard to an expedition to the Holy Land while at the same time he labored strenuously to defend and spread the Catholic faith. He died in the year 1366, on the sixth of January. His body was taken to Famagusta and is there honorably venerated.

Te Deum laudamus.

Lauds

V. The Lord led the just man in right paths. *R.* And showed him the kingdom of God.

Ant. (Ben.) "Well done, * good and faithful servant; because you have been faithful over a few things, I will set you over many," says the Lord.

Collect

Be appeased, O Lord, we beg you, by the merits and intercession of St. Peter Thomas, your

Confessor and Bishop. Grant us pardon for our sins and preserve us from every pestilence. This we ask of you through our Lord.

A commemoration is made of St. Peter Nolasco, Confessor:

Ant. I shall liken him * to a wise man who built his house on rock.

V. The Lord loved him and adorned him. *R.* He clothed him with splendid apparel.

Collect

O Lord, you providentially inspired St. Peter Nolasco to exemplify your charity, and he enriched your Church with a new religious family for the ransoming of Christians. Grant that through his intercession we may be freed from the slavery of sin and may enjoy eternal liberty in heaven, our country.

Then a commemoration of the second feast of St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr:

Ant. "Behold, what I yearned for, * I already see; what I hoped for, I already hold in embrace; with him I am united in heaven whom on earth I loved with all my heart."

V. Grace is poured out upon your lips. *R.* Thus God has blessed you forever.

Collect

Every year, Lord, you give us the joy of celebrating the

feast of your Virgin and Martyr St. Agnes. In this Office we venerate her memory; grant us the grace to imitate her exemplary life. This we ask of you through our Lord.

February 4

St. Andrew Corsini
Bishop and Confessor

(All as in Roman Breviary)

February 13

Blessed Archangela

Virgin

3rd class

Matins

Lesson iii

Archangela, whose secular name was Eleanor Girlandi, was born at Trino on Mount Ferrato. As a child she was sent to the Sisters of St. Benedict to be educated and there she was distinguished by exceptional piety and charity. Upon returning home, she refused to be enticed into marriage but persevered in her decision to consecrate her virginity to God. She also persuaded her two sisters to do the same. She was admitted to the Carmelite Monastery at Parma where in a short time she excelled all the others in the pursuit of perfection. Elected Prioress, she distinguished herself in this office also by her sanctity. Shortly after, she was entrusted with the founding of a new monastery

at Mantua established through the zeal of the princes of Gonzaga. There she so fostered her little flock that it soon became a large family of the Blessed Virgin. So greatly was she esteemed by her sisters for her sweetness and humility that they venerated her as both mother and angel. God manifested the sanctity of his spouse by numerous miracles. She died peacefully in the year 1494 after a grievous illness and worn out by strict penance. Pius IX approved the public cult given to her for many centuries.

Te Deum laudamus.

Lauds

V. Grace is poured out upon your lips. *R.* Thus God has blessed you forever.

Ant. (Ben.) The kingdom of heaven * is like a merchant in search of fine pearls. When he finds a single one of great price, he gives all that he has in exchange for it.

Collect

O God, you favored Blessed Archangela, the Virgin, in a special way from her youth in preparation for the gift of heroic virtue. May we, through her intercession, be protected by the gift of your grace on earth so that we may deserve to join the choirs of the blessed in heaven. This we ask of you through our Lord.

March 3
Blessed Jacobin

Confessor

3rd class

Matins

Lesson iii

Jacobin de Canepaciis was born of poor and respectable parents in the neighborhood of Plascha in the diocese of Vercelli. From his youth he was trained in piety and he advanced steadily in age and virtue especially in devotion to the Mother of God. He sought and was given admission to the Carmelite Order as a lay-brother. In this way of life he took upon himself every sort of penance as though it were a treasured inheritance. Four days each week he fasted on bread and water. On feast days he allowed himself a small lightening of his austerity that he might spend many hours in prayer before the Blessed Eucharist or at a shrine of Our Lady. Assigned to beg for alms for the community, he fulfilled this duty for many years with humility, piety and the zeal of love. Worn out by his work, old age and illness, he fell asleep in the Lord at Vercelli, among his brethren, on March 3, in the seventieth year of his age. His tomb became famous for miracles and from his death there was a great devotion to his memory. This devotion was

officially approved by Pope Gregory XVI.

Te Deum laudamus.

Lauds

V. The Lord led the just man in right paths. R. And showed him the kingdom of God.

Ant. (Ben.) Well done * good and faithful servant, because you have been faithful over a few things, I will set you over many. Enter into the joy of your Lord.

Collect

Grant us the spirit of prayer and penance, O Lord, through the intercession of Blessed Jacobin. May we attain eternal glory by following his shining example. This we ask of you through our Lord.

March 4

Saint Avertan and Blessed Romæus

Confessors

3rd class

Matins

Lesson iii

Avertan, born at Limoges in France, and Romæus, an Italian, entered the Order of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Mount Carmel. Fearing the dangers of a worldly life and spurning its allurements, they gave themselves wholeheartedly to training in all virtues. When Avertan felt inspired to undertake

a pilgrimage to holy places, he asked and obtained from his superiors permission to take Romæus with him as companion for Romæus was known for his fervor. With fortitude and constancy both endured the hardships of the pilgrimage and steadfastly kept their attention fixed on heavenly things. In this disposition of intense devotion they visited several of the holy places, especially those at Rome which were consecrated by the deeds and relics of the Princes of the Apostles and so many martyrs. Then they started their journey home but at Lucca, Avertan finished his life's course. Then Romæus, deprived of his companion, ardently longed to join him in heaven. God granted his prayer. He fell ill of a fever, and as the disease ravaged his strength, he saw, in an ecstasy, Jesus coming to him with many Saints, among them Avertan. This is the story that has come down to us. On the eighth day after the death of Avertan, Romæus followed him to the heavenly courts. Their holy relics are preserved in the same shrine at Lucca.

Te Deum laudamus.

Lauds

V. The Lord led the just man in right paths. R. And showed him the kingdom of God.

Ant. (Ben.) Well done * good and faithful servant, be-

cause you have been faithful over a few things, I will set you over many. Enter into the joy of your Lord.

Collect

O God, you led blessed Aviertan and his fellow-pilgrim Romæus along the paths of holiness. May we be led to our heavenly home with the mighty help of their intercession. This we ask of you through our Lord.

A commemoration is made of St. Casimir, King, Confessor:

Ant. I shall liken him * to a wise man who built his house on rock.

V. The Lord loved him and adorned him. *R.* He clothed him with splendid apparel.

Collect

O Lord, you gave St. Casimir strength and constancy amid the delights of a royal court and the seductions of the world. Through his intercession, grant that your faithful may despise the things of earth and keep aspiring after the good things of heaven. (This we ask of you through our Lord.)

Then a commemoration is made of St. Lucius I, Pope, Martyr:

Ant. He who hates * his life in this world, keeps it unto life everlasting.

V. The just man shall flourish like the palm tree. *R.* Like a cedar of Lebanon shall he grow.

Collect

Lord, eternal Shepherd, in your goodness watch over your flock and guard it always under the protective patronage of your Martyr and Sovereign Pontiff St. Lucius, whom you made to be shepherd of your whole Church. This we ask of you through our Lord Jesus Christ.

March 6

St. Cyril of Constantinople
Confessor

Commemoration

In the Lenten season a commemoration is made at Lauds only.

Lauds

Ant. Well done, * good and faithful servant, because you have been faithful over a few things, I will set you over many. Enter into the joy of your Lord.

V. The Lord led the just man in right paths. *R.* And showed him the kingdom of God.

Collect

O God, by the appearance of an angel, you revealed future events to blessed Cyril as he celebrated the Sacred Mystery of the Eucharist on Mount Carmel. Grant us the grace of following his example in despising worldly things and striving always for heavenly things. This we ask of you through our Lord Jesus Christ.

March 11
St. Teresa Margaret

Virgin
3rd class

In the Lenten season a commemoration is made at Lauds only.

Lauds

Ant. The kingdom of heaven * is like a merchant in search of fine pearls. When he finds a single one of great price, he gives all that he has in exchange for it.

V. Grace is poured out upon your lips. *R.* Thus God has blessed you forever.

Collect

O God, you enabled blessed Teresa Margaret, Virgin, to draw priceless riches of purity and love from the fountains of the Savior. May we, through her intercession, grow rich in heavenly gifts. This we ask of you through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord and your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever.

March 20
Blessed Baptist of Mantua

Confessor
3rd class

In the Lenten season a commemoration is made at Lauds only.

Lauds

Ant. Well done * good and faithful servant, because you

have been faithful over a few things, I will set you over many. Enter into the joy of your Lord.

V. The Lord led the just man in right paths. *R.* And showed him the kingdom of God.

Collect

O God, you made Blessed Baptist of Mantua illustrious in his contempt of the world and his zeal for Your glory. May we, through his intercession, renounce the useless trifles of earth and with sincerity of purpose seek the things that are yours. This we ask of you through our Lord Jesus Christ.

April 18

Blessed Mary of the
Incarnation

Widow

3rd class

Matins

Lesson iii

Mary of the Incarnation, whose secular name was Barbara, was born at Paris of devout and respectable parents, to whose care she fully responded. When she was twelve years old and was studying in the monastery at Longchamps, she decided to take the religious habit, but two years later she was recalled to her paternal home. There she consented to contract the marriage arranged for her with Peter

Acarie, Lord Montbrand. There was no duty either as wife or mother that she left unfulfilled. During a cruel civil war her husband was thrown into prison and from a life of ease she was reduced to such want that she scarcely had the means to buy bread. In spite of this she spared no effort until she had her children provided for and her husband restored to freedom. When peace was restored, she devoted herself entirely to spreading and fostering divine worship. She also brought about the establishment in France of new religious orders, especially that of the Discalced Carmelites. Upon the death of her husband she entered the monastery at Amiens which she herself had founded, choosing for herself the lowest office, that of lay-sister. Three years later she was called to the monastery at Pontoise, also founded by her, and there she gave up her soul to God in the fifty-third year of her age. She was numbered among the blessed by Pius VI.

Te Deum laudamus.

Lauds

V. Grace is poured out upon your lips. Alleluia. R. Thus God has blessed you forever. Alleluia.

Ant. (Ben.) Give her * a reward of her labors, and let her works praise her at the city gates. Alleluia.

Collect

O God, Giver of all good things, you strengthened Blessed Mary of the Incarnation with burning zeal for your honor and wonderful fortitude in adversity. Through her merits give to your people the strength to bear all misfortunes bravely and to persevere in the love of your holy religion. This we ask of you through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Wednesday of the Second Week after the Octave of Easter

Solemnity of St. Joseph
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Confessor, Protector and Patron of Our Order

1st class

1st Vespers

Ant. 1 Jacob * begot Joseph, the husband of Mary, and of her was born Jesus who is called Christ. Alleluia.

Psalms of Sunday, but instead of the last one there is said Ps. 116 – Laudate.

2 The Angel Gabriel * was sent from God to a Virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the house of David; and the Virgin's name was Mary, alleluia.

3 Joseph went * from Galilee out of the town of Nazareth into Judea to the town of David, which is called Bethlehem, alleluia.

4 And they went with haste *

and they found Mary and Joseph, and the Infant lying in the manger, alleluia.

5 Jesus himself * when he began his work, was about thirty years of age, being, as was supposed, the son of Joseph, alleluia.

Little chapter Gen. 49:26

The blessings of your father surpass the blessings of my forebears to the limit of the timeless hills. May they rest on the head of Joseph, and on the brow of the prince among his brothers.

Hymn

Powers of heavenly regions
make festival,
Earth echoes roundly in jubilant
harmony,
As, singing your praises, we
humbly implore you,
O Joseph, be our protector.

With you as her guardian,
our tender Mother,
Teresa, in every affliction found
refuge.

In your strength found solace,
through your intercession
Her daughters' needs always
supplied.

Tormented by illnesses grievous
and painful,
Wasted by suffering, while human
practitioners
Their remedies useless, their
skill unavailing,
Called her sickness incurable.

Scarcely able to crawl with
her paralyzed limbs,

Suffering intensely, she cried
out to you for help,
And from you, received in your
generous goodness
Far more than her prayer had
sought.

Not merely health of body
did you then restore,
You freed her mind from anxious
doubts and hidden
cares,
Flooded her soul with heavenly
light, taught to her
Secrets of mystical wisdom.

O Highest Trinity, be merciful
to us
Through Joseph's merits, grant
that we too may attain
Our heavenly home and with
him may forever sing
Our canticle of grateful praise.
Amen.

In 1st Vespers

V. He made him lord of his
house, alleluia. R. And ruler
of all his possessions. Alleluia.

Ant. (Magn.) When Mary
the Mother of Jesus * had
been betrothed to Joseph, she
was found, before they came to-
gether, to be with child by the
Holy Spirit. Alleluia.

In 2nd Vespers

V. I delight to rest in his
shadow. Alleluia. R. And his
fruit is sweet to my mouth, al-
leluia.

Ant. (Magn.) Son, why have
you done * so to us? Behold,
your father and I have been
seeking you sorrowing. Alleluia.

Collect

O God, in your inexpressible Providence, you chose blessed Joseph to be the husband of your most holy Mother. Grant that we on earth who honor him as our Protector, may deserve to have him as intercessor in heaven. This we ask of you, Lord Jesus.

Sunday Compline.

Matins

Invit. Let us praise our God * In honoring blessed Joseph, our Protector, alleluia.

Ps. 94 Venite, exultemus.

Hymn

Your praise, O Joseph, let heaven's ranks sing to you; All Christian choirs joyfully proclaim your merits.

Of all men chosen, you with the most chaste Virgin Are joined in holiest union.

Earth's purest blossom with the holy seed swelling, With wondering doubt you saw and deepest anguish knew Until an angel taught the Spirit's descending The Son of Virgin begotten.

You held your newborn Lord. For him endured the grievous and painful to us. Of exile in far Egypt. In Jerusalem For three long days you sought him and in finding him Felt sweetest joys arise through tears.

All others after death their life's reward receive, Their palm of victory win, the vision of their God, But you, by happier chance, equal to those in heaven, Living on earth, enjoyed your God.

O Highest Trinity, be merciful to us Through Joseph's merits, grant that we too may attain Our heavenly home and with him may forever sing Our canticle of grateful praise. Amen.

1st Nocturn

Ant. An Angel of the Lord * appeared in a dream to Joseph, saying, Arise, and take the Child and his Mother, and flee into Egypt, alleluia.

The Psalms of the three Nocturns are from the Common of a Confessor Bishop.

V. From my mother's womb you are my Protector, alleluia. *R.* Of you shall I sing continually, alleluia.

From the book of Genesis

Lesson i *Ch. 39:1-6*

When Joseph was taken down to Egypt, Phutiphar, an Egyptian, one of Pharaoh's officers, the captain of his bodyguard, bought him from the Ismaelites who had taken him down there. The Lord was with Joseph so that he was successful. He lived in the house of his master, the Egyptian. When

his master saw that the Lord was with him and prospered all his undertakings, Joseph found favor with him and became his attendant. He placed him in charge of his household and entrusted all his property to him. From the time he placed him in charge of his household and over all his property, the Lord blessed the Egyptian's house on account of Joseph. The Lord's blessing rested on everything that was his, in house and field. He left everything he had in Joseph's charge, and having him, was concerned about nothing except the food he ate. Now Joseph was well-formed and handsome.

R. The people cried to the king for food. Pharaoh said to all the Egyptians: * Go to Joseph, alleluia. **V.** You have kept us alive; let us win the favor of my lord and we will be slaves of the king. — Go to.

Lesson ii *Ch. 41:37-44*

Joseph's advice pleased Pharaoh and all his courtiers; so Pharaoh said to his court, "Can we find another like him in whom is the Spirit of God?" Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, "Since God has made all this known to you, there is no one as intelligent and prudent as you; you shall be in charge of my palace and all my people shall obey your commands; only as regards the royal throne

will I be greater than you." Pharaoh continued, "I give you charge of the whole land of Egypt." Taking the signet-ring from his own hand, he put it on Joseph's. He dressed him in linen robes, and put a chain of gold around his neck. He had him ride in his second chariot. And they cried out before him, "Bow down." In this way he put him in charge of the whole land of Egypt.

R. The Lord made me like a father to the king and lord of all his house: * He has made me great that he might save many peoples, alleluia. **V.** Come to me, and I will give you the best of the land of Egypt, so that you shall eat the fat of the land. — He has made me great.

Lesson iii *Ch. 41:44-49*

Pharaoh said to Joseph: "I am Pharaoh; without your command, no one shall move hand or foot in the whole land of Egypt." Then Pharaoh changed Joseph's name and called him Saphaneth-phanee, and gave to him in marriage Aseneth, daughter of Phuthiphare, the priest of On. Joseph made a tour of the land of Egypt. Joseph was thirty years old when he entered the service of Pharaoh, king of Egypt. He left Pharaoh and traversed the whole land of Egypt. During the seven years of plenty the land produced abundant crops. So he collected all

the food of the seven years of plenty in the land of Egypt, and stored it in the cities, placing in each city the food from the neighboring fields. Joseph heaped up grain in great quantities like the sands of the sea until he ceased measuring it, for it could not be measured.

R. Now I shall die happy, because I have seen you once more and you will survive me. I am not defrauded of your presence: * Moreover the Lord has shown me your children. alleluia. **V.** May he who has been my shepherd from my youth, bless these boys, and may my name be preserved through them. — Moreover. — Glory be. — Moreover.

2nd Nocturn

Ant. An angel of the Lord * appeared in a dream to Joseph saying: Arise and take the Child and His Mother, and go into the land of Israel, for those who sought the Child's life are dead. alleluia.

V. Look down from heaven and see, take care of this vine, alleluia. **R.** And perfect it, alleluia.

A Sermon of St. Bernardine
of Siena

(Sermon on St. Joseph)

Lesson iv

Whenever special graces are communicated to a rational creature, the general rule is this: When divine grace chooses any-

one for some particular favor, or for some exalted position, God gives to that chosen person every gift necessary to his office and adorns his soul lavishly as well. This is verified in an eminent way in Saint Joseph, putative father of our Lord Jesus Christ, and true husband of the Queen of the world and Mistress of the Angels. He was chosen from eternity by the Father as faithful protector and guardian of the Father's two most precious treasures — his Son and his Spouse. This office Joseph carried out most faithfully. Hence the Lord said to him: "Good and faithful servant, enter into the joy of your Lord."

R. You have given me the protection of your salvation and your right hand has upheld me. * My protector and the horn of my salvation and my stronghold. alleluia. **V.** I am your shield and your reward shall be very great. — My protector.

Lesson v

If you consider his position in the Church of Christ, is he not the especially chosen man by whom and under whose protection, Christ was fittingly and honorably brought into this world? If therefore the holy Church is indebted to the Virgin Mother because through her she was made worthy to receive Christ, then it follows that next to Mary, it is to Jo-

seph that the holy Church owes special gratitude and reverence. For he is the key to the Old Testament. In him the dignity of patriarch and prophet bears the promised fruit. For he alone possessed bodily what divine honor had promised to them. So it is that he is truly prefigured in the patriarch Joseph who saved the grain for the people. But the later Joseph surpasses the former; for he did not merely give to the Egyptians the bread of bodily life. By providing diligently for his foster-son, Joseph gave to all the elect the true Bread from heaven Who gives heavenly life.

R. He places his sons under wisdom's shelter and lodges in her branches; he takes shelter with her from the heat * And dwells in her home. *alleluia.* *V.* Trust in him, all you congregation of people, pour out your hearts before him. — And dwells.

Lesson vi

Nor can it be doubted that Christ does not deny to him in heaven, the familiarity, the respect, and the sublime dignity of a son for his father, which he showed to him while he lived among men; rather he completes it and makes it perfect. It is not unreasonable to suppose there was a special meaning in the Lord's words: "Enter into the joy of your Lord." It is correct to say that

the joy of eternal blessedness enters into the heart of a man, yet the Lord prefers to say: "Enter into joy." He is thus indicating mystically that this joy is not merely within him but that it will surround him and absorb him and cover him over like an unfathomable abyss. Remember us, therefore, blessed Joseph, and by your prayers intercede for us with your foster son. And ask the kindly help of the most Blessed Virgin, your spouse and the Mother of Jesus Who lives and reigns forever with the Father and Holy Spirit. Amen.

R. If entrenched armies stand against me, my heart will not be afraid. * If a battle rises against me, I shall still hope in him. *alleluia.* *V.* Of you shall my song be always, because you are my strong helper. — If a battle. — Glory be. — If a battle.

3rd Nocturn

Ant. Joseph arose * and took the Child and His Mother, and went into the land of Israel; and settled in a town called Nazareth. *alleluia.*

V. I called out: O Lord, you are my father, *alleluia.* *R.* Do not abandon me in time of trouble. *alleluia.*

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke

Lesson vii *Ch. 3:21-23*

At that time when all the people had been baptized,

Jesus also having been baptized and being in prayer, heaven was opened. And so forth.

A homily of St. Augustine,
Bishop

(*Book 2 of Harmony of the Gospels*)

It is clear that the Evangelist uses the expression: "Being, as was supposed, the son of Joseph" because there were those who thought Jesus was begotten by Joseph in the manner other men are begotten. But some are disturbed because Matthew lists one set of forebears, descending from David to Joseph while Luke lists another, ascending from Joseph to David. But this difficulty can be easily solved by considering that Joseph could have had two fathers, one by whom he was begotten, another by whom he was adopted. For the custom of adoption was an ancient one in that people of God; and they took to themselves sons whom they themselves had not begotten. And so, Luke understands as Joseph's father, not the one who begot him but the one who adopted him and it is through his adoptive father that Luke traces his ancestry until he comes to David.

R. Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take to you Mary, your wife; for that which is begotten in her is of the Holy Spirit; she shall bring forth a Son, * and you shall

call his name, Jesus, alleluia. V. For he shall save his people from their sins. — And you shall call.

Lesson viii

Since both Evangelists are telling the truth, it must be that one of them traces the origin of the father who begot him and the other that of the father who adopted him; it seems more probable to us that the Evangelist who traces the origin through the adoptive father is that one who is unwilling to state that Joseph was begotten by the man he listed as father. Now Matthew says: "Abraham begot Isaac, Isaac begot Jacob," and so on, continuing to use the word "begot" until at the end he says: "And Jacob begot Joseph;" this shows satisfactorily that he is tracing the origin through the father by whom Joseph was not adopted, but begotten.

R. Arise, and take the Child and his Mother, and flee into Egypt; * And remain there until I tell you. alleluia. V. That there might be fulfilled what was spoken by the Lord through the prophet saying, "Out of Egypt I called my Son." — And remain. — Glory be. — And remain.

Lesson ix

Even if Luke had said that Joseph was begotten by Heli, still we should not allow this expression to disturb us so as to

believe that anything else was said than that one Evangelist records the father who begot and the other the father who adopted him. For it is not absurd to say of anyone that he begot, not of the flesh, but through love, him whom he had adopted as his son. For we ourselves to whom God has given the power to become his sons, are begotten, not of his substance as was his only Son, but are adopted in love.

Te Deum laudamus.

Lauds

(*antiphons for the Little Hours also*)

Ant. 1 Jacob * begot Joseph, the husband of Mary, and of her was born Jesus who is called Christ. alleluia.

Psalms of Sunday in the 1st place.

2 The Angel Gabriel * was sent from God to a Virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the house of David; and the Virgin's name was Mary, alleluia.

3 Joseph went * from Galilee out of the town of Nazareth into Judea to the town of David, which is called Bethlehem, alleluia.

4 And they went with haste * and they found Mary and Joseph, and the Infant lying in the manger, alleluia.

5 Jesus himself * when he began his work, was about thirty

years of age, being, as was supposed, the son of Joseph, alleluia.

Little Chapter Gen. 49:26

The blessings of your father surpass the blessings of my forebears to the limit of the timeless hills. May they rest on the head of Joseph, and on the brow of the prince among his brothers.

Hymn

Heaven finds joy in your merits, O Joseph,
We place our hope of salvation in your care,
Support of the weak, in your kindness accept
Our songs in your praise.

You were God's chosen Spouse of the pure Virgin,
You were predestined to be called the Father
Of the Father's Word; you were named the guardian
Of our Salvation.

That same Redeemer whom the Prophets foretold
Him whom they sang of in long-
ing prevision,
You saw in the manger. Rejoicing, you saw
And humbly adored.

The Ruler of all, our God,
the King of Kings,
Whose merest nod makes the netherworld tremble,
Whom heavenly powers in silent awe worship,
Was subject to you.

Praise to the most high Trinity eternal,
Who lavished such heavenly riches upon you.
May he through your merits grant us the joys of Life everlasting. Amen.

V. You have given me the protection of your salvation. alleluia. *R.* And your right hand has upheld me. alleluia.

Ant. (Ben.) Joseph, son of David, * do not be afraid to take to you Mary, your wife; for that which is begotten in her is of the Holy Spirit; alleluia.

Collect

O God, in your inexpressible Providence, you chose blessed Joseph to be the husband of your most holy Mother. Grant that we on earth who honor him as our Protector, may deserve to have him as intercessor in heaven. This we ask of you, Lord Jesus.

At the Hours, Sunday psalms, but at Prime as on feasts.

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Little Chapter Gen. 49:26

The blessings of your father surpass the blessings of my forebears to the limit of the timeless hills. May they rest on the head of Joseph, and on the brow of the prince among his brothers.

Short R. He made him lord of his house * alleluia, alleluia. — He made him. *V.* And ruler of all His possessions. — alleluia, alleluia. — Glory be. — He made.

V. From my mother's womb, you are my Protector, alleluia.

R. By you I have been confirmed from the womb, alleluia.

Sext

Little Chapter Gen. 49:25

By the God of your father, may he help you; by the God, the Omnipotent, may he bless you, with the blessings of the skies above.

Short R. From my mother's womb, you are my Protector. * alleluia, alleluia. — From my. *V.* By you I have been confirmed from the womb. — Alleluia, alleluia. — Glory be. — From my.

V. The just man shall blossom like the lily, alleluia. *R.* He shall flourish forever before the Lord, alleluia.

None

Little Chapter Gen. 49:22

Joseph is a growing son, a growing son, and comely to behold: the daughters run to and fro upon the walls.

Short R. The just man shall blossom like the lily, * alleluia, alleluia. — The just man. *V.* He shall flourish forever before the Lord. — alleluia, alleluia. — Glory be. — The just man.

V. Planted in the house of the Lord, alleluia. *R.* In the courts of the house of our God, alleluia.

2nd Vespers

All as at 1st Vespers, except for the variations there noted. Sunday Compline

May 5
St. Angelus
Martyr
3rd class
Matins

Invit. Let the Saints rejoice in
the Lord, * Alleluia.

Ps. 94 Venite, exultemus.

Hymn

On this day the Martyr An-
gelus
Joyfully won the crown of the
heavenly home.
Let the Order of the most Holy
Mother of God rejoice.
Let all the world rejoice.

Through the patronage of the
Virgin, his parents
Drew the light of faith, and his
mother, already old,
Was given a child, as a precious
token
Of the Virgin's intercession.

The Virgin herself gave him
the name of Angel,
Foretelling what kind of child
he would be
And what were the favors in
store for him
As gifts from heaven.

That he might bear the yoke
of Christ from his tender-
est years,
He knew how to subdue his
members, piously
Withdrawing his lips from the
nourishment of milk
Even as an infant.

Spurning the transitory activi-
ties of this world,

And fearing the fury of the rag-
ing enemy,
He hastened to the sacred con-
fines of Carmel
And entered the cloister.

Taking upon his shoulders
the white mantle,
He shone as a mirror of chaste
modesty,
Poor in spirit, he lived in strict
obedience
To the will of his father.

Glory to the Father and to
the Father's Son,
Likewise to the Holy Spirit, we
sing
And let us all forever praise
His holy Mother. Amen.

Lesson iii

Angelus was born at Jerusa-
lem of noble parents who were
converts to Christianity. Even
from his infancy he gave evi-
dence of a truly angelic life. He
advanced happily under the tu-
telage of the Patriarch Nico-
demus. He vowed himself to
the religious life in the order of
the most Blessed Virgin Mary
of Mt. Carmel and led an an-
gelic life distinguished by his
earnestness in prayer and his
austerity. So much like his fa-
thers Elias and Eliseus in virtue,
he was adorned by God with the
gift of miracles like theirs. He
restored to health the blind, the
deaf, those possessed by devils,
those suffering from leprosy and
other diseases. A man of Bethle-
hem who had been dead two
days he restored to life by pray-

ing and covering him with his mantle. That same mantle was taken by some pious men and spread over six dead persons. It restored them to life. He withdrew secretly into the desert and for five years devoted himself to divine contemplation. Then he was commanded by Christ to journey to Sicily and on the way converted many Jews and Saracens from their unbelief. Coming to Rome he came to know the holy men Francis and Dominic. Francis foretold his martyrdom. At Leocata he was stabbed five times by a wicked man and thus breathed out his most pure soul, bearing the glorious halo of martyrdom.

Te Deum laudamus.

Lauds

Little Chapter Wis. 5:1

The just will stand with great assurance before their oppressors who set at nought their labors.

Hymn

The hidden recesses of the forest he seeks
To hide from the world,
Desiring to have as the sole Master of Life
Him who sees all things.

But God revealed his servant's presence by miracles;
At the holy man's prayers,
The heavy axe, fallen into the deep water,
Was seen to float.

Angelus had power over the waters,
Curbing their power by his command.

He divided the river and crossed dryshod

Through its parted waves.

He healed the sick, he cleansed the lepers,
He called the dead back to life.
By the touch of his mantle, he repeated everywhere

The miracles of his father Elias.

Glory to the Father and to the Father's Son,
Likewise to the Holy Spirit, we sing,

And let us all forever praise His holy Mother. Amen.

V. Precious in the sight of the Lord, alleluia. R. Is the death of his Saints, alleluia.

Ant. (Ben.) Come forth, * daughters of Jerusalem, and behold the Martyrs and the crowns with which the Lord crowned them on this solemn, joyous day, alleluia, alleluia.

Collect

O Lord, let the honor your people pay to St. Angelus, priest and martyr, glorify you; and may his intercession make us worthy of your guidance. This we ask of you through our Lord Jesus Christ.

A commemoration is made of St. Pius V, Pope and Confessor:

Ant. Well done, * good and faithful servant; because you have been faithful over a few

things, I will set you over many, says the Lord, alleluia.

V. The Lord led the just man in right paths, alleluia. R. And showed him the kingdom of God, alleluia.

Collect

O Lord, to crush the enemies of your Church and to restore the divine worship, you chose St. Pius V as your sovereign Pontiff. Grant that we may enjoy his protection and may persevere so loyally in your service that we may be able to overcome the attacks of all our enemies and enjoy everlasting peace. This we ask of you through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Vespers

Little Chapter as at Lauds

Hymn

While he communed with
God hidden in the forest
Angels supplied him with nourishment from heaven,
Until Christ called to him to leave
The remote cave.

Foreknowing the death that
awaited him,
Noble heir of the prophet Elias
And filled with his double spirit,
He burned with zeal for the
honor of Christ.

When he openly denounced
the fearful crime
Of brother and sister, the man
accused

Rushed at him in blind anger
and struck him

A death-bringing wound.

With a triple victory he conquered the flesh;

Martyr and Virgin and likewise
a Teacher

He ascended to the heavens

Full of merits.

Glory to the Father and to
the Father's Son,

Likewise to the Holy Spirit, we
sing,

And let us all forever praise

His holy Mother. Amen.

V. Precious in the sight of the
Lord, alleluia. R. Is the death
of his Saints, alleluia.

Ant. (Magn.) Holy and just
ones, * rejoice in the Lord, alleluia: God has chosen you for his
own inheritance, alleluia.

Collect

O Lord, let the honor your
people pay to St. Angelus, priest
and martyr, glorify you; and
may his intercession make us
worthy of your guidance. This
we ask of you through our Lord
Jesus Christ.

May 12

Blessed Aloysius Rabata

Confessor

3rd class

Matins

Lesson iii

Aloysius Rabata, born in Sicily, the home of St. Albert, was reared in piety and contempt of worldly things. Receiving the

habit of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Mount Carmel, he made his profession and was ordained priest. Thereafter he followed with wonderful swiftness the way of perfection. As Prior of his Order in the city of Randazzo, he shone with humility, regular observance and zeal in contemplation. Inflamed by charity, he endured all things that he might gain souls for Christ. Learned in the field of Holy Scriptures, he expounded them wisely and led his neighbors through the paths of salvation. He did not escape the envy of the wicked. According to the reports handed down, he was struck in the head by an arrow shot by an enemy and for many months he had to endure great sufferings from the injury. But he forgave all, and considering no one his enemy, died a holy death on the day he had foretold. He was sixty years of age. From the year of his death, 1490, his body has been venerated even to this day by the faithful in the Church of the Carmelites at Randazzo. This veneration was approved by Pope Gregory XVI.

Te Deum laudamus.

Lauds

℣. The Lord led the just man in right paths, alleluia. ℞. And showed him the kingdom of God, alleluia.

Ant. (Ben.) Well done, * good and faithful servant; because you have been faithful over a few things, I will set you over many. Enter into the joy of your Lord, alleluia.

Collect

O God, you adorned blessed Aloysius with extraordinary charity and with patience in bearing injuries. Grant that we may deserve an eternal reward by the practice of charity and the love of our enemies in imitation of him whose feast we celebrate. This we ask of you through our Lord.

A commemoration is made of Ss. Nereus, Achilleus, Domitilla, Virgin, and Pancras, Martyrs:

Ant. Come forth, * daughters of Jerusalem, and behold the Martyrs and the crowns with which the Lord crowned them on this solemn, joyous day, alleluia, alleluia.

℣. Precious in the sight of the Lord, alleluia. ℞. Is the death of his Saints, alleluia.

Collect

Lord, we are happy to celebrate the feast of your Martyrs Nereus, Achilleus, Domitilla and Pancras. May its yearly occurrence rekindle our fervor and make us worthy of serving you. This we ask of you through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Vespers

V. The Lord led the just man in right paths, alleluia. R. And showed him the kingdom of God, alleluia.

Ant. (Magn.) This man, despising the world * and worldly things, triumphantly laid up treasure in heaven by word and deed, alleluia.

May 16

St. Simon Stock
Confessor

2nd class

(All from the Common of a Confessor not a Bishop, except what is here given as proper.)

Matins

1st Nocturn

From the Book of Judges

Lesson i Ch. 6:11-18

Then the angel of the Lord came and sat under the terebinth in Ephra that belonged to Joas the Abiezerite. While his son Gedeon was beating out wheat in the wine press to save it from the Madianites, the angel of the Lord appeared to him and said, "The Lord is with you, O champion!" "My lord," Gedeon said to him, "if the Lord is with us, why has all this happened to us? Where are his wondrous deeds of which our fathers told us when they said, 'Did not the Lord bring us up from Egypt?' For now the Lord has abandoned us and has delivered us into the

power of Madian." The Lord turned to him and said, "Go with the strength you have and save Israel from the power of Madian. It is I who send you."

R. Well done, good and faithful servant; because you have been faithful over a few things, I will set you over many; * Enter into the joy of your Lord, alleluia. V. Lord, you delivered to me five talents; behold I have gained another five over and above – Enter.

Lesson ii

But he answered him, "Please, my lord, how can I save Israel? My family is the meanest in Manasse, and I am the most insignificant in my father's house." "I shall be with you," the Lord said to him, "and you will cut down Madian to the last man." He answered him, "If I find favor with you, give me a sign that you are speaking with me. Do not depart from here, I pray you, until I come back to you and bring out my offering and set it before you." He answered "I will await your return."

R. The just man shall sprout like the lily * And blossom forever before the Lord, alleluia. V. Planted in the house of the Lord, in the courts of the house of our God. – And.

Lesson iii Ch. 6:36-40

And Gedeon said to God, "If indeed you are going to save Israel through me, as you prom-

ised, I am putting this woolen fleece on the threshing floor. If dew comes on the fleece alone, while all the ground is dry, I shall know that you will save Israel through me, as you promised." That is what took place. Early the next morning he wrung the dew from the fleece, squeezing out of it a bowlful of water. Gedeon then said to God, "Do not be angry with me if I speak once more. Let me make just one more test with the fleece. Let the fleece alone be dry, but let there be dew on all the ground." That night God did so; the fleece alone was dry, but there was dew on all the ground.

R. This man practiced justice, and saw great wonders, and entreated the Most High; * And he is numbered among the Saints, alleluia. V. This is he who despised the life of the world, and reached the heavenly kingdom. – And. – Glory be. – And.

2nd Nocturn

Lesson iv

Simon Stock was born of very noble parents in Kent, England. Trained as a boy in the liberal arts, he chose God as his portion and, at the age of twelve, he left his parents and, despising the pomps of this world and all human ties, he withdrew into the wilderness, where he made his dwelling in the hollowed-out trunk of an

oak. There, cutting himself off from human intercourse, as he partook more and more sparingly of earthly sustenance, he nourished his soul more and more abundantly with the heavenly delights of contemplation. And the more rarely he held converse with men, the more frequent was his communion with the Saints. So given to fasting was he that he drank only cold water and ate only herbs, roots, and fruits from the trees of the forest. This rigorous fasting, however, God sometimes ameliorated through the service of dogs who used to come to him at stated times bringing him bread with which to restore the strength of his members. He was accustomed to sit alone in the tree, praying earnestly, breathing profound sighs. He slept seldom and he subjected his flesh to his spirit by penitential chains and disciplines of thorns.

R. The Lord made him honorable, and preserved him from foes, and secured him against ambush; * And he gave him eternal glory, alleluia. V. The Lord led the just man in right paths, and showed him the kingdom of God. – And.

Lesson v

After passing twenty years in such great austerity, he was counselled by the Holy Spirit to enter the Carmelite Order which was then blossoming in

England in sanctity and holy teaching. His unusual intelligence united to such great virtues attracted the attention of the Superiors of the Order. They sent him to Oxford, after he made his profession, to study sacred letters. Out of humility, for which he was especially distinguished, he yielded to the entreaties of his brothers and those of the professors of Oxford, and began the study of theology. Then he devoted himself to the salvation of souls. It would be difficult to say how much and of what worth was the fruit he brought forth for the Church in that work. He wrote much on the virtue of Christian patience; he wrote many excellent works in praise of the Mother of Christ whom he cherished with a particular devotion. At length, on the death of Alan, General of the whole Carmelite Order, he was chosen to succeed him in the office of Aylesford. To the burden of this dignity he added more frequent vigils, more fruitful tears, rougher hairshirts. Severe towards himself, he was meek to others, and was always inventing new forms of penances for his own body. His virginity he preserved unspotted.

R. The Lord loved him and adorned him; he clothed him with splendid apparel, * and crowned him at the gates of paradise, alleluia. *V.* The Lord

put on him the breastplate of faith and adorned him. — *And.*

Lesson vi

This sanctity of life, God wished to make known by many miracles. He foretold many future events by his prophetic spirit; he healed persons afflicted with incurable diseases. When his own brother, in order to tempt him from his constant fasting, brought him some baked fish with his meager fare, Simon lifted his eyes to heaven and restored the fish to life. With the sign of the cross he turned water into wine, thereby frustrating the wiles of the devil who, by cunning had taken away the wine from the pitcher in which it was kept for the celebration of Mass. He begged the Supreme Pontiffs for confirmation of the Carmelite Rule. And he implored the most Blessed Virgin to grant some sign by which others might recognize the Order which rejoiced in bearing her own name as its title. The Blessed Virgin herself, accompanied by a multitude of angels, appeared to him as he was praying, holding in her hands the Scapular of the Order and said: "This will be a sign to you, and a special privilege to all Carmelites, that whoever dies piously in this scapular will not suffer eternal fire." The Order entrusted to him, Simon ruled with the greatest pru-

dence like a man sent from heaven to spread throughout Europe the zeal of Elias. He had passed his hundredth year of age when he departed for the Lord at the monastery in Bordeaux, in the year of Christ 1265. Three days after his burial his body was exhumed by divine instructions and, already glorified by miracles, was laid in a more honorable place.

℞. This man did all that God commanded him, and God said to him, "Enter into my rest; * For, out of all nations, I have found you just in my sight," alleluia. ∇. This is he who despised the life of the world, and reached the heavenly kingdom. – For. – Glory be. – For.

In 3rd Nocturn Gospel homily is from the Common of a Confessor not a Bishop.

Te Deum laudamus.

Lauds

∇. The Lord led the just man in right paths, alleluia. ℞. And showed him the kingdom of God, alleluia.

Ant. (Ben.) Well done * good and faithful servant, because you have been faithful over a few things, I will set you over many. Enter into the joy of your Lord, alleluia.

Collect

May your people, O Lord, dedicated to the Virgin Mother, rejoice in the solemnity of blessed Simon whom you gave

to them as Father and Ruler; through him, they obtained such a great sign of your protection. May they also attain the gift of eternal predestination. This we ask of you through our Lord.

A commemoration is made of St. Ubald, Bishop and Confessor:

Ant. Priest and Bishop * and worker of miracles, good shepherd among the people, pray for us to the Lord, alleluia.

∇. The Lord loved him and adorned him, alleluia. ℞. He clothed him with splendid apparel, alleluia.

Collect

In your kindness, Lord, help us; and, at the intercession of your Bishop St. Ubald, mercifully stretch out your hand over us to defend us from all the malice of the devil. This we ask of you through our Lord.

At the Little Hours antiphons and psalms of the current weekday.

Vespers

∇. The Lord led the just man in right paths, alleluia. ℞. And showed him the kingdom of God, alleluia.

Ant. (Magn.) This man, despising the world * and worldly things, triumphantly laid up treasure in heaven by word and deed, alleluia.

Sunday Compline.

May 25

St. Mary Magdalen de Pazzi
Virgin

3rd class

Matins

Invit. Jesus, Spouse of Virgins, Whom Magdalen loved exceedingly, * Come, let us adore. (P.T. Alleluia)

Ps. 94 Venite, exultemus

Hymn

O beautiful summit of Carmel, sing
Of the glorious feast of the holy virgin
Whose beauty is so renowned
Throughout the world.

Wrapped in white garments
She endures each of Christ's sufferings.
Ever-watchful, she overcomes
the cunning
Of the raging demon.

Her pure blood reddens the nettles and thorns
Of her penances, until she, the innocent,
Is gladdened by white garments of purity
From the holy hands of Mary.

She discerns the secrets of human hearts.
She foretells future events in the world.
She commands sickness, dispels fever,
She heals sores.

Never following her own will,
In her forty-second year, as she was about to die,

She obeys the command of her spiritual father,
And conquers the death agony.

Through five years she endures the onslaught of demons
In darkness like that of hell.
But even until death,
She never knows anything that soils the virginal
Lily of her heart.

Her glances strike terror in an evil youth.
Living, her holiness shines out.
In death she works miracles.
Today, her incorrupt body still exhales
Fragrant odors.

Praise to God most high, to the Father's Son
To the Holy Spirit be forever glory
And with eternal honor let us worship
God three in one. Amen.

Ant. 1 Out of the mouth of a little one * you have fashioned praise, O Lord: for she knew how glorious is your name. (P.T. Alleluia.)

In Paschaltide, the nine psalms are said under this antiphon.

Psalms are from the Common of Virgins.

Ant. 2 The Lord * made wisdom more desirable to the little one than gold or very precious stones.

Ant. 3 She received * a blessing from the Lord: because she

was innocent and clean of heart.

Ant. 4 Magdalen * forgot her people and her father's house: the King desired her beauty.

Ant. 5 God our helper * in tribulations was with Magdalen: therefore she did not fear when she was transported into the lake of lions.

Ant. 6 Magdalen received * the mercy of the Lord in the city of our God, in his holy mountain.

Ant. 7 She entered * into the holy courts of Religion; and offered to the Lord the sacrifice of her own will.

Ant. 8 From the power of demons * the Lord delivered Magdalen: and all peoples saw the glory of his sanctification.

Ant. 9 Let the Mountain of Camel * exult in sight of the Lord, because he has done wonderful things in Magdalen.

In Paschaltide:

V. In your glory and your splendor, alleluia. R. Go forth, advance with victory and reign, alleluia.

Outside Paschaltide:

V. God has chosen her beforehand. R. He makes her dwell in his tent.

From the Canticle of Canticles
Lesson i *Ch. 3:1-4*

On my bed at night I sought him whom my heart loves — I sought him but I did not find him. I will rise then and go

about the city; in the streets and crossings I will seek him whom my heart loves. I sought him but I did not find him. The watchmen came upon me as they made their rounds of the city: Have you seen him whom my heart loves? I had hardly left them when I found him whom my heart loves. I took hold of him and would not let him go till I should bring him to the home of my mother, to the room of my parent.

R. The flower of the field is my beloved, Jesus, whose appearance delights the angels; * whose beauty nourishes the saints; whose fragrance gives life to the dead. (P. T. alleluia) V. As the apple tree among the trees of the forest, so is my beloved among the daughters. — Whose beauty.

Lesson ii

Ch. 8:1-7

Oh, that you were my brother, nursed at my mother's breasts! If I met you out of doors, I would kiss you and none would taunt me. I would lead you, bring you into the home of my mother. There you would teach me to give you spiced wine to drink and pomegranate juice. His left hand is under my head and his right arm embraces me. I adjure you, daughters of Jerusalem, by the gazelles and hinds of the field, do not arouse, do not stir up love, before its own time. Who

is this coming up from the desert, leaning upon her lover? Under the apple tree I awakened you; it was there that your mother conceived you, it was there that your parent conceived. Set me as a seal on your heart, as a seal on your arm; for stern as death is love, relentless as the netherworld is devotion; its flames are a blazing fire. Deep waters cannot quench love, nor floods sweep it away. Were one to offer all he owns to purchase love, he would be roundly mocked.

R. O happy the soul of Magdalen, so inflamed with the fires of charity, * That it languishes with love, (P.T. alleluia) V. My heart and my flesh have become faint: God of my heart and God, my portion forever. — That it. — Glory be. — That it.

Lesson iii

Mary Magdalen was born of the famous family of the Pazzi in Florence, and almost from her cradle entered on the way of perfection. At ten years old, she made a vow of perpetual virginity, and when she had taken the habit in the monastery of the Carmelite sisters, she showed herself to be exemplary in all virtues. She was so chaste that she did not even know of anything that could harm purity. She burned with such a fire of divine love that she was unable to bear it, and had to cool her breast by pour-

ing water over it. She was notable for her love of neighbor, often passing sleepless nights, either in doing the Sisters' work or in serving the sick, whose ulcers she sometimes cured by licking them. She frequently repeated this saying: "To suffer, not to die." At length, worn out by a long and serious illness, she went to the Bridegroom in the year 1607, having completed her forty-first year. Clement IX numbered her among the holy Virgins.

Te Deum laudamus.

Lauds

Ant. 1 Wonderful * is the Lord in Magdalen. From his wounds he has clothed her with beauty; and has girded her with strength against the snares of demons. (P.T. alleluia)

Psalms of Sunday in the 1st place

2 Having left worldly pomp behind * Magdalen entered into the presence of God, she to whom the Lord had pledged himself with a ring. (P.T. alleluia)

3 In the arid land of temptations, * Magdalen appeared, that she might see your strength and your glory. (P.T. alleluia)

4 The Father, and the Son * with the Holy Spirit, the child blessed, while she taught the little ones faith in the Holy Trinity. (P.T. alleluia)

5 Let the kings of earth *
and all people praise the Lord,
whose name is glorified in Mag-
dalen. (P.T. alleluia)

Little Chapter *Cant. 3:1-2*

On my bed at night I sought
him whom my heart loves — I
sought him but I did not find
him. I will rise then and go
about the city; in the streets
and crossings I will seek him
whom my heart loves.

Hymn

This is Etruria's Magdalen,
Teacher of the true Spirit,
She has taken the best part
Which shall never be taken
from her.

Vowing sacred nuptials at
the age of ten
With the King of Heaven,
She awaits her adored Spouse
With a lamp that cannot be
put out.

With his own hand her
Spouse gave as her dowry
The Cross, stripes, wounds,
Heart, ring, thorns,
And the Eucharistic banquet.

By the hand of the august
writer
There was inscribed in her
heart:
"And the Word was made
flesh,"
And she understood the word
clearly.

In a most wonderful manner,
In the form of fire, in the form
of a dove,
River, tongue, flame,

She received the Holy Spirit.

Stirred by the breeze of love,
She rang the bells of the con-
vent tower

To call the whole world to
come together

And love the God of love.

O Jesus, Spouse, the blessed
ranks

Of Virgins worship you,
And with the joyful marriage-
song

Praise you eternally. Amen.

V. God has chosen her be-
forehand (P.T. alleluia). R. He
makes her dwell in his tent
(P.T. alleluia).

Ant. (Ben.) The virgin Mag-
dalen * has chosen the best part
which shall not be taken from
her: most pure in life, now aft-
er death, she remains free from
all corruption. (P.T. alleluia)

Collect

O God, lover of virginity,
you inflamed St. Mary Mag-
dalen de Pazzi with your love
and adorned her with heavenly
graces. As we celebrate this
feast in her honor, give us the
grace to imitate her life of love
and purity. This we ask of you
through our Lord.

*A commemoration is made
of St. Gregory VII, Pope and
Confessor:*

Ant. Well done * good and
faithful servant; because you
have been faithful over a few
things, I will set you over
many, says the Lord. (P.T.
alleluia)

℣. The Lord led the just man in right paths. (P.T. Alleluia)
 ℞. And showed him the kingdom of God. (P.T. Alleluia)

Collect

Lord, you are the strength of those who hope in you, and, to defend the freedom of your Church, you gave Pope St. Gregory the virtue of a steadfast courage. Grant us, by his example and his intercession, bravely to overcome all adversities. (This we ask of you.)

Then a commemoration of St. Urban I, Pope and Martyr:

In Paschaltide

Ant. Come forth * daughters of Jerusalem, and behold the Martyrs and the crowns with which the Lord crowned them on this solemn, joyous day, alleluia, alleluia.

℣. Precious in the sight of the Lord, alleluia. ℞. Is the death of his Saints, alleluia.

Outside of Paschaltide

Ant. He who hates * his life in this world, keeps it unto life everlasting.

℣. The just man shall flourish like the palm tree. ℞. Like a cedar of Lebanon shall he grow.

Collect

O God, you have founded your Church firmly upon the rock of your apostles and have defended her against the fearful powers of hell. May the in-

tercession of the blessed martyr and pope Urban preserve her always unwavering in your truth and keep her safe under your protection. This we ask of you.

Terce

Little chapter Cant. 3:1-2

On my bed at night I sought him whom my heart loves: I sought him but I did not find him. I will rise then and go about the city: in the streets and crossings I will seek him whom my heart loves.

Short ℞. In your glory * And your splendor. — In. ℣. Go forth, advance with victory and reign. — And. — Glory be. — In.

℣. God will help her with his countenance. ℞. God dwells in her, she shall not be moved.

In Paschaltide

Short ℞. In your glory and your splendor, * Alleluia, alleluia. — In. ℣. Go forth, advance with victory and reign. — Alleluia, alleluia. — Glory be. — In.

℣. God will help her with his countenance, alleluia. ℞. God dwells in her, she shall not be moved, alleluia.

Sext

Little chapter Cant. 3:3-4

The watchmen came upon me as they made their rounds of the city: Have you seen him whom my heart loves? I had hardly left them when I found him whom my heart loves. I

took hold of him and would not let him go.

Short R. God will help her * With his countenance. – God will. *V.* God dwells in her, she shall not be moved. – With. – Glory be. – God will.

V. God has chosen her beforehand. *R.* He makes her dwell in his tent.

In Paschaltide

Short R. God will help her with his countenance, * Alleluia, alleluia. – God will. *V.* God dwells in her, she shall not be moved. – Alleluia, alleluia. – Glory be. – God will.

V. God has chosen her beforehand, alleluia. *R.* He makes her dwell in his tent, alleluia.

None

Little Chapter *Cant.* 3:8

I adjure you, daughters of Jerusalem, if you find my lover – What shall you tell him? – that I am faint with love.

Short R. God has chosen her * Beforehand. – God. *V.* He makes her dwell in his tent. – Beforehand. – Glory be. – God.

V. Grace is poured out upon your lips. *R.* Thus God has blessed you forever.

In Paschaltide

Short R. God has chosen her beforehand, * Alleluia, alleluia. – God. *V.* He makes her dwell in his tent. – Alleluia, alleluia. – Glory be. – God.

V. Grace is poured out upon your lips, alleluia. *R.* Thus God has blessed you forever, alleluia.

Vespers

Ant. 1 Of the torrent * of the passion of Christ she drinks by the wayside: therefore she has lifted up her head. (*P.T.* alleluia.)

Psalms as in the Common of feasts of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

2 She has made known * the wondrous deeds of God; her justice remains forever. (*P.T.* alleluia.)

3 She has given food * to the poor: her horn has been exalted in glory. (*P.T.* alleluia.)

4 The Lord most high * who looks upon the lowly, has seated her with the Princes of his people. (*P.T.* alleluia.)

5 The Lord declared * to her his word: and his decrees he made known to her. (*P.T.* alleluia.)

Little Chapter *Cant.* 3:1-2

On my bed at night I sought him whom my heart loves: I sought him but I did not find him. I will rise then and go about the city: in the streets and crossings I will seek him whom my heart loves.

Hymn

Severing the bonds of the body in death,
Full of virtues, loaded with merits,

Magdalen rises to eternal man-
sions

Following her Spouse.

Hidden in the secret recess
of the womb,

She caused her mother no suf-
fering

Nor ever after burdened her
own soul

With the weight of sin.

She clothed the naked, in-
structed the ignorant,
Visited the imprisoned, aided
everyone:

Many souls she saved from hell
By the tears she shed.

Forsaking the world, crucified
with Christ,
She afflicted her body with
prayers, iron chains,
Scourgings, fasting, gall, thorns,
Cold and fire.

She chanted the hours with
her Patrons,
Often she experienced ecstasies,
raptures,
Refreshed by the kiss of her
Spouse.
She held Jesus in her arms.

Now in pity bring help to us
Who joyfully sing your tri-
umphs.

Teach us and let the flame of
eternal love
Flood our souls.

Praise to God most High, to
the Father's Son
To the Holy Spirit be forever
glory
And with eternal honor let us
worship
God three in one. Amen.

℣. Pray for us, St. Mary Mag-
dalen, (P.T. alleluia) ℞. Make
us worthy of the promises of
Christ, (P.T. alleluia)

Ant. (Magn.) Come from Le-
banon, my bride, * come! De-
scend from the top of Amana,
from the top of Sanir and Her-
mon, from the haunts of lions,
from the leopards' mountains.
(P. T. alleluia.)

Collect

O God, lover of virginity,
you inflamed St. Mary Magda-
len de Pazzi with your love and
adorned her with heavenly
graces. As we celebrate this
feast in her honor, give us the
grace to imitate her life of love
and purity. This we ask of you
through our Lord.

Weekday Compline

June 7

Blessed Anne of
St. Bartholomew

Virgin

3rd class

Matins

Lesson iii

Anne of St. Bartholomew
was born in the district of Al-
mendral in the diocese of Avila.
Both her parents died when she
was ten years old and her broth-
ers put her to the humble work
of tending their sheep. During
this time she was frequently
strengthened in spirit by the
visible presence of Jesus Christ

who appeared to her in the form of a child. Refusing offers of marriage and overcoming other obstacles, she entered the monastery of Discalced Carmelites founded in Avila. She was noted for her humility, her prompt obedience and her severe penances. The Foundress, Mother Teresa, chose her as her companion in her labors even though Anne was not educated. When the Seraphic Mother had been called from this earthly exile, Anne founded four flourishing monasteries, first in France, then in Belgium. She gave a singular example of unconquerable constancy and fortitude. The fame of her sanctity and her reputation for counsel and prudence spread everywhere. She was favored with rare gifts including those of prophecy and of infused knowledge. She rested in peace after a holy death in Antwerp in the year 1626. Benedict XV enrolled her among the list of holy virgins.

Te Deum laudamus.

Lauds

V. Grace is poured out upon your lips, (P.T. Alleluia) R. Thus God has blessed you forever. (P.T. Alleluia)

Ant. (Ben.) The kingdom of heaven * is like a merchant in search of fine pearls. When he finds one of great price, he gives

all that he has in exchange for it. (P.T. Alleluia)

Collect

O God, you made Blessed Anne a striking example of humility. Grant to us, your servants, the grace to follow in her footsteps so that we may receive the prizes you promised to the humble. This we ask of you through our Lord.

Vespers

V. Grace is poured out upon your lips. (P.T. Alleluia) R. Thus God has blessed you forever, (P.T. Alleluia)

Ant. (Magn.) Come, Spouse of Christ, * receive the crown which the Lord has prepared for you from all eternity. (P.T. Alleluia).

June 14

St. Eliseus

Prophet, Our Father

2nd class

Matins

Invit. The Lord, King of Prophets, * Come, let us adore.

Ps. 94 Venite, exsultemus.

Hymn

That our fleshy tongues may worthily praise
And speak the virtues of a man of God,
Touch our darkened minds with your light,
O Christ, Redeemer and blessed Savior.

Eagerly we celebrate the feast of your prophet

Eliseus, calling to our memories
the day
On which, filled with heavenly
graces,
He was caught up into the high-
est heavens.

Remaining ever virginal, Eli-
seus became
Like the blessed angels of
heaven.

He knew how to conquer the
evil promptings of nature
And offer a pure soul to Christ.

He gave example to all who
renounce the world,
When he followed the Prophet
Elias.

Leaving his father and the snares
of the world,
He chose rather to be a citizen
of heaven.

He left a standard also to
those entrusted with heav-
enly goods
That they sell not God's gifts
for bribes,

When he cleansed Naaman the
Syrian wholly from leprosy
But refused his wealth.

Glory to the One and Triune
God.
Honor, power and exultant
praise
To him who has spread abroad
and forever
The fame of the holy Eliseus.
Amen.

1st Nocturn

Ant. 1 King Josaphat said: *
Is there not a Prophet of the
Lord here, to ask the Lord about
this thing?

*The Psalms of the three Noc-
turns are from the Common of
Confessor not a Bishop.*

Ant. 2 Here is Eliseus * son
of Saphat, who poured water on
the hands of Elias.

Ant. 3 But Eliseus said * to
the king of Israel: What have I
to do with you? Go to the
prophets of your father and your
mother.

V. The Lord loved him and
adorned him. *R.* He clothed
him with splendid apparel.

From the third book of Kings
Lesson i *Ch. 19:15-20*

The Lord said to Elias: Go,
and return on your way through
the desert to Damascus: and
when you are come thither, you
shall anoint Hazael to be king
over Syria. And you shall anoint
Jehu the son of Namsi to be
king over Israel: and Eliseus, the
son of Saphat, of Abelmeula,
you shall anoint to be prophet
in your room. And it shall come
to pass, that whosoever shall es-
cape the sword of Hazael, shall
be slain by Jehu: and whosoever
shall escape the sword of Jehu
shall be slain by Eliseus. And
Elias, departing from thence,
found Eliseus the son of Saphat,
ploughing with twelve yoke of
oxen: and he was one of them
that were ploughing with twelve
yoke of oxen: and when Elias
came up to him, he cast his
mantle upon him. And he forth-
with left the oxen and ran after
Elias, and said: Let me, I pray

you, kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you. And he said to him: Go, and return back: for that which was my part, I have done to you.

R. When Elias came to Eliseus, he put his mantle over him: * And immediately he left the oxen and ran after Elias, and ministered to him. **V.** Allow me, I beg you, to kiss my father and my mother and then I will follow you. – And immediately.

From the fourth book of Kings
Lesson ii Ch. 2:1-15, 19-25

And it came to pass, when the Lord would take up Elias into heaven by a whirlwind, that Elias and Eliseus were going from Galgal. And they both went as far as the Jordan. And Elias took his mantle and folded it together, and struck the waters, and they were divided hither and thither, and they both passed over on dry ground. And when they were gone over, Elias said to Eliseus: Ask what you will have me to do for you. And Eliseus said: I beseech you that in me may be your double spirit. And he answered: You have asked a hard thing: nevertheless, if you see me when I am taken from you, you shall have what you have asked: but if you see me not, you shall not have it. And as they went on, walking and talking together, behold a fiery chariot, and fiery horses parted them both asunder: and Elias went up by a whirlwind

into heaven. And Eliseus saw him, and cried: My father, my father, the chariot of Israel and the driver thereof. And he saw him no more. And he took up the mantle of Elias that fell from him; and going back, he stood on the bank of the Jordan: And he struck the waters with the mantle of Elias which had fallen from him, and they were divided hither and thither and Eliseus passed over. And the sons of the Prophets at Jericho, who were over against him, seeing it said: The spirit of Elias has rested upon Eliseus. And coming to meet him, they worshipped him, falling to the ground.

R. When Elias and Eliseus had crossed the Jordan, dryshod, Eliseus said: * I beg that your double spirit may be given to me. **V.** Elias said to Eliseus: Ask what you wish from me before I am taken from you. – I beg.

Lesson iii

The men of the city said to Eliseus: Behold the situation of this city is very good, as you, my lord, see; but the waters are very bad, and the ground barren. And he said: Bring me a new vessel, and put salt into it. And when they had brought it, he went out to the spring of the waters, and cast the salt into it, and said: Thus says the Lord: I have healed these waters, and

there shall be no more in them death or barrenness. And the waters were healed to this day, according to the word of Eliseus which he spoke. And he went up from there to Bethel: and as he was going up by the way, little boys came out of the city and mocked him, saying: Go up, bald head; go up, bald head. And looking back, he saw them, and cursed them in the name of the Lord: and there came forth two bears out of the forest, and tore of them two and forty boys. And from there he went to Mount Carmel and from there he returned to Samaria.

R. The sons of the Prophets said to Eliseus: Let us go to the Jordan and each bring back logs from the forest. * Let us build a place for ourselves to live. *V.* Behold the place where we live with you is too small for us. — Let us. — Glory be. — Let us.

2nd Nocturn

Ant. 4 When the minstrel played * the hand of the Lord came upon Eliseus and he prophesied.

Ant. 5 This river-bed * shall be filled with water, and you and your families and your beasts will drink from it.

Ant. 6 And this is a small thing * for the Lord. He will also give you the victory over Moab.

V. The Lord led the just man in right paths. *R.* And showed him the kingdom of God.

A Sermon of St. Ambrose, Bishop

(Sermon 87)

Lesson iv

Of the merits of Eliseus, what shall we say? First, let it be said in his praise, that he wished to surpass his father in grace. For he asked that he be given more than he knew his father to possess. For he was greedy in asking, but worthy to utter his desires. For, while he exacted more from his father than the father possessed, yet, by his own merits he caused his father's merits to stand out more clearly. For when Eliseus had reached Jericho, after his master had been taken up into heaven, and was invited by the citizens to remain there, he was told: The city, as you see, has a pleasant location, but the water is bad and makes the soil barren. Then he asked for an earthen vessel, put salt into it, and coming to the spring from which the waters flowed, he threw the salt into the waters, saying: Thus says the Lord: I have healed these waters. No longer will they bring death or barrenness. And the waters have been healed to this day.

R. Going to the spring of the waters, Eliseus put salt into it, and said: Thus says the Lord: I have healed these waters; * and no longer will they bring death and barrenness. *V.* Therefore were the waters made healthful even to this day. — And no longer.

Lesson v

See, therefore, how great were the merits of Eliseus, whose return for the first hospitality shown him by the citizens was the bestowing of great fertility. For in taking away the sterility of the waters, he brought to the people heirs to succeed them. By this miracle, Eliseus did not merely heal one man, or bring relief to one family, but he saved the whole city's population. For if he had delayed, the barrenness would have remained, the people would have grown old without children, and the city would have been left without an inhabitant. Therefore, Eliseus, in healing the waters, healed the people; and in blessing the source of the waters, he blessed also the source of lives. By his blessing, healthgiving water came out of the hidden veins of the earth; so also, by that blessing, sound offspring came forth from healthy bodies of the people.

R. The holy man of God said to the woman of Sunam: * In this season, in this same hour, if you live, you shall conceive a son. **V.** Do not lie to your handmaid, I beg you, my lord, man of God. – In this season.

Lesson vi

Now Eliseus blessed not merely those waters which were already flowing from the bosom of the spring, but also those

which would flow in the future and were now still ungathered in the moist soil. For which reason, Scripture says: Eliseus gave his blessing at the opening of the waters, to indicate that the sanctification would carry to the dripping water before it was enclosed in the bosom of the spring. The Apostle Paul says that all these things happened to them for an allegory. Let us see, therefore, what truth is contained in this allegory. The Church is that barren city which, before the coming of Christ, could not bring forth sons to God because of the pollution of the waters, that is, the sacrileges of the gentile peoples. But when Christ came, taking a human body, like the earthenware vessel, he healed the pollution of the waters, that is, he put an end to their sacrileges; and immediately the Church, which had been sterile, became fertile. For this reason, the Apostle says: Rejoice, you sterile, who do not bear; break forth and cry aloud, you who have not brought forth; for many are the children of the desolate, more than of her who has a husband. For many are the children of the Church, which was sterile, than of the synagogue, which was fruitful.

R. The king of Syria sent his army to capture Eliseus. * And the Lord struck them so that they could not see, according to the word of Eliseus. **V.** Eliseus

prayed to the Lord, saying: Strike this people, I beseech you, with blindness. — And the Lord. — Glory be. — And the Lord.

3rd Nocturn

Ant. 7 The woman * poured oil into the vessel, and when all the vessels were full, the oil stood.

Ant. 8 Go, said Eliseus, * sell the oil, and pay off your creditor.

Ant. 9 Eliseus * lay upon the boy, and the boy yawned seven times, and opened his eyes and Eliseus returned him to his mother.

V. The just man shall flourish like the palm tree. *R.* Like a cedar of Lebanon shall he grow.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Lesson vii *Ch. 4:23-27*

At that time, Jesus said to the Pharisees: You will surely quote me this proverb: Physician, cure yourself. Whatever things we have heard of as done in Capernaum, do here also in your own country. And so forth.

A homily of St. Ambrose,
Bishop

(*Book 4 on Luke, Ch. 4*)

Not idly does our Savior make an excuse because no miracles of power had been done in his own country, lest anyone accuse us of failing in affection for our own homeland. He who loves

all men could not fail to love his fellow-citizens, but they themselves, by their envy, had renounced love of country. "In truth I say to you: There were many widows in the days of Elias." Not that the days belonged to Elias, but he means in the days in which Elias worked, or that it was day to those who saw the light of spiritual grace in his works and were converted to the Lord. Hence, heaven was opened to those who recognized eternal and divine mysteries; and was closed when there was a famine, because there was no flowering of the knowledge of God. But we wrote more fully of this when we wrote regarding widows.

R. Eliseus said to Naaman: Go and wash seven times in the Jordan and your flesh will recover health, and he went away, * and was cleansed. *V.* Naaman went down and washed in the Jordan seven times according to the word of the man of God. — And was cleansed.

Lesson viii

And there were many lepers in Judea in the time of Eliseus the Prophet, and none was cured but Naaman the Syrian. Obviously this saying teaches us of the Lord's salvation, and exhorts us to eagerness in worshipping the Godhead. For it is shown that no one is healed and cured of the sickness of bodily infections except those who seek

after health with religious devotion. Not upon the sleeping, but upon those who watch, are divine benefits bestowed.

R. When the time came that the Lord would take Elias in a whirlwind into heaven, * Eliseus cried out: My father, my father, the chariot of Israel and its driver. V. While they were journeying, and conversing as they walked, behold a fiery chariot and fiery horses separated them, and Elias ascended by a whirlwind into heaven. — Eliseus cried out. — Glory be. — Eliseus cried out.

Lesson ix

By this beautifully apt example of comparison, the arrogance of the envious citizens was frustrated, and he proved that his actions were in accordance with the deeds of holy men recorded in ancient writings. For we read in the book of Kings, how Naaman, a gentile, was cleansed from leprosy by the prayer of the Prophet, while leprosy of body as well as leprosy of soul was consuming many of the Jews. Do we not read that the four men who were driven by hunger into the camp of the Syrians, and were the first to find it deserted, were lepers? Why, therefore, did he not cure his brothers; why did he not cure his fellow-citizens, why did he not cure his companions, when he cured strangers, when he cured those who

had no share in the observance of the law and in religious worship? Why, except that the cure lies in the will, not in the nationality, and divine favors are chosen rather by acts of worship than by the law of nature.

Te Deum laudamus.

Lauds

Ant. 1 Ask what you will * of me, before I am taken from you, Elias said to Eliseus.

Psalms of Sunday in the 1st place.

2 Said Eliseus: * I beg you that your double spirit be given me.

3 You have asked a difficult thing; * nevertheless, if you see me when I am taken from you, you will receive what you ask.

4 Eliseus saw, * and cried out: My father, my father, the chariot of Israel, and its driver.

5 He struck the waters, * and they were divided this way and that, and Eliseus crossed over.

Little Chapter Eccli. 48:13-14

During his lifetime he feared no one, nor was any man able to intimidate his will: nothing was beyond his power, and after death his body performed marvelous deeds.

Hymn

Let the people shudder with dread before him,
The just Prophet, avenger of crime.

Let the fickle mob know him to
be a scourge
To those who worship false
gods.

Jezabel's deceits and the evil
race of Achab
He brings to ruin, and the
thieves
He blinds; the wilful mocking of
evil boys
He destroys by means of two
bears.

To the Most High he gives
due honors
By destroying the evil worship
of Satan,
And punishing with leprosy the
wicked servant
Who would sell God's gifts for
silver.

He anoints a king; he rules
the faithful people,
Brings them out of all dangers,
and on the rebels
He draws down lightning from
heaven
In righteous anger.

Look down upon our anguish
and wretched state,
Keep far from us death and dis-
aster,
Incline the ear of God
To hear our petitions.

Praise to God most high, to
the Father's sole-begotten
To the Holy Spirit, be honor
forever,
To the Triune God we offer
homage,
One, forever. Amen.

℣. Eliseus, in his life, did
wonders. ℞. And in death per-
formed marvelous deeds.

Ant. (Ben.) The sons of the
Prophets * who were in Jericho,
seeing this from the opposite
shore, said: The spirit of Elias
has rested on Eliseus. And com-
ing to meet him, they did rever-
ence to him, touching their fore-
heads to the earth.

Collect

All-powerful, eternal God,
you are manifestly wonderful in
your chosen Prophets. As you
filled your Prophet Eliseus with
the two-fold spirit of Elias; so
also, grant us that we may be
filled with the Holy Spirit, and
thereby be enabled to perform
just works. This we ask of you
through our Lord Jesus Christ,
your Son, who lives and reigns
with you in the unity of the
same Holy Spirit, God, forever.
Amen.

*A commemoration is made of
St. Basil the Great, Bishop, Con-
fessor, Doctor of the Church:*

Ant. Well done, * good and
faithful servant; because you
have been faithful over a few
things, I will set you over many,
says the Lord.

℣. The Lord led the just man
in right paths. ℞. And showed
him the kingdom of God.

Collect

Lord, listen to the prayers we
address to you on this feast of
St. Basil, Bishop and Confessor
of our faith. He served you wor-
thily: by his merits deliver us

from all our sins. This we ask of you through our Lord.

At the Little Hours, antiphons and psalms of the current weekday. Responsories are from the Common of Confessor not a Bishop.

Terce

Little Chapter as at Lauds

Sext

Little Chapter 4 Kings 5:8

And when Eliseus, the man of God had heard this, that the king of Israel had rent his garments, he sent to him saying: Why have you rent your garments? Let him come to me, and let him know that there is a Prophet in Israel.

None

Little Chapter 4 Kings 5:10

And Eliseus sent a messenger to him, saying: Go, and wash seven times in the Jordan, and your flesh shall recover health, and you shall be clean.

Vespers

Antiphons and Little Chapter from Lauds. Psalms of Sunday, but instead of the last one there is said psalm 147 "Lauda Jerusalem"

Hymn

From the first light of dawn,
on this day
The fourteenth of June, there is
a great feast to celebrate.

Let the heights of Carmel resound with your praise,

O Eliseus.

For it was you the Lord chose,
and by his command

You were anointed with the
holy unction

By the ever-renowned holy
Prophet Elias

To be his successor.

When you saw your father
borne in the fiery chariot

To heavenly shores, his mantle
fell on you.

With it you struck the river, and
its waters made for you

A dry pathway.

By your prayers you obtained
for the woman

The son long denied; and when
he died

You recalled him to life,

O eminent Prophet!

At your command an iron tool
rises from the river bed

And floats on the water; the
leprous sores,

Washed seven times in the flow-
ing river

Are banished.

Praise to God most high, to
the Father's sole-begotten

To the Holy Spirit, be honor
forever,

To the Triune God we offer
homage

One, forever. Amen.

V. Elias was covered with the
whirlwind. R. And his spirit
was completed in Eliseus.

Ant. (Magn.) Now Eliseus *
was sick of the illness of which
he died: and Joas king of Israel

went down to him, and wept before him, and said: O my father, my father, the chariot of Israel and its guide.

Collect

All-powerful, eternal God, you are manifestly wonderful in your chosen Prophets. As you filled your Prophet Eliseus with the two-fold spirit of Elias; so also, grant us that we may be filled with the Holy Spirit, and thereby be enabled to perform just works. This we ask of you through our Lord . . . in the unity of the same Holy Spirit, God, forever. Amen.

Sunday Compline.

July 9

Blessed Joan Scopelli

Virgin

3rd class

Matins

Lessons iii

The virgin Joan Scopelli was born at Reggio in the province of Emilia, of respectable parents and from her infancy she gave abundant evidence of her future sanctity. While still a child she disciplined her body with penances and fasts. Remaining at home she took the Carmelite habit. Upon the death of her parents she betook herself to the home of a pious woman and formulated plans for a monastery of dedicated virgins where God could be served more freely. Overcoming the greatest

difficulties, she brought this undertaking to a successful conclusion. Named superior of the new foundation, she showed herself an example of obedience, poverty, and all virtues. She recalled many from the snares of vices and worldly desires to the straight and narrow path of virtue. She is said to have been noted for the gifts of prophecy and miracles. At the precise time she had foretold to her sisters she fell asleep in the Lord on the ninth day of July in the year 1491. Her incorrupt body is held in the greatest veneration.

Te Deum laudamus.

Lauds

V. Grace is poured out upon your lips. *R.* Thus God has blessed you forever.

Ant. (Ben.) The kingdom of heaven * is like a merchant in search of fine pearls. When he finds a single one of great price, he gives all that he has in exchange for it.

Collect

O God, you hear the petitions of all who call on you. You strengthened Blessed Joan Scopelli by the spirit of prayer and penance against the wiles of demons. Strengthen us also in that same spirit through her merits and her pleading for us. This we ask of you through our Lord.

Vespers

V. Grace is poured out upon your lips. **R.** Thus God has blessed you forever.

Ant. (Magn.) Come, Spouse of Christ, * receive the crown which the Lord has prepared for you for all eternity.

July 16

Solemn Commemoration of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary of Mount Carmel

Titular and Patroness of the whole Carmelite Order

1st class

(All from the Common of the Feasts of the Blessed Virgin Mary except what is given below.)

1st Vespers

Ant. 1 The glory of Lebanon * has been given to her, the beauty of Carmel and Saron, alleluia.

2 The Mother of the Lord * has clothed us with the garment of salvation; and wrapped us in a mantle of justice. alleluia.

3 In the fragrance * of your perfumes we will run: the young maidens have loved you exceedingly. alleluia.

4 Blessed are you * O Daughter, by the Lord, because through you we have received the fruit of life. alleluia.

5 Beautiful are you * my love, my delight, O holy Mother of God, alleluia.

Little Chapter Eccl. 24:23-24

As a vine I produced a pleasant odor; my blossoms became fruit fair and rich. I am the mother of fair love and of fear and of knowledge and of holy hope.

Hymn: Ave Maris Stella

V. Queen, beauty of Carmel, alleluia. **R.** You have given us a pledge of your protection. alleluia.

In 1st Vespers

Ant. (Magn.) Your head * rises like Carmel; your hair is like draperies of purple; a king is held captive in its tresses. alleluia.

In 2nd Vespers

Ant. (Magn.) In Sion * I fixed my abode. Thus in the chosen city he has given me rest; I have struck root among the glorious people, and my abode is in the full assembly of saints. alleluia.

Collect

You have honored the Order of Carmel, Lord Jesus, by consecrating it in a special way to the Virgin Mary, your Mother. Under her protection, may we who today solemnly celebrate her memory in filial devotion, attain to everlasting joy. This we ask of you, Lord Jesus, living and reigning with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever.

Sunday Compline.

Matins

Invit. The Lord of glory wonderful in the cloud of Carmel *
Come let us adore.

Ps. 94 Venite, exultemus.

Hymn: Quem terra, pontus, sidera

1st Nocturn

Ant. 1 Your magnificence *
is elevated above the heavens, O
Mary, Mother of graces.

Ant. 2 He has placed his tabernacle *
in the Mountain and
in this Mountain I shall be
saved.

Ant. 3 Who ascends * to the
Mountain of the Lord? or who
will stand in his holy place? The
innocent of hands and the clean
of heart.

V. Watering the Mountain
from his high places. *R.* The
earth shall be filled with the
fruit of his works.

From the Proverbs of Solomon

Lesson i *Ch. 8:12-17*

I, Wisdom, dwell with experience, and judicious knowledge I attain. (The fear of the Lord is to hate evil;) Pride, arrogance, the evil way, and the perverse mouth I hate, Mine are counsel and advice; Mine is strength; I am understanding. By me kings reign, and lawgivers establish justice, by me princes govern, and nobles; all the rulers of earth. Those who love me I also love, and those who seek me find me.

R. I saw the beautiful one ascending above the banks of the waters and an indescribable fragrance was in her garments. * Behold the odor of my son is as the odor of a fruitful field which the Lord has blessed. *V.* And, that he might smell the fragrance of his garments, he said: – Behold.

Lesson ii *Ch. 8:18-25*

With me are riches and honor, enduring wealth and prosperity. My fruit is better than gold, yes, than pure gold, and my revenue than choice silver. On the way of duty I walk, along the paths of justice, granting wealth to those who love me, and filling their treasuries. The Lord begot me, the firstborn of his ways, the forerunner of his prodigies of long ago; from of old I was poured forth, at the first before the earth. When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no fountains or springs of water; before the mountains were settled into place, before the hills, I was brought forth.

R. I have spread my branches like a turpentine tree; * The fruit of honor and grace. *V.* Under the shadow of him whom I desired, I sat, and his fruit was sweet to my palate. – The fruit.

Lesson iii *Ch. 8:34-36;9:1-5*

Happy the man watching daily at my gates, waiting at my

doorposts; for he who finds me finds life, and wins favor from the Lord; but he who misses me harms himself; all who hate me love death. Wisdom has built her house, she has set up her seven columns; she has dressed her meat, mixed her wine, yes, she has spread her table. She has sent out her maidens; she calls from the heights out over the city: "Let whoever is simple turn in here; to him who lacks understanding, I say, Come, eat of my food, and drink of the wine I have mixed!"

R. I dwelt in the highest: *
And my throne is in the pillar of cloud. **V.** Like a cedar on Lebanon I was exalted and like a cypress tree on Mount Sion. —
And my throne. — Glory be. —
And my throne.

2nd Nocturn

Ant. 4 The Queen stood * at your right hand in a golden garment, clothed with variety.

Ant. 5 Great is the Lord * and exceedingly wonderful in the city of our God, in his holy Mountain.

Ant. 6 Glorious things * are spoken of you, O City of God. You are clothed with light like a garment.

V. He spread out a cloud for our protection. **R.** And a fire, to light our way.

Lesson iv

On the sacred day of Pentecost, when the Apostles were

filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in various languages, when invoking the most august name of Jesus, they performed many miracles, many men, (so it has been told) who had followed in the footsteps of the prophets Elias and Elisha, and who had been prepared for the coming of the Messiah by the preaching of John the Baptist, embraced the faith, seeing its truth. They had a special love for the Most Holy Virgin, whose company they were privileged to enjoy, and they began to practice devotion to her, with the result that the first chapel of all dedicated to her honor was on Mount Carmel, where Elias had long ago seen the cloud ascending, which was a prefiguring of the Virgin.

R. I, wisdom, have poured out rivers, and like an aqueduct I have gone out from Paradise. * I shall water my garden of seedlings, and I shall fill my meadow with water. **V.** I shall penetrate the lower parts of the earth and enlighten all who hope in the Lord. — I shall.

Lesson v

Gathering almost daily at this new chapel, they paid honor by pious ceremonies, prayers and praises to the Most Blessed Virgin as the particular protectress of their Order. For this reason almost everyone began to call them Brothers of Blessed Mary of Mount Carmel. And this

title the Supreme Pontiffs not only duly confirmed, but even granted special indulgences to those who called either the Order or the individual Brothers by that title. And the most generous Virgin not only bestowed her name and her patronage on the Order but also she showed to the Englishman, blessed Simon, the renowned scapular, that by this heavenly garment this holy Order might be distinguished and by it protected from all evils assaulting it. And finally, since the Order was formerly unknown to Europe, many at the time of Honorius III were pressing for its extinction, the most devoted Virgin Mary appeared by night to Honorius and plainly commanded that he graciously receive the Institute and its members.

R. I proceeded from the mouth of the Most High, the firstborn of all creation. * And like a cloud I covered the whole earth. V. I caused an unfailling light to rise in heaven. – And like a cloud.

Lesson vi

Not only in that century but in others also has the most Blessed Virgin given proof by many privileges how acceptable this Order is to her. For her power and mercy avail at all times. And it is piously believed that those who unite themselves in the society of the Scapular,

observe the mild abstinence, recite the few prayers prescribed, and practice chastity according to their state of life, will be consoled by her when undergoing the fires of Purgatory and, by her aid, will more quickly attain the kingdom of heaven. The Order, enriched by so many and such great benefits, instituted the solemn Commemoration of the Most Blessed Virgin to be celebrated each year, perpetually, to the glory of the same Virgin.

R. The Creator of all things and he who created me rested in my tabernacle. * And I will dwell in the inheritance of the Lord. V. Then he taught me and said to me: Dwell in Jacob and make your inheritance in Israel and send out roots among my elect. – And I will dwell. – Glory be. – And I will dwell.

3rd Nocturn

Ant. 7 The Mountain * in which God is pleased to dwell; for the Lord shall dwell there forever.

Ant. 8 My inheritance * is wonderful to me; my inheritance sweeter than honey and honeycomb.

Ant. 9 The cloud covered * the Mountain, and the glory of the Lord dwelt upon it, touching it with the cloud.

V. Strength and beauty are her clothing. R. Linen and purple are her garments.

A reading of the holy Gospel according to John

Lesson vii Ch. 19:25-27

At that time, there stood by the cross of Jesus, his Mother, and his Mother's sister, Mary of Cleophas, and Mary Magdalen. And so forth.

A homily of St. Ambrose, Bishop
(*Letter 63 to the Church at Vercelli*)

Mary, the Mother of the Lord, stood before the cross of her Son. No one tells me that but St. John the Evangelist. Others wrote of the shaking of the earth at the Passion of the Lord, how the heavens were covered with darkness, the sun fled, how the thief after his pious confession was received into Paradise. John teaches what the others do not teach: that, affixed to the Cross, Jesus had addressed his Mother, thinking it of greater worth that the conqueror over torments was demonstrating the dutiful reverence of a son to a mother than that he was giving a heavenly kingdom. For, if it is a virtuous thing to give pardon to a thief, how much more evidence it gives of filial devotion that a Mother should be honored by such great affection from her Son.

℞. I have chosen and sanctified this place: * That my name may be there and my eyes remain there and my heart there for all time. ∇. He has not done

so to every nation, nor has he made known his judgments to them. – That my name.

Lesson viii

Christ made His will on the Cross and divided the offices of piety between his mother and his disciple. The Lord established not only a public testament but also a private one, and this testament John signed, worthy witness of so great a testament. A good testament, not of money, but of eternal life; which was written, not in ink but in the Spirit of the living God who says: My tongue is the pen of a scrivener who writes swiftly. But Mary, also, was no less a witness; as was becoming to the Mother of Christ. She stood at the cross when the Apostles fled and with reverent eyes beheld the wounds of her Son, because she looked not for the death of the testator, but for the salvation of the world. Or rather, she recognized the death of her Son as the salvation of the world.

℞. Judgment shall dwell in the wilderness and justice shall take its seat in Carmel and peace will be the work of justice. * And silence the service of justice and security unto eternity. ∇. And my people shall sit down in the beauty of peace and in the tents of faithfulness. – And silence. – Glory be. – And silence.

Lesson ix

But Jesus was in no need of a helper for the redemption of all men who had preserved all without a helper. Whence also he says: I have become like a man without help, free among the dead. He received, indeed, the love of his mother, but he did not need help. Imitate her, then, holy mothers, who gave so great an example of motherly virtue. For you have not sweeter sons than this most holy Virgin and she did not seek that solace which could beget another son.

Te Deum laudamus.

Lauds

(antiphons for the Little Hours also)

Ant. 1 Wonderful * are the waves of the sea of Carmel, wonderful is the Lord in this Mount. Alleluia.

Psalms of Sunday in the 1st place.

2 I will lead them * into my holy Mountain: and I will give them joy in my house of prayer. Alleluia.

3 In me is all grace * of the way and of truth; in me is all hope of life and virtue. Alleluia.

4 For my spirit * is sweeter than honey and my inheritance than honey and honeycomb. Alleluia.

5 In all things * I sought rest and I will dwell in the inheritance of the Lord. Alleluia.

Little Chapter Eccl. 24:23-24

Like a fruitful vine I have given forth an odor of sweetness and my flowers are the fruit of honor and justice. I am the mother of fair love and of fear and of knowledge and holy hope.

Hymn: O gloriosa virginum

V. Send us help from the Holy Place, alleluia. *R.* And from Sion, look down upon us, alleluia.

Ant. (Ben.) A great sign * appeared in heaven. A woman clothed with the sun and the moon under her feet and on her head a crown of twelve stars.

Collect

You have honored the Order of Carmel, Lord Jesus, by consecrating it in a special way to the Virgin Mary, your Mother. Under her protection, may we who today solemnly celebrate her memory in filial devotion, attain to everlasting joy. This we ask of you, Lord Jesus, living and reigning with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever. Amen.

Terce

Little Chapter, as above at Lauds

Short R. Watering the mountain * from his high places. — *Watering. V.* The earth shall be filled with the fruit of your works. — From his high places. — *Glory be.* — *Watering.*

V. He spread out a cloud for our protection.

R. And a fire, to light our way.

Sext

Little Chapter Eccl. 24:27-28

My spirit is sweeter than honey and better to have than honey and honeycomb; my memory is unto everlasting generations.

Short R. He spread out a cloud * for our protection. – He spread. V. And a fire to light our way. – For our protection. – Glory be. – He spread.

V. Strength and beauty are her clothing.

R. Linen and purple are her garments.

None

Little Chapter Eccl. 24:30-31

He who hearkens to me, will not be put to shame; and they who work by me shall not sin. They who explain me shall have life everlasting.

Short R. Strength and beauty * are her clothing. – Strength. V. Linen and purple are her garments. – Are her clothing. – Glory be. – Strength.

V. Queen, beauty of Carmel.

R. You have given us a pledge of your protection.

2nd Vespers

All as at 1st Vespers except what is there given as proper.

Sunday Compline.

July 17

Blessed Teresa of St. Augustine
and Companions
Virgins and Martyrs

3rd class

Matins

Lesson iii

Among the victims of cruelty who shed their blood for the faith of Christ at Paris, towards the end of the eighteenth century, sixteen Carmelite nuns gave an admirable example of heroism. Their leader and Prioress was Teresa of St. Augustine. At first they were driven from their monastery at Compiègne; then as the fury of hatred for the very name of Christian mounted around them, they were thrown into prison in June, 1794. Not long afterwards they were brought to Paris, their hands bound behind their backs, and exposed to the insults of soldiers and people, then imprisoned in a filthy jail. Without witnesses to testify for them, without legal counsel, in a disorderly court, they were sentenced to death for this one cause: that they remained faithful to their Religious Order. These brave women were filled with joy when they heard their sentence; because they were confident that this would bring them the crown of martyrdom. Walking with joyful faces, singing hymns alternately as though in choir, they went to the place of execution as though on a

march of triumph. One after another, like fragrant roses, they were beheaded. Last of all, like the mother of the Macchabees, Teresa offered her head to the guillotine. The fame of this martyrdom spread far and wide within a short time and miracles soon enhanced its glory. These sixteen illustrious martyrs were added to the list of the blessed by the Supreme Pontiff Pius X.

Te Deum laudamus.

Lauds

℣. After her shall Virgins be led to the King.

℞. Her neighbors shall be brought to you.

Ant. (Ben.) Wise Virgins, * trim your lamps. See, the Bridegroom comes! Go out to meet him!

Collect

O God, You called Blessed Teresa and her companions from the summit of Carmel to the crown of martyrdom in recompense for their unconquered constancy in your love. Grant that we in loving you faithfully, may be brought to contemplation of the beauty of your majesty. This we ask of you through our Lord.

A commemoration is made of St. Alexius, Confessor:

Ant. Well done, * good and faithful servant; because you have been faithful over a few things, I will set you over many. Enter into the joy of your Lord.

℣. The Lord led the just man in right paths.

℞. And showed him the kingdom of God.

Collect

Every year, Lord, you give us the joy of celebrating the feast of St. Alexius, Confessor of our faith; grant us the grace to imitate his actions. This we ask of you through our Lord.

Vespers

Versicle and Antiphon as above at Lauds.

July 20

St. Elias

Prophet, Our Leader and Father

1st class

1st Vespers

Ant. 1 With zeal have I been zealous * for the Lord God of hosts: for the children of Israel have forsaken your covenant.

(Psalms as in 1st Vespers of the Common of the Dedication of a Church)

2 How long will you halt * between two sides? if the Lord be God, follow him.

3 If I be a man of God, * let fire come down from heaven, and consume you and the fifty men with you.

4 It is not I * who have troubled Israel, but you and your father's house, who have forsaken the commandments of the Lord.

5 You have slain, * more-

over you have also taken possession. Behold I will bring evil upon you and I will cut down your posterity.

Little Chapter Eccl. 48:1-2

Like a fire there appeared the Prophet Elias, whose words were as a flaming furnace. Their staff of bread he shattered, in his zeal he reduced them to straits.

Hymn

Now our delight is to hasten
in spirit
To Carmel's summit and let our
praises ring
Loudly and clearly to honor our
Father
The Prophet Elias.

He is our Leader in reverent
worship,
He is our glory, the strength of
our Order.

Throughout all countries, his
offspring have flourished
From the east to the west.

When famine punished a
faithless land, his bread
Was brought by ravens. The
widow's store of meal,
By his art, never lessened; nor
ever lacked
Her vessel of oil.

By his prayers poured out to
God, a son brought back
From the gates of death, he
restored to the arms
Of the suffering mother; the
light of life

By his pleas he obtained.

The rain clouds he closed,
and again by his word,

Opened. When three years had
passed, he commanded
Heaven to let rain fall and the
thirsting earth

Drank in the showers.

Praise to the Father Most
High, and to the Son
The Only-begotten, be praise,
and to you

Their Holy Spirit, be praise,
kingdom and power

Now and forever. Amen.

∇. By God's word he shut up
the heavens.

℞. And three times brought
down fire.

Ant. (Magn.) Lo, I will send
you * Elias the Prophet, before
the day of the Lord comes, the
great and terrible day, to turn
the hearts of the fathers to their
children and the hearts of the
children to their fathers.

Collect

We believe, All-powerful
God, that blessed Elias, your
Prophet and our Father, has
been marvelously taken up in a
fiery chariot; grant that through
his intercession, our hearts may
be elevated to heavenly things,
and we may rejoice in the com-
panionship of your Saints. This
we ask of you through our Lord
Jesus Christ.

Sunday Compline

Matins

Invit. The Lord, King of
Prophets * Come, let us adore.

Ps. 94 Venite, exultemus.

Hymn

Great Author of all things
that are,
Our hearts blaze up in joyful
praise
Extolling him whom you too
love,
The Thesbite, seer of ancient
days.

With burning zeal for your
blest name
He challenged wicked priests of
Baal
And conquering, killed them in
his might,
Upholding thus your sacred law.

The victims offered by his
prayer
Drew heaven's blest consuming
fire.
In vain Baal's servants scream
and rave,
Their frenzy is a joke to all.

Then Jezabel, unholy queen,
In fury raged, the prophet fled.
Beneath the sheltering juniper
He sleeps and lo! an angel
stands;

Brings strengthening bread
for weary limbs
And marks a journey yet to go,
The heavenly bread brings cour-
age new
Mount Horeb's summit to
attain.

No food but this for forty
days,
He travels to the holy Mount,
Prefiguring the royal feast
The Lord's own hand in love
bestows.

All glory ever be to thee,

To Father, Word, and Paraclete,
O undivided Trinity
Who didst create all things that
are.

1st Nocturn

Ant. 1 It came about * that
the son of the mistress of the
house fell ill and his illness was
very grave.

*Psalms from the common of
a Confessor not a Bishop.*

Ant. 2 The woman said * to
Elias: What have I done to you,
O man of God? Have you come
into my house that my sins
should be called to mind, and
my son must die?

Ant. 3 Elias said * to the
widow: Give me your son. And
he cried to the Lord, and the
boy lived again.

V. By the word of the Lord
he shut up the heavens. *R.* And
three times brought down fire
from heaven.

From the Third Book of Kings
Lesson i Ch. 17:1-22

And Elias the Thesbite of the
inhabitants of Galaad said to
Achab: As the Lord lives, the
God of Israel, in whose sight I
stand, there shall not be dew or
rain these years, but according
to the words of my mouth. And
the word of the Lord came to
him saying: Get thee hence, and
go towards the east and hide
thyself by the torrent of Carith,
which is over against the Jordan,
and there you shall drink of the

torrent: and I have commanded the ravens to feed you there. So he went, and did according to the word of the Lord: and going, he dwelt by the torrent Carith, which is over against the Jordan. And the ravens brought him bread and flesh in the morning, and bread and flesh in the evening, and he drank of the torrent. But after some time the torrent was dried up, for it had not rained upon the earth. Then the word of the Lord came to him saying: Arise, and go to Sarephta of the Sidonians, and dwell there, for I have commanded a widow woman there to feed you.

R. Withdraw from here, and go towards the east, the Lord said to Elias. * Who went away, and did as the Lord commanded. *V.* Hide near the torrent of Carith, and there you shall drink from the torrent: and I have commanded the ravens to feed you there. — Who.

Lesson ii

He arose, and went to Sarephta. And when he was come to the gate of the city, he saw the widow woman gathering sticks, and he called her, and said to her: Give me a little water in a vessel, that I may drink. And when she was going to fetch it he called after her, saying: Bring me also, I beseech you, a morsel of bread in your hand. And she answered: As the Lord your God

lives, I have no bread, but only a handful of meal in a pot, and a little oil in a cruse; behold I am gathering two sticks that I may go in and dress it, for me and my son, that we may eat it, and die. And Elias said to her: Fear not, but go and do as you have said: but first make for me of the same meal, a little hearth cake, and bring it to me: and after make for yourself and your son. For thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: the pot of meal shall not waste, nor the cruse of oil be diminished, until the day wherein the Lord will give rain upon the face of the earth. She went and did according to the word of Elias: and he ate, and she, and her house; and from that day the pot of meal wasted not, and the cruse of oil was not diminished, according to the word of the Lord, which he spoke in the hand of Elias.

R. The woman went away, and did as the Prophet commanded. * And he ate, and she, and so also did her household. *V.* From that day the supply of meal did not diminish in the pot and the cruse of oil was not drained in accordance with the words of Elias. — And she ate.

Lesson iii

And it came to pass after this, that the son of the mistress of the house fell sick and the sickness was very grievous, so that there was no breath left in him. And she said to Elias: What

have I to do with you, man of God? Have you come to me that my iniquities should be remembered, and that you should kill my son? And Elias said to her: Give me your son. And he took him out of her bosom, and carried him into the upper chamber where he abode, and laid him upon his own bed. And he cried to the Lord, and said: O Lord my God, have you afflicted also this widow, with whom I am after a sort maintained, so as to kill her son? And he stretched, and measured himself upon the child three times, and cried to the Lord, and said: O Lord, my God, let the soul of this child, I beseech you, return to his body. And the Lord heard the voice of Elias: and the soul of the child returned into him, and he revived.

R. The soul of the child returned into him, and he came to life again, and Elias gave him to his mother, saying: * Behold your son lives. V. Elias took the child, and brought him down to the lower part of the house, saying. — Behold. — Glory be. — Behold.

2nd Nocturn

Ant. 4 The word of the Lord * came to Elias, saying: Go, and show yourself to Achab, that I may give rain upon the face of the earth.

Ant. 5 Said Elias * to Achab: Arise, eat and drink, for I hear the sound of much rain.

Ant. 6 The hand of the Lord * was upon Elias, and girding his loins, he ran before Achab, until he reached Jezrael.

V. You anoint Kings unto penance. R. And appoint Prophets to be your successors.

Lesson iv

From the book of
St. Epiphanius, Bishop

(On the lives of the Prophets.)

Elias the Prophet was a native of Thesbis, from the country of the Arabians, of the tribe of Aaron the Levite. But he lived in Galaad, because Thesbis was a place dedicated and set apart for the priests. When he was born, Sobac, his father, had the following vision: Some men, bearing in front of them a snowy garment, paid reverence to the little boy, then snatched him from his mother's breast and gave him flames of fire to eat instead of food. The father journeyed to Jerusalem and related the vision to the priests. The Chresmatismus, that is, the Oracle or the Answerer, replied in this way: Beware of telling this vision abroad. For light will be the dwelling-place of this son, and his speech will be interpretation and wisdom. He shall judge Israel with fire and with a two-edged sword. This is that Elias who three times brought fire from heaven, brought rain down by his word, revived the dead and finally was taken up

to heaven in a cloud of fiery whirlwind.

R. Said Abdias to Elias: When I have left you, the Spirit of the Lord will take you away to a place I do not know of; and you say to me: * Tell your master: Here is Elias. **V.** Elias answered: As the Lord of hosts lives, before whose face I stand, I shall appear before him this day. — Tell your.

Lesson v

From the book of
St. Isidore, Bishop
(*On the life and death of
Saints.*)

Elias, which means “the Lord God”, a Thesbite, great Priest and Prophet, dweller in solitude, full of faith, with ardent devotion, strong in labors, skillful in work, renowned for his understanding, strict in discipline, assiduous in holy meditation, and fearless of death. He struck tyrants, killed blasphemers, worked many miracles of power. He shut up the heavens for three years of drought. Again he prayed and the heavens gave rain. He brought the woman’s son back to life. By his prayer the pot of meal did not diminish and the cruse of oil gave an endless fountain. By his word, fire from heaven descended upon his sacrifice. Two companies of fifty soldiers were burned by the fire he called down from heaven. Crossing the

Jordan, he separated the waters by the touch of his mantle.

R. When Elias had come to the city gate, he saw a widow gathering firewood, and he called to her and said: * Give me a little water in a vessel, that I may drink. **V.** And when she went to bring it to him, he called after her, saying: Bring me also, I beg you, a morsel of bread in your hand. — Give.

Lesson vi

After these things, he was taken to heaven in a fiery chariot and he will come, according to the Prophet Malachias, at the end of the world as the forerunner of Christ, to announce his last coming with great powers and prodigies of miracles, so that the Anti-christ will wage war against him and Henoah, who will come with him, and he will kill them. Their bodies will lie for three days and six hours unburied in the streets. From there the Lord will raise him up, and he will strike the kingdom of Anti-christ with the sword of his mouth and those who worshipped him, and the Lord will reign with all his Saints forever.

R. Elias stretched and measured himself three times over the child, and cried to the Lord. * And the Lord heard the voice of Elias. **V.** O Lord my God, let the soul of this child, I beseech you, return to his body. — And the Lord. — Glory be. — And the Lord.

3rd Nocturn

Ant. 7 Said Elias * to the prophets of Baal: Choose for yourself one ox, and call upon the names of your gods. They cried and no one answered.

Ant. 8 When the time had come * for offering the holocaust, Elias approached, and prayed to the Lord.

Ant. 9 At the prayer of Elias * the Lord's fire came down, and consumed the holocaust, and the firewood, and the stones, the dust even, and the water which was flowing in the aqueduct.

V. Blessed are they who saw you. *R.* And were honored with your friendship.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Lesson vii Ch. 9:28-36

At that time Jesus took Peter, and James, and John, and went up to a mountain to pray. And it came about that, as he prayed, his countenance was changed. And so forth.

A homily of

St. John Chrysostom

(*Homily 57 on Matthew*)

Why did Our Lord bring Moses and Elias into the vision on the mount? Many reasons can be given. First, because many of the crowd thought Jesus to be Elias or Jeremias or one of the ancient prophets; therefore he brought Moses and Elias to their view. For they

were the principal figures among the prophets, and in seeing them, the Apostles would discern with their own eyes the difference between the Lord and the servant; also they might laudably believe Peter, who acknowledged Jesus to be the Son of God. Then, that he might vindicate his right to claim as his own the glory of the Father. The Jews had persistently accused him of being a transgressor of the Law and had deemed him a blasphemer. They said: "This man is not from God for he does not observe the sabbath." And again: "It is not for any good work we are stoning you, but because you, being a man, make yourself God." That he might demonstrate that they were accusing him of these things through envy; that he was guilty of none of the alleged crimes; that he neither transgressed the Law nor sought for himself a glory that was not his when he claimed equality with the Father. For these reasons he brought out two men who were each as renowned as the other for their devotion to the Law. For the Law was given to Moses; and Moses would not permit the Law to be trampled on as the Jews believed our Lord was doing; nor would Moses pay honor to a transgressor of the Law, or to an enemy of the Law's purpose. Elias was zealous for the glory of God and he would not have stood at the side of anyone

who, without right, called himself the equal of the Father; nor would he have appeared to anyone who claimed glory that was not his.

R. To the messengers of the king of Samaria Elias said: "Is there not a God in Israel, that you should consult Beelzebub? For this cause the Lord says: * You shall not rise from the bed on which you have lain, but you shall surely die." V. The messengers returned to Ochozias and said: "A man met us who said: Go and return to the king, and speak to him thus:" — "You shall not . . ."

Lesson viii

In addition to all these reasons, we can also add another: that the Lord would have us believe rightly and firmly in his power over death as well as life; that he might prove that he is the Lord of things above and of things below. Therefore he brought Moses who had died long before, and Elias who had not yet undergone death. A fourth reason the Evangelist also mentions. What is that? That he might show forth the glory of the cross; and that both Peter and the others who feared the suffering, might be strengthened, and their minds lifted up to sublime things. For they were not silent; but they spoke, as the Evangelist says, of the glory he was to accomplish in Jerusalem; the glory, that is to

say, of the cross and the passion, for so they always spoke of it.

R. It came about that when the Lord would take Elias through the whirlwind into heaven, * Eliseus cried out, saying: My father, my father, the glory of Israel and its driver. V. While they were journeying, walking and talking together, behold a fiery chariot and fiery horses parted them from each other, and Elias ascended through the whirlwind into heaven. — Eliseus. — Glory be. — Eliseus.

Lesson ix

To all these considerations we must add the singular and outstanding strength of these two men — a strength Jesus was demanding in a special way from his disciples. For he had said: If any man wishes to come after me, let him take up his cross, and follow me. And so he brought into their presence men who would have undergone death a hundred times for the preservation of the commandments of God, and of the people entrusted to them. Both of them had found their soul in losing it. With exceedingly great freedom they had spoken out against tyrants, one against the Egyptians, the other against Achab. The thing is, that they had done this for ungrateful and disobedient men who subjected them to fearful tortures. They were despised and left without author-

ity, yet they undertook to snatch their people from the worship of idols. One was hesitant of tongue and weak of voice; the other was of unpolished manners. Both despised the riches of this world. For Moses never possessed anything at all and Elias had only his cloak. This was especially so when they were old. Nor would they make themselves strong by their great gift of miracles.

T'e Deum laudamus.

Lauds

(*antiphons for the Little Hours also*)

Ant. 1 Elias * burning with zeal for the law, was received into heaven.

Psalms of Sunday in the 1st place.

2 Now it came to pass * when the Lord wished to take Elias up by a whirlwind into heaven, Elias and Eliseus were going from Galgal.

3 Elias took his mantle * and struck the waters, and they were divided and they both passed over on dry ground.

4 As Elias * and Eliseus went on, walking and talking together, behold a fiery chariot, and fiery horses parted them both asunder.

5 Elias went up * by a whirlwind into heaven: and Eliseus saw him and cried: "My father, the chariot of Israel and its driver."

Little Chapter Eccli. 48:1-2

Like a fire there appeared the Prophet Elias whose words were as a flaming furnace. Their staff of bread he shattered, in his zeal he reduced them to straits.

Hymn

Companions, let us send to the heavens our songs
Of praise unceasing, and with happy hearts honor
The illustrious Thesbite, the Prophet, our Leader.
His glory today we recall.

In the whispered murmuring of a gentle breeze.
He heard God's secret message: to rebuke the queen,
The wicked Jezabel, for her ferocity
And Achab for his heinous crimes.

Garments of skin were his clothing; his home a cave
On the verdant summit of Carmel. Undaunted,
He threatened the unholy king Ochozias,
His tragic destruction foretold.

Two times by his prayers, he brought down fire from heaven,
Its flame consuming the soldiers sent against him,
By a touch of his mantle divided the waves
And passed through the waters dryshod.

Do not leave us orphans, Father, help us always.
Give us your protection, by your prayer beseeching

More abundant blessings from
the Holy Spirit
Upon us your children.

To the Father Unbegotten,
be forever praise
And highest glory. To his only
Son be praise.
And equal praise be to you, O
Holy Spirit
One undivided Trinity. Amen.

℣. Elias was covered with the
whirlwind. ℞. And his spirit was
completed in Eliseus.

Ant. (Ben.) Elias * was a man
like ourselves, subject to the
same infirmities; and he prayed
earnestly that it might not rain
upon the earth, and it did not
rain for three years and six
months. He prayed again, and
the heavens gave rain, and the
earth brought forth its fruit.

Collect

We believe, All-powerful
God, that blessed Elias, your
Prophet and our Father, has
been marvelously taken up in a
fiery chariot; grant that through
his intercession, our hearts may
be elevated to heavenly things,
and we may rejoice in the com-
panionship of your Saints. This
we ask of you through our Lord
Jesus Christ.

*At the Little Hours, Sunday
Psalms, but at Prime as on
feasts.*

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Little Chapter Eccli. 48:1-2

Like a fire there appeared the
Prophet Elias whose words were

as a flaming furnace. Their staff
of bread he shattered, in his zeal
he reduced them to straits.

Short R. By the word of the
Lord * He shut up the heavens.
– By the word. ℣. And three
times brought down fire upon
earth. – He shut. – Glory be. –
By the word.

℣. You anoint Kings unto
penance. ℞. And appoint
Prophets to be your successors.

Sext

Little Chapter Eccli 48:3-4

By God's word he shut up the
heavens and three times brought
down fire. How awesome are
you, Elias! Whose glory is equal
to yours?

Short R. You anoint Kings *
Unto penance. – You. ℣ And
appoint Prophets to be your
successors. – Unto. – Glory be.
– You.

℣. Blessed are they who saw
you. ℞. And were honored with
your friendship.

None

Little Chapter Eccli. 48:5-10

You brought a dead man back
to life from the nether world
by the will of the Lord. You are
destined, it is written, in time
to come to put an end to wrath
before the day of the Lord.

Short R. Blessed are they *
Who saw you. – Blessed. ℣.
And were honored with your
friendship. – Who saw. – Glory
be. – Blessed.

℣. Elias was covered with the

whirlwind. R. And his spirit was completed in Eliseus.

2nd Vespers

Antiphons and Little Chapter from Lauds. Psalms of Sunday, but instead of the last one there is said Psalm 147 "Lauda, Jerusalem"

Hymn

From the sun's rising to its slow descending
Let earth, air and sea hear our homage to you,
Father Elias, the strength of our Order
Your people's glory.

O shining light, with heaven's radiance glowing,
O powerful in works, and in your merits blest!
How often were you, for his mightiest deeds
By the Lord chosen!

In fiery chariot drawn by fiery horses
Upwards in triumph, swiftly angels bear you,
Blazing in glory beyond earthly beauty
In glittering light.

The only Son of the eternal Father
Called you with Moses, as faithful companion
To witness his glory, high on the lofty
Summit of Thabor.

Be near to us now with the shield of your favor.
With filial trust we confide in your love.

Your kind hand extend, we beg as your children:
Always protect us.

Praise to the Father Most High, and to the Son,
The Only-begotten, be praise, and to You
Their Holy Spirit, be praise, kingdom and power
Now and forever. Amen.

V. Blessed are they who saw you. R. And were honored with your friendship.

Ant. (Magn.) Elias took his mantle * and struck the waters of the Jordan. The waters were divided in two, and both he and Eliseus passed over on dry ground: And Elias went up by a whirlwind into heaven.

Collect

We believe, All - powerful God, that blessed Elias, your Prophet and our Father, has been marvelously taken up in a fiery chariot; grant that through his intercession, our hearts may be elevated to heavenly things, and we may rejoice in the companionship of your Saints. This we ask of you through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Sunday Compline.

July 23

Blessed Virgin Mary, Mediatrix of All Graces

2nd class

All from the common of the Blessed Virgin Mary except what is here given as proper.

Matins

Invit. Christ, the Redeemer,
Who desired us to receive all
good things through Mary. *
Come, let us adore.

Ps. 94 Venite, exultemus.

Hymn

Christ in His pity for all suf-
fering mankind
Stricken by deadly rebellion of
Adam,
Begot us anew to his heavenly
life,
Washed clean in his Blood.

O holy river, purging out all
evil,
O depthless ocean, never-failing
fountain
Flowing with seven-fold stream
of salvation
And life eternal.

Who will distribute these
waters so sacred
To mankind redeemed? To
Mary is given
This burden of mercy; to guide
in its courses
The grace-laden flood.

All gifts that for us our Re-
deemer has won,
To Mary he gives to dispense
in his name.
Her prayer opens to earth's
needy children
The wealth of her Son.

Holy Trinity, in the eternal
now,
We venerate you, most worthy
of acclaim.
Faithful to your love, our hearts
and voices sing
Songs of endless praise. Amen.

1st Nocturn

Ant. 1 You are a garden foun-
tain, * a well of water flowing
fresh from Lebanon.

Ant. 2 My hands * dripped
myrrh, and my fingers dripped
with choice myrrh.

Ant. 3 I will go * to the
mountain of myrrh, to the hill
of incense.

W. Under your protection we
all take refuge.

R. Holy Mother of God.

From the book of Ecclesiasticus

Lesson i

Ch. 24:5-11

From the mouth of the Most
High I came forth, the firstborn
before all creatures. I made a
never-failing light arise in heav-
en and mistlike I covered the
earth. In the highest heavens
did I dwell, my throne on a pil-
lar of cloud. The vault of heaven
I compassed alone, through the
deep abyss I wandered. Over the
waves of the sea I walked, over
all the land I stood, over every
people and nation I held sway.
And by my power I have trod-
den under my feet the hearts of
all the high and low. Among all
these I sought a resting place,
and I shall abide in the inherit-
ance of the Lord.

R. In Sion I fixed my abode;
and in the chosen city he has
given me rest, and in Jerusalem
is my domain. * I have struck
root among the glorious people,
in the portion of the Lord, his

heritage, and my abode is in the full assembly of saints. *V.* Like cinnamon, or fragrant balm, I give forth perfume; like precious myrrh I give forth fragrance. — I have.

Lesson ii Ch. 24:22-31

Like a terebinth I spread out my branches, my branches so bright and so graceful. I bud forth delights like the vine, my blossoms become fruit fair and rich. I am the mother of fair love and of fear and of knowledge and of holy hope. In me is all grace of the way and of the truth, in me is all hope of life and of virtue. Come to me, all you that yearn for me, and be filled with my fruits; you will remember me as sweeter than honey, better to have than the honeycomb. As age follows age, the memory of me will endure. He who eats of me will hunger still, he who drinks of me will thirst for more; he who obeys me will not be put to shame, he who serves me will never fail; he who makes me known will have life everlasting.

R. With me are riches and glory, magnificent wealth and justice. * For my fruit is better than gold and precious stone, and my revenue than choice silver. *V.* On the path of duty I walk, along the paths of justice, granting wealth to those who love me, and filling their treasures. — For.

Lesson iii Ch. 24:41-46

Like a brook out of a river of a mighty water, like a channel of a river and like an aqueduct, I came out of paradise. I said: I will water my plants, my flower bed I will drench; and suddenly this rivulet of mine became a river, then this stream of mine, a sea. Thus do I send my teachings forth shining like the dawn, to become known afar off. I will penetrate to all the lower parts of the earth, and will behold all that sleep, and will enlighten all that hope in the Lord. I will yet pour out doctrine as prophecy and will leave it to them that seek wisdom, and will not cease to instruct their offspring even to the holy age.

R. In me is all grace of the way and of the truth, in me is all hope of life and of virtue. * Come to me all you that yearn for me, and be filled with my fruits. *V.* You will remember me as sweeter than honey, better to have than the honeycomb. — Come to me. — Glory be. — Come to me.

2nd Nocturn

Ant. 4 She had favor * and kindness before the King above all women.

Ant. 5 Ask, my mother; * for I must not turn away my face.

Ant. 6 Call upon the Lord, * and speak to the King for us, and deliver us from death.

V. Despise not our petitions.

R. In our necessities.

Prayer of St. Ephrem,
the Syrian, Deacon,
to the Mother of God

Lesson iv

My Queen, most holy Mother of God and full of grace, you are an inexhaustible sea of divine secrets, benefits, and gifts; dispenser of all good things; after the Trinity, Mistress of all, after the Paraclete, another Consoler, after the one Mediator, the Mediatrix of the whole world. Look upon my faith and my heaven-sent desires. Do not despise me because I am unworthy. Do not permit the baseness of my actions to interrupt the flow of your immense mercy, O Mother of God, the sweetest of all names to me. No sign of victory is as sure as your aid. For you have taken away all tears from the face of the earth; you have filled every living creature with blessings; you have brought joy to those in heaven, salvation to those on earth. Through you we have a most sure sign of our own resurrection; through you we hope to arrive at the heavenly kingdom; through you, O only Immaculate, all glory, honor, and holiness has been given, is now being given, and will ever be given, from the first man Adam, until the consummation of time, to Apostles, Prophets, the just and the humble of heart. In you, O full of grace, all creation rejoices.

R. Behold my Lord has given

all things to me * There is not anything that is not under my authority or has not been given to me. V. He who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name. — There is not.

Sermon of St. Germanus,
Bishop of Constantinople

(ninth prayer)

Lesson v

We are poor in divine works and virtues, but through you, O Mary, in whom we see the wealth of goodness, we readily proclaim: The earth is full of the mercy of the Lord. We are exiles from God by reason of the number of our sins; through you, we seek God and find him, and in finding him we are saved. So powerful is your aid in obtaining salvation, O Mother of God, that, after Christ, we need no other mediator with God. Surely there is no end to your magnificence, no limit to your assistance, no counting of your gifts. No one attains salvation except through you, Mary most holy. No one is freed from evils except through you, Mary immaculate. No one is given any gifts except through you, Mary most chaste. No one receives the blessing of mercy and grace except through you, Mary most honored. Who is there who does not call you blessed? Who does not call you glorious? Who does not declare you worthy of praise? For your own

Son and God has done great and wonderful things for you. Therefore all generations praise you.

R. She has been placed over all; she governs the home entrusted to her and all things that have been committed to her. * Without her command, no one shall move hand or foot in the whole earth. **V.** The Lord has given her the blessing of all nations and has ratified his covenant with her. — Without her.

Sermon of St. Bernard, Abbot
(*On the Nativity of B.V.M.*,
n. 6)

Lesson vi

O man, gaze upon God's plan: recognize its wisdom, its loving-kindness. He would water the threshing-floor with dew from heaven, first he soaks the fleece: he would redeem the human race, he places within Mary the whole ransom price. And why is this? Perhaps that Eve might be exonerated through her daughter. No longer will you say, O Adam: "The woman whom you gave me, gave me of the forbidden tree." Say, rather: "The woman whom you gave me has fed me with blessed fruit." Surely this is a most loving plan. But perhaps there is another and this is not the whole plan. Let us therefore look more deeply. Let us consider with what tender devotion God wishes us to honor Mary

since he has placed within her such fullness of all good; so that we may know that whatever gift of grace or hope or salvation is given to us has come to us through his gifts overflowing from her. Let us honor Mary, then, from our inmost hearts, with all our love, with every act of devotion; because this is the will of him who wishes us to have everything through Mary. This, I say, is his will, but it is for our benefit.

R. Praise the Lord our God, who has not forsaken them that hope in him: * And by me, his handmaid, he has fulfilled his mercy, which he promised to the house of Israel. **V.** God has exalted me that he might save many peoples. — And by me. — Glory be. — And by me.

3rd Nocturn

Ant. 7 If I have found favor * in your sight, O King, give me my people for which I request.

Ant. 8 Blessed are you * above all women upon the earth, because you have prevented our ruin in the presence of our God.

Ant. 9 Rule over us, * you, and your Son: because you have delivered us from the hands of our enemies.

V. Deliver us always from all dangers. **R.** Glorious and blessed Virgin.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Lesson vii Ch. 19:25-27

At that time there were standing by the cross of Jesus his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary of Cleophas, and Mary Magdalene. And so forth.

A homily of St. Bernardine of Siena

(Lenten series on the Christian Religion, sermon 51 on the Passion of the Lord, part 2, art. 1, chap. 3)

Everyone who hears or reads these words is moved to reflect on how it is possible that the disciple becomes the son of the Virgin. By what means, by what train of thought, by what authority, is it said? Or, how can it be said that the Virgin has as son a mere man whom she did not beget? Or that a son, born of the seed of parents under original sin, could be the son of the Virgin? These things seem impossible, but nothing is impossible with God. With reverence and prayer such a mystery must be approached. Christ addressed the Virgin Mary as "Woman." He is never recorded as having called her "Mother." A woman, but not a woman; a woman, but far surpassing angels and men and all other women. She received from her Son, Who was also the only Son of the eternal Father, another son whom she did not bring forth in the flesh and who was previously her nephew.

R. Mary has been made a

refuge for the poor * A helper in necessities, in troubles. V. The Virgin strong as the tower of David. A thousand shields hang upon it, all the armor of valiant men. — A helper.

Lesson viii

But by what sort of sonship does John become the son of the Virgin, or she become his mother? Nature does not favor this. He was not conceived by her, nor brought forth by her, nor did he enter her womb to be born a second time. It was not by adoption to inherit temporal goods nor was it by imitation or by doctrine imparted. The words of Christ were not concerned with these things. And he did not say that John would be "as a son" to her. We read that Christ said: "Woman, this is your son." So that, with every excess word eliminated, we might penetrate to the secret of this mystery. For mystically we recognize in John all the souls of the elect. The Virgin becomes the mother of them all through love. In Greek, the word son is a term of affection. Since all Christ's love flows into the Virgin's love, then rightly may John be called son of the Virgin, that is, love of the Virgin. And John may truly be called the son of the Virgin who became his mother through love, rather than the son of her who, having received seed, brought him into a world condemned in its sin.

R. Let us approach with confidence to the throne of grace, * That we may receive mercy and find help in the time of need. V. To you, O Virgin, we send forth our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. – That we may. – Glory be. – That we may.

Lesson ix

This change in motherhood and sonship is accomplished by the authority of Christ as he hangs upon the cross. By it nature passes over into grace and grace truly ennobles nature. One is not changed into the other, but nature is perfected by grace. Eve was an evil woman through corruption of nature; Mary, a good woman, mother of grace, mother of mercy. The Mother of grace is given to us to replace the mother by nature. For John was the son of Mary Salome according to nature; he is the son of the blessed Virgin in the order of grace. Eve is the mother of all through natural inheritance; Mary is the mother of all who love Christ through the inpouring of invisible grace.

Te Deum laudamus.

Lauds

Ant. 1 The blessing * of all nations the Lord has given to her, and he has ratified his covenant with her.

Psalms of Sunday in the 1st place.

2 Her mercy * is everlasting,

and from generation to generation.

3 I will bless you * all my life and in your name I will lift up my hands.

4 You have not spared * your own life, by reason of the distress and tribulation of your people.

5 Remember * Virgin Mother of God, while you stand in the presence of the Lord, to speak good things of us.

Little Chapter *Is. 55:1*

All you who are thirsty, come to the water! You who have no money, come, receive grain and eat; come, without paying and without cost, drink wine and milk!

Hymn

O Mary, you receive with love
The prayers all men pour out
to you;

We beg you in your mercy stay
Now and forever at our side.

Be near us if the fearful bonds
Of sin's allurements hold us
fast;

Break quickly the entangling
chains

And free our hearts from guilt
and fear.

Come with your aid if worldly
loves

Dazzle our sight with polished
lies.

Let not our minds, forgetting
heaven,

Stray from the path that leads
to God.

Come with your aid when, in
our lives,

Misfortune threatens, danger
nears;
Our times make peaceful by
your power
Until eternal day shall dawn.

To us your children, ever be
Guardian at our hour of death
That with your help we may at-
tain
The prize of everlasting life.

O Jesus, of the Virgin born,
Eternal glory be to you,
To Father and to Paraclete,
All glory be forevermore. Amen.

℣. Pray for us, Mediatrix
most mighty. ℞. Make us worthy
of the promises of Christ.

Ant. (Ben.) Without your
command * no one shall move
hand or foot in the whole land.

Collect

O Lord Jesus Christ, our Me-
diator with the Father, you have
appointed the most blessed Vir-
gin, your Mother, who is also our
mother, as our mediatrix with
you. Grant that whoever comes
to you seeking blessings, may
be given the favors he seeks
through her pleading. This we
ask of you, Lord Jesus, living
and reigning with the same God
the Father in the unity of the
Holy Spirit, God, forever.
Amen.

*A commemoration is made of
St. Apollinaris, Bishop and
Martyr:*

Ant. He who hates * his life
in this world, keeps it unto life
everlasting.

℣. The just man shall flourish

like the palm tree. ℞. Like a
cedar of Lebanon shall he grow.

Collect

You are the rewarder of faith-
ful souls, O Lord, and you have
sanctified this day by the martyr-
dom of your Bishop St. Apolli-
naris. Grant that we, your serv-
ants, may obtain your forgive-
ness through the prayers of him
whose solemnity we are celebrat-
ing. This we ask of you through
our Lord.

*At the Little Hours, anti-
phons and psalms of the current
weekday; at Prime, in the short
responsory the versicle is:*

You who were born of the
Virgin Mary.

Terce

Little Chapter *Is. 55:1*

All you who are thirsty, come
to the water! You who have
no money, come, receive grain
and eat; come, without paying
and without cost, drink wine and
milk!

Short ℞. Under your protec-
tion * We all take refuge. —
Under. ℣. Holy Mother of God.
—We all. — Glory be. — Under
your.

℣. Despise not our petitions.
℞. In our necessities.

Sext

Little Chapter *Is. 55:2-3*

Heed me, and you shall eat
well, you shall delight in rich
fare. Come to me heedfully, lis-
ten that you may have life.

Short R. Our petitions * Do not despise. — Our petitions. *V.* In our necessities. — Do not despise. — Glory be. — Our.

V. From all dangers deliver us always. *R.* Glorious and blessed Virgin.

None

Little Chapter Is. 55:5

So shall you summon a nation you knew not, and nations that knew you not shall run to you, because of the Lord, your God, the Holy One of Israel, who has glorified you.

Short R. Our petitions * Do Deliver us always. — From all. *V.* Glorious and blessed Virgin. — Deliver. — Glory be. — From all.

V. O then, our gracious advocate. *R.* Turn your merciful eyes toward us.

Vespers

Antiphons and Little Chapter from Lauds. Hymn, "Ave Maris Stella."

V. Pray for us, Mediatrix most mighty. *R.* Make us worthy of the promises of Christ.

Ant. (Magn.) Our salvation * is in your hands; only look at us and we will joyfully serve our Lord the King.

Collect

O Lord Jesus Christ, our Mediator with the Father, you have appointed the most blessed Virgin, your Mother, who is also our mother, as our mediatrix

with you. Grant that whoever comes to you seeking blessings, may be given the favors he seeks through her pleading. This we ask of you, Lord Jesus, living and reigning with the same God the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever. Amen.

Sunday Compline.

July 26

St. Anne, Mother of the Blessed Virgin Mary

2nd class

All as in the Roman Breviary except:

Lauds

V. Grace is poured out upon your lips. *R.* Thus God has blessed you forever.

Ant. (Ben.) O blessed Anne, * you are reigning with the Angels forever. Remember us in your happiness that we may merit to join your company.

Collect

O Lord, You reserved to St. Anne the grace of giving birth to the Mother of your Son. Grant that we may be helped through the intercession of her whose feast we celebrate today. This we ask of you through the same Jesus Christ.

Vespers

V. Grace is poured out upon your lips. *R.* Thus God has blessed you forever.

Ant. (Magn.) O Anne, *

mother of the august Lady who is the Mother of Mercy, shining jewel of the heavenly court, we venerate you in our love of your Daughter.

July 30

Blessed John Soreth

Confessor

3rd class

Matins

Lesson iii

John was born of a respectable family at Caen in Normandy. He consecrated himself to the Virgin Mother of God and entered the Carmelite Order. He was sent to Paris for further study and there he gave clear evidence of the glory he was to bring to his Order. Reluctant and unwilling, he was chosen for the highest office in the Order, and in his term of office as Superior he left nothing undone to maintain monastic discipline and customs among his brothers. He thought nothing of honors and dignities and he refused the Episcopate and the Cardinalate offered him by Pope Callistus III. He founded monasteries for women according to the Carmelite Rule, and traveled throughout Europe in his zeal for the spread of the Order, enduring many trials in consequence. At Liege, when sacrilegious men broke into the tabernacle of a church, seized the ciborium, and trampled the sacred Species underfoot, Blessed John braved the spears of

the angry mob, made his way to the church, reverently gathered up the Sacred Bread, and placed it with due honor in his own monastery. Full of days and merits, he departed for heaven at Angers on the thirtieth of July, 1471. Pius IX confirmed the honor which had been paid to him for centuries.

Te Deum laudamus.

Lauds

V. The Lord led the just man in right paths. R. And showed him the kingdom of God.

Ant. (Ben.) Well done, * good and faithful servant, because you have been faithful over a few things, I will set you over many. Enter into the joy of your Lord.

Collect

O God, you are the Giver of all good things. You strengthened blessed John Soreth with an ardent zeal for your honor and exceptional fortitude in braving danger. Grant that, through his merits and prayers, we may be strong enough to bear all adversities and to remain steadfast in your love. This we ask of you through our Lord.

A commemoration is made of Sts. Abdon and Sennen, Martyrs:

Ant. The hairs of your head * are all numbered. Do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

V. The Saints will exult in glory. R They will sing for joy upon their couches.

Collect

To your Saints Abdon and Sennen You gave abundant graces, Lord, with which to win their present glory. Grant your servants the forgiveness of their sins, and, by the merits of your Saints, deliver them from all adversity. This we ask of You through our Lord.

August 7
St. Albert
Confessor

3rd class

Matins

Invit. The Lord, King of Confessors, * Come, let us adore.
Ps. 94 Venite, exsultemus.

Hymn

Feast days of August return in due season
Time is at hand to pronounce in his honor
Praise of St. Albert; and Carmel reechoes
Their Father's renown.

When only seven he followed the pattern
Set by the Baptist; leaving his father's home,
Hastening to enter the holy Order of
The Virgin most tender.

Clothed in her mantle of white he was given
Wonderful graces from heaven, and power

Over the lowest regions of the kingdom
Of the netherworld.

An evil spirit shattered a lamp of glass;
Then Albert prayed with tears before the altar,
And the scattered fragments assembled themselves
Again into one.

Lustiness of youth, source of sins, he conquered,
And hell's illusions; he bore with equal grace
The blessings of good times, adversities of bad.
Honors he despised.

Praise to God most high,
praise to the Father's Son,
Honor unending to the Holy Spirit
And with equal praise let us forever sing
To the Three in One. Amen.

Lesson iii

Albert the Carmelite was born in Sicily of noble parents who had been childless for twenty-six years. When as a boy he was ready to be trained in the liberal arts, he entered, instead, the monastery at Drepanum. In a short time he distinguished himself above the others as a model of virtue. He subdued his flesh with garments of sackcloth and with fasting. He labored unceasingly to observe poverty, chastity, and obedience. Famous for the gift of miracles, he converted many Jews and pagans to the faith of Christ by his preaching. When

the city of Messina was besieged by Robert, King of Naples, and the citizens, threatened by famine, besought his help, his prayers averted the danger. Once when he was traveling to Agrigentum, it happened that the river Platanus had overflowed its banks and some Jews were in danger of being swept into the waters. Albert, on receiving their promise to become Christians, walked on the water to them and led them to safety. Returning to Messina he fell gravely ill and there he breathed forth his soul to God. His brethren, standing around his bed, beheld his soul ascending in the form of a white dove.

Te Deum laudamus.

Lauds

Little Chapter Eccl. 50:6-7

Like a star shining among the clouds, like the full moon at the holyday season; like the sun shining, so this man shone out in the temple of God.

Hymn

Passing dry shod through the turbulent river,
Albert went calmly; the wave carried the pure.
Goodness unarmed was the weapon that kept him
Safe through all dangers.

Faces made frightful by leprous infection
He kissed and expelled the festering illness
From the rotting skin. The

whole body regained
The beauty of health.

Freely, no human aid guiding,
bells loudly
Rang out from the towers, when
for the mightier
Fortress of heaven, the holy man
Albert
Took his departure.

Angels descended in sight of
the people
As the funeral rites were duly
performed.
From heaven they came to add
heavenly song
To praises of men.

Fragrance that rose from his
unburied body
Brought health to the sick, and
still to this day
The stones of his tomb drive
illness from many
Who pray to him there.

Praise to God most high,
praise to the Father's Son,
Honor unending to the Holy
Spirit
And with equal praise let us forever
sing
To the Three in One. Amen.

℣. The Lord led the just man
in right paths. ℞. And showed
him the kingdom of God.

Ant. (Ben.) Well done, *
good and faithful servant, because
you have been faithful over a few
things, I will set you over many.
Enter into the joy of your Lord.

Collect

O God, you called St. Albert
to the Order of your holy

Mother. Through his merits and following his example, may we serve you worthily and with him enjoy the good things of eternity. This we ask of you, Lord Jesus.

A commemoration is made of St. Cajetan, Confessor:

Ant. Do not be anxious, * saying, "What shall we eat?" or, "What shall we drink?" Your Father knows that you need all these things.

V. The Lord loved him and adorned him. *R.* He clothed him with splendid apparel.

Collect

O Lord, you gave St. Cajetan the grace to live like the Apostles. At his intercession grant that we may follow his example, always putting our trust in you and desiring only the treasures of heaven. (This we ask of you.)

Then a commemoration of St. Donatus, Bishop and Martyr:

Ant. He who hates * his life in this world, keeps it unto life everlasting.

V. The just man shall flourish like the palm tree. *R.* Like a cedar of Lebanon shall he grow.

Collect

You are the glory of your pontiffs, Lord; grant that we may feel the assistance of your Martyr Bishop, St. Donatus, whose memory we are celebrating. This we ask of you through our Lord.

Terce

Little Chapter as at Lauds.

Vespers

Little Chapter as at Lauds

Hymn as at Matins

V. The Lord led the just man in right paths. *R.* And showed him the kingdom of God.

Ant. (Magn.) O Albert, * model of chastity, purity and continence, ask the Mother of Mercy to protect us in this valley of misery from every sin, and when we have put off this mortal body, to enjoy eternal rest.

August 18

Blessed Angelus Augustine

Mazzinghi
Confessor

3rd class

Matins

Lesson iii

Angelus, of the illustrious Mazzinghi family, was born at Florence and spent his boyhood in study and exercises of piety. Inspired by the most holy Virgin he entered the Carmelite Order. After his solemn profession he transferred to the convent at Silvarum in order to follow a more austere mode of life. He was ordained priest and thereafter became so distinguished for learning and piety that no one since has equalled his government of the community. He filled the office of superior with such zeal that his sanctity became widely known.

He made his body thin with fasting and he spent days and nights in contemplation of divine things. He was famous for his sound doctrine and for his sermons. Through them he succeeded in recalling many from the broad way of perdition to the narrow way of evangelical perfection. His work accomplished he departed for the heavenly abode of the blessed on the day foretold to him by the most blessed Virgin in the year of salvation 1438. His renown, augmented by miracles, has endured to this day. Clement XIII approved by apostolic authority the honor paid to him since immemorial times.

Te Deum laudamus.

Lauds

V. The Lord led the just man in right paths. *R.* And showed him the kingdom of God.

Ant. (Ben.) Well done, * good and faithful servant, because you have been faithful over a few things, I will set you over many. Enter into the joy of your Lord.

Collect

Each year, O God, you give us the joy of celebrating the solemnity of Blessed Angelus. May we have him as our patron in heaven whom we venerate on earth as a defender of religious life. This we ask of you through our Lord.

A commemoration is made of St. Agapitus, Martyr:

Ant. He who hates * his life in this world, keeps it unto life everlasting.

V. The just man shall flourish like the palm tree. *R.* Like a cedar of Lebanon shall he grow.

Collect

Trusting in the intercession of St. Agapitus, may your Church be joyful, Lord! And, thanks to the prayers of your glorified Martyr, may she remain faithful in your service and dwell in peace. This we ask of you through our Lord.

August 27

Transverberation of the Heart of St. Teresa

Virgin, Our Mother

2nd class

Matins

Invit. Christ, Who wounded Teresa languishing with love, * Come, let us adore.

Ps. 94 Venite, exsultemus.

Hymn

Herald of the heavenly King
Your father's home, O Teresa,
you desert

To give to barbarous lands
Christ, or your life's blood.

But a sweeter death awaits
you,
A more delightful penance is
asked of you.

With the dart of divine love.

You are pierced and wounded.

O victim of love!
Inflame our hearts
And free from the fire of hell
Those entrusted to your care.

Praise be to the Father and
to the Son
And to the Spirit Advocate
And to Thee, O Holy Trinity,
Now and forever. Amen.

Ant. 1 Set me * as a seal upon
your heart: for stern as death is
love.

*Psalms from the Common of
Virgins*

Ant. 2 His arrow, * like that
of a destroyer, does not return
in vain.

Ant. 3 He has wounded *
my loins: he has torn me with
wound upon wound.

℣. Search me, O Lord, and
try me. ℞. Test my soul and my
heart.

From the Canticle of Canticles
Lesson i Ch. 5:6-8

I opened to my lover, but my
lover had departed, gone. My
soul melted when he spoke. I
sought him but I did not find
him; I called to him, but he
did not answer me. The watch-
men came upon me as they
made their rounds of the city;
they struck me, and wounded
me, and took my mantle from
me, the guardians of the walls.
I adjure you, daughters of Jeru-
salem, if you find my lover —
what shall you tell him? — that
I am faint with love.

℞. He does great and wonder-
ful things, * He wounds, and
he cures. ℣. He strikes and his
hands shall heal. — He wounds.

Lesson ii Ch. 7:10-13

I belong to my lover and for
me he yearns. Come, my lover,
let us go forth to the fields and
spend the night among the vil-
lages. Let us go early to the
vineyards, and see if the vines
are in bloom, if the buds have
opened, if the pomegranates
have blossomed; There will I
give you my love. The man-
drakes give forth fragrance, and
at our doors are all choice fruits;
both fresh and mellowed fruits,
my lover, I have kept in store
for you.

℞. The All-powerful, whose
fire is in Sion * And his furnace
in Jerusalem. ℣. He makes his
angels spirits, and his ministers
a burning fire. — And.

Lesson iii Ch. 8:6-7

Set me as a seal on your heart,
as a seal on your arm; for stern
as death is love, relentless as the
nether world is devotion; its
flames are a blazing fire. Deep
waters cannot quench love, nor
floods sweep it away. Were one
to offer all he owns to purchase
love, he would be roundly
mocked.

℞. From on high he sent fire
into my bones. * And has chas-
tised me. ℣. He set in order
charity in me. — And. — Glory
be. — And.

2nd Nocturn

Ant. 4 Within me * all is in ferment; my gall is poured out upon the ground.

Ant. 5 The lamps of love * are lamps of fire and flames.

Ant. 6 He softened my heart * he tried me like gold that passes through fire.

V. My heart grew hot within me. *R.* And in my meditation a fire blazed forth.

Lesson iv

(From the Bull of Canonization, Sec. 6 and 12, and the Life of St. Teresa, Ch. 29.)

Among the virtues of Teresa, the one which shone most brilliantly was her love for God. It inflamed her heart to such an extent that Teresa's confessors regarded it and extolled it as more like that of the Cherubim than that of a human being. Our Lord Jesus Christ wonderfully increased this love by many visions and revelations to her. On one occasion he gave her his right hand, pointing out to her the nail which pierced it, and took her formally as his Bride. He spoke to her in these words: From this time on, like my true Bride, you shall be zealous for my honor; for I am all yours and you are wholly mine.

R. I the Lord, am the searcher of hearts * I reward everyone according to his ways, according to the merit of his deeds. *V.* How good is God to Israel, to those

who are of a right heart! – I reward.

Lesson v

On another occasion, Teresa saw an Angel piercing her inmost heart with a fiery dart. This, she herself describes in the following words: "I would see at my left hand an Angel standing in bodily form; he was not large, but small, and very beautiful in appearance. His countenance was so aflame and shining that he seemed to be from among the highest ranks of heaven, who are all on fire, or of those who are called Seraphim. I would see that he carried in his hands a long dart and at its tip a point like fire. With this dart, more than once he pierced my heart through to my very entrails; and when he drew out the dart, they seemed to be drawn out with it; and I was left wholly on fire with love of God. The pain of the wound was so intense that I was forced to break out in repeated moans, and yet, so great was the sweetness this vehement pain produced in me, that one could not wish it to be taken away, nor could my soul take pleasure in anything except in God Himself."

R. The Lord said to his servant: * Bring back to me the arrows I shoot. *V.* And so the servant went to the place of the dart: he gathered the arrows and brought them back to the Lord. – Bring.

Lesson vi

As a consequence of these heavenly gifts, the flame of divine love was enkindled in her heart to such an extent that, inspired by God, she made a vow always to do what was more perfect, and what she understood to be to the greater glory of God. After her death, she appeared to a certain nun and made known that she had departed from this life, not so much from the ravages of disease, but rather from the unbearable heat of divine love. Her heart, still incorrupt, and bearing the marks of this transpiercing, is preserved in the church of the Most Holy Incarnation belonging to the nuns of the Discalced Carmelite Order at Alba. Even to the present day, many Christians make pilgrimages there to venerate it. In view of all these things Benedict XIII, the Supreme Pontiff, granted to that Order the privilege of commemorating this singular favor by an annual feast.

R. Your arrows, O Lord, are in me: * What strength have I, that I should endure? *V.* My flesh has fainted, and my heart, O God of my heart. — What — Glory be. — What.

3rd Nocturn

Ant. 7 Strengthen me with flowers * refresh me with apples: for I am wounded by love.

Ant. 8 His hand * is heavy upon me in my groanings.

Ant. 9 I have struck you; * your pain is incurable: I will heal you of your wounds.

V. According to the multitude of sorrows in my heart.

R. Your comforts have given joy to my soul.

A Reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Lesson vii *Ch.* 12:48-50

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples: Of everyone to whom much has been given, much will be required; and of him to whom they have entrusted much, they will demand the more. I have come to cast fire upon the earth. And so forth.

A homily of
St. Basil the Great

(From the Book of Rules)

What, I ask, is more worthy of our gaze than divine beauty? What concept of God is more popular in meditating on His majesty? What desire could a man invent for himself equal to that divinely engendered in a soul that is wholly purged of all vices? What desire so intense or so unbearable? What soul can truly and sincerely say: I am faint with love: and, I am wounded with love. Wholly unexplainable and impossible to describe at all worthily the brilliance that shines and flashes forth from the most brilliant fountain of divine beauty. No prayer adequately expresses these things; no hearing per-

ceives them. You may say they surpass the morning star in its shining, the moon in its splendor, the sun in its most radiant brilliance. These lights are dark in comparison with the light of divine beauty, and they are of no value to use as a measure of likeness to describe its glory. They are farther removed from that true light, when compared, than the deepest night, or the darkness of a blind man, is from the brightness of noonday.

R. All my bones say: * Lord, who is like you? V. My soul rather chooses hanging and my bones death. — Lord.

Lesson viii

The surpassing excellence of such beauty, bodily eyes cannot look upon. Only the soul and intellect can in any fashion apprehend it. When it enfolds in its light any holy persons, it leaves in their souls a sting of desire so unbearable that they are wearied of this life and they repeatedly break out into such expressions as: "Woe is me that my sojourn is prolonged!" and: "When will I come and appear before the face of God!" and: "To be dissolved and to be with Christ is a far better thing!" and: "My soul thirsts for the strong living God!" For they shrink from this life as from a filthy prison, until they find it difficult to keep their souls confined in their bodies once they have been touched by the love of God.

R. The flame that is enkindled is not put out. * I, the Lord, have enkindled it. V. Are not my words like a fire? — I, the Lord. — Glory be. — I, the Lord.

Lesson ix

For when they burn with this insatiable longing to look on divine beauty, they eagerly desire a whole eternity to satisfy their joy in contemplating His loveliness. Man, by his very nature, is moved to seek out spontaneously what is beautiful. Now what is properly called, and truly is beautiful and lovable and to be sought after is that which is good. But God is Supreme Good. What is good is sought after by all; therefore all seek God. From which it is rightly concluded that whatever we do of our own will, with an upright heart, we have the strength to do this implanted within us by our own nature; those of us, that is, whose natural reason has not been totally depraved by viciousness. It follows necessarily that love for God is demanded of us as a debt. To lack it is evil; the greatest by far of all evils.

Te Deum laudamus.

Lauds

Ant. 1 I adjure you, * daughters of Jerusalem, that you tell my lover that I am faint with love.

Psalms of Sunday in the 1st place.

2 His quiver * he has opened;
and within me is a seething.

3 He drew taut his bow; *
and his dart shot out like lightning.

4 O Lord, you make * your
Angels spirits; and your ministers a burning fire.

5 My heart * is set on fire,
and my reins have been changed.

Little Chapter *Hebr. 4:12*

Brethren: For the word of God is living and efficient and keener than any two-edged sword, and extending even to the division of soul and spirit, of joints also and of marrow, and a discerner of the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

Hymn

Happy the day when the soul
of Teresa

Like a white dove
Flew off to the holy temple
Of the heavenly regions.

She heard the voice of her
Spouse:

Come, my sister, from the summit
of Carmel,
To the wedding feast of the
Lamb;

Come to the crown of glory.

O Jesus, Spouse of Virgins,
May the blessed ranks of virgins
worship you;

Through all eternity may they
sing

The holy wedding song.

℣. Your arrows have sunk
deep in me. ℞. And your hand
has come down upon me.

Ant. (Ben.) The Lord has set
me up * for a target. His arrows
strike me from all directions,
he pours out my gall upon the
ground.

Collect

Lord Jesus, you pierced with
a fiery dart the spotless heart of
Teresa, your Virgin-Bride, and
our Mother, and consecrated
her as a victim of love. Through
her pleading, grant us that our
hearts also may burn with the
fire of the Holy Spirit and that
we may love you in all things
and more than all things. This
we ask of you, Lord Jesus, living
and reigning with the Father in
the unity of the same Holy
Spirit, God, forever. Amen.

*A commemoration is made of
St. Joseph Calasanctius, Con-
fessor:*

Ant. Well done, * good and
faithful servant, because you
have been faithful over a few
things, I will set you over many.
Enter into the joy of your Lord.

℣. The Lord led the just man
in right paths. ℞. And showed
him the kingdom of God.

Collect

Lord, through St. Joseph Cal-
sanctius you supplied your
Church with new helpers for
the formation of youth in the
spirit of understanding and of
piety. Aided by his example and
his intercession, may we by our
conduct and our teaching obtain
an eternal reward. This we ask
of you through our Lord.

At the Little Hours, antiphons and psalms of the current weekday.

Terce

Little Chapter as at Lauds

Short R. Search me, O Lord,
* And try me. — Search. V. Test
my soul and my heart. — And. —
Glory be. — Search.

V. My heart grew hot within
me. R. And in my meditation a
fire blazed forth.

Sext

Little Chapter Hebr. 4:13

And there is no creature hid-
den from his sight; but all things
are naked and open to his eyes.

Short R. My heart grew hot
* Within me. — My heart. V.
And in my meditation a fire
blazed forth. — Within me. —
Glory be. — My heart.

V. According to the multi-
tude of sorrows in my heart. R.
Your comforts have given joy to
my soul.

None

Little Chapter Lam. 3:12-13

He bent his bow, and set me
up as a target for his arrow. He
pierced my sides with shafts
from his quiver.

Short R. According to the
multitude of sorrows * In my
heart. — According. V. Your
comforts have given joy to my
soul. — In my heart. — Glory be.
— According.

V. Your arrows have sunk
deep in me. R. And your hand
has come down upon me.

Vespers

*Antiphons and Little Chapter
as at Lauds; psalms from the
Common of Feasts of the
Blessed Virgin Mary.*

Hymn

Herald of the heavenly King,
Your father's home, O Teresa,
you desert

To give to barbarous lands
Christ, or your life's blood.

But a sweeter death awaits
you,

A more delightful penance is
asked of you.

With the dart of divine love
You are pierced and wounded.

O victim of Love!
Inflame our hearts
And free from the fire of hell
Those entrusted to your care.

Praise be to the Father and
to the Son
And to the Spirit Advocate
And to thee, O Holy Trinity
Now and forever. Amen.

V. Your arrows have sunk
deep in me. R. And your hand
has come down upon me.

Ant. (Magn.) Then it be-
comes * like fire burning in my
heart, imprisoned in my bones;
I grow weary holding it in, I can-
not endure it.

Collect

Lord Jesus, you pierced with
a fiery dart the spotless heart of
Teresa, your Virgin-Bride, and
our Mother, and consecrated
her as a victim of love. Through
her pleading, grant us that our

hearts also may burn with the fire of the Holy Spirit and that we may love you in all things and more than all things. This we ask of you, Lord Jesus, living and reigning with the Father in the unity of the same Holy Spirit, God, forever. Amen.

Sunday Compline.

September 2
St. Brocard
Confessor
3rd class
Matins
Lesson iii

Brocard was born in Jerusalem. Inflamed with the desire to give himself entirely to God, he entered the Carmelite Order where he was conspicuous for holiness. Upon the death of St. Berthold he was chosen by the unanimous vote of the brethren for the office of Prior General. In order to strengthen regular observance he petitioned the Patriarch Albert for a written rule. By this same blessed Albert, he was sent to Damascus to King Saladin, to arrange for a cessation of hostilities. After accomplishing this mission, he cured of leprosy the King's Viceroy whom he also converted to Christianity and brought back with him to Carmel. Famous for these and similar accomplishments, he was illustrious also for the power of miracles. One of these was the raising of a young man to life and then receiving

him into the Order. At the age of eighty, when he was at the point of death, he exhorted his brethren to persevere in good works and form their lives after the pattern of Mary and Elias. Then he breathed forth his soul most piously to God.

Te Deum laudamus.

Lauds

V. The Lord led the just man in right paths. R. And showed him the kingdom of God.

Ant. (Ben.) Well done, * good and faithful servant, because you have been faithful over a few things, I will set you over many. Enter into the joy of your Lord.

Collect

Sanctify your servants, Lord, in their veneration of blessed Brocard, dweller on Mount Carmel. Humbly we ask that by the help of his intercession, our lives may everywhere be guided aright through all adversities. This we ask of you through our Lord.

A commemoration is made of St. Stephen, Confessor.

Ant. I shall liken him * to a wise man who built his house on rock.

V. The Lord loved him and adorned him.

R. He clothed him with splendid apparel.

Collect

God all-powerful, St. Stephen was the apostle of your Church

when he was a king on earth. Make him its protector, now that he is glorified in heaven. This we ask of you through our Lord.

September 25

St. Albert, Bishop of Jerusalem
Confessor, Lawgiver of Our Order

2nd class

All from the Common of a Confessor Bishop, except what is here given as proper:

2nd Nocturn

Lesson iv

Albert, born of an illustrious family, was deprived of his parents in the flower of his youth. Fearing to be contaminated with the pitch of this world, he left it and entered the institute of Canons Regular. There he advanced to such a degree in the pursuit of letters and in reputation for sanctity that he was like a candelabra upon the Church of Milan. After a few years he was sought out to be Bishop of Vercelli.

R. I have found David, my servant: with my holy oil I have anointed him, * For my hand shall help him. V. The enemy shall have no advantage over him, nor shall the son of iniquity hurt him. – For.

Lesson v

This dignity did not puff him up, but he remained, as before, humble in manners, sparing in

food, chaste in body, generous in almsgiving, assiduous in the divine office, and most fervent in preaching. And by his example he led both clerics and laity to a more virtuous life. Then he was sought for by the eastern clergy as Patriarch of Jerusalem. This burden he accepted unwillingly in obedience to the Supreme Pontiff. In this office he conducted himself with such great holiness that he was held in veneration not only by the Christians but even by the Saracens.

R. I have lent my aid to one who was already strong, and have exalted one chosen out of my people. * For my hand shall help him. V. I have found David, my servant; with my holy oil I have anointed him. – For.

Lesson vi

From the works of St. Basil and of John, 44th Bishop of Jerusalem, he drew up a rule of life to be observed by the Carmelite Order to which he was united by the tenderest bonds of love. In addition, in his zeal for promoting Christian piety, he had monasteries built on Mount Carmel and in the cities of Ptolemais, Tyre, Sarephta, Sidon, Tripoli, and Lebanon. Persecuted by the fury of impious men, he retired secretly and joined the hermits of Carmel where he was consoled by the visible appearance of Jesus Christ and was wonderfully

strengthened by the presence of the Virgin Mother of God. Full of holy works, he breathed out his soul to God with a serene countenance, surrounded by his weeping brethren.

R. This is he who worked great miracles before God, and the whole earth was filled with his teaching. * May he intercede for the sins of all peoples. **V.** This is he who despised the life of the world, and reached the heavenly kingdom. — May he. — Glory be. — May he.

Collect

Lord, may the fullness of your blessing descend upon us. May you ever be appeased by the pleading of St. Albert, your Bishop and Confessor. This we ask of you through our Lord.

October 3

St. Therese of the Child Jesus

Virgin

2nd class

Matins

Invit. The Lord, King of Virgins, * Come, let us adore.

Ps. 94 Venite, exsultemus.

Hymn

Let those who believe and love

The holy gifts of the Divine Child

Join in praising the name and beauty

Of the tender virgin Therese.

Her foster mother chooses
The high peaks of Carmel;

There Therese hastens, following

In the footsteps of her Spouse.

Inspired by the command of Jesus

She lays bare secrets of grace.

Teacher to the world, she instructs

In the simple way of childhood.

Her tenderest years breathed fragrance

Of the little flowers of virtue

Which this chaste virgin, like an angel

Sent from heaven, cultivated. .

But joy does not exhaust

All the impulses of love.

Nor can cloister avail to repress
Her tremendous desires.

Glory be to you, O Jesus,
Who reveal yourself to little ones.

Glory to the Father and the loving Spirit

For all ages to come. Amen.

1st Nocturn

Ant. 1 It pleased God, *
Who called me by his grace, to
reveal his Son in me.

Psalms are from the Common of Virgins

Ant. 2 For he knows * my
way, and he has tried me as gold
that passes through fire.

Ant. 3 My foot * has walked
in his steps, I have kept his way,
and have not turned aside from it.

V. I will exult and be glad,
Lord, in your mercy. **R.** Because
you have regarded my lowliness.
From the Canticle of Canticles

*Lesson i**Ch. 2:1-6*

I am the flower of Saron, a lily of the valley. As a lily among thorns, so is my beloved among women. As an apple tree among the trees of the woods, so is my lover among men. I delight to rest in his shadow, and his fruit is sweet to my mouth. He brings me into the banquet hall and his emblem over me is love. Strengthen me with raisin cakes, refresh me with apples, for I am faint with love. His left hand is under my head and his right arm embraces me.

R. My heart will exult, Lord, in Your salvation. * I will sing to the Lord who has given me good things; I will sing to the name of the Lord Most High. *V.* Come, listen, all you who fear God, and I will tell you what he has done for my soul. – I will sing.

*Lesson ii**Ch. 2:10-14*

My lover speaks; he says to me, "Arise, my beloved, my beautiful one, and come! For see, the winter is past, the rains are over and gone. The flowers appear on the earth, the time of pruning the vines has come, and the song of the dove is heard in our land. The fig tree puts forth its figs, and the vines, in bloom, give forth fragrance. Arise, my beloved, my beautiful one, and come! O my dove in the cleft of the rock, in the secret recesses of the cliff. Let me see you, let

me hear your voice, for your voice is sweet, and you are lovely."

R. I rejoice heartily in the Lord; in my God is the joy of my soul. * For he has clothed me with a robe of salvation, and wrapped me in a mantle of justice, like a bride adorned with her jewels. – For he.

*Lesson iii**Ch. 5:1, Ch. 6:1-3*

Let my lover come to his garden and eat its choice fruits. I have come to my garden, my sister, my bride: I gather my myrrh and my spices. I eat my honey and my sweetmeats, I drink my wine and my milk. Eat, friends; drink! Drink freely of love! My love has come down to his garden, to the beds of spice, to browse in the garden and to gather lilies. My lover belongs to me and I to him: he browses among the lilies. You are beautiful as Thersa, my beloved, as lovely as Jerusalem, as awe-inspiring as bannered troops.

R. Take delight in the Lord and he will give you the requests of your heart: * And he will bring out your holiness like a light and your judgment like the noonday. *V.* Assent to him, therefore, and remain at peace, and through this you will have the best fruits. – And he. – Glory be. – And he.

2nd Nocturn

Ant. 4 I swore an oath to you, * and I entered into a covenant

with you; you became mine, says the Lord God.

Ant. 5 I, the Lord, * your God, teach you what is for your good, and lead you on the way you should go.

Ant. 6 You were renowned * among the nations for your beauty, perfect as it was, because of my splendor.

∇. My soul shall rejoice in the Lord. *R.* And shall delight in His salvation.

Lesson iv

Therese of the Child Jesus was born in Alençon, in France. Her parents were reputable, well-known for their extraordinary and constant reverence for God. From her earliest childhood, by a special grace of the Holy Spirit, she had a great desire to enter the religious life. She promised God with the utmost sincerity that she would deny Him nothing he might ask of her. She was faithful to this promise to the end of her life in spite of much suffering. When she was five, her mother died and from that time she entrusted herself completely to the Providence of God, under the watchful care of a most loving father and her elder sisters. Under their instruction, Therese, like a giant, joyfully ran the course of the way of perfection. At the age of nine she was sent to school at Lisieux to the Benedictine nuns and there she excelled in her knowledge of divine things. In her tenth year,

she suffered from a serious and mysterious illness from which, as she herself tells us, she was delivered only by the power of God, through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin to whom she had made a fervent novena under the title of Our Lady of Victories. Then, filled with angelic fervor, she carefully prepared herself for the sacred banquet, in which Christ is received.

R. The Lord has become my support: he brought me out into a wide place. * He has delivered me because I pleased him. ∇. God, who has girded me with strength and made my way perfect. — He has.

Lesson v

After she was refreshed for the first time with the Eucharistic Bread, Therese seemed to develop an insatiable hunger for this celestial food. From this desire, she asked Jesus to turn all earthly consolations into bitterness. After that, she burned with a most tender love for Christ the Lord and for His Church; and to satisfy this love she desired nothing more than to enter the Order of Discalced Carmelites so that, by self-denial and self-sacrifice, she might assist priests, missionaries, and the whole Church, and gain innumerable souls for Jesus Christ. This, when at the point of death, she promised she would do in God. Because of her youth, many obstacles arose to prevent her entering the reli-

gious life, but with incredible fortitude she overcame them and, at the age of fifteen, she entered happily the Carmel of Lisieux. There God led her step by step in a marvelous way. She took as her pattern the hidden life of the Virgin Mary and, like a watered garden, brought forth flowers of all virtues, especially a great love for God and neighbor.

R. Hear, O daughter, and see: turn your ear, and forget your people and your father's house.
* The King shall desire your beauty, for he is the Lord your God. **V.** He shall put on your head a graceful diadem; a glorious crown will he bestow on you. — The King.

Lesson vi

To please the most high God even more, when she read in Sacred Scripture the reminder: "Whoever is a little one, let him come to me," she determined to be a little one in spirit. With childlike confidence, she consecrated herself forever to God, her most loving Father. This way of spiritual childhood, according to the teachings of the Gospel, she taught to others, especially to the novices whose training in religious virtues she undertook in obedience to her superiors. Overflowing with apostolic zeal, she opened up to a world filled with pride and craving inanities, the way of evangelical simplicity. At the

same time, Jesus, her Spouse, inflamed her with a desire to suffer both in soul and in body. Perceiving that the love of God was everywhere disregarded, she was filled with grief and two years before her death, offered herself as a victim to the merciful love of God. Then, as she herself relates, she was wounded by a flame of fire from heaven. Consumed by love, rapt in ecstasy, murmuring: "My God, I love you," she passed to her heavenly Spouse on September 30, 1897, at the age of twenty-four. As she was dying, she promised that she would let fall on earth a continual shower of roses from heaven. This promise she has indeed fulfilled from the time she was received into heaven and continues to fulfill to this day. The sovereign Pontiff Pius XI added her name to the list of holy Virgins, and two years later, in the year of the great jubilee, added her name to the list of saints and appointed and declared her Patroness of all missions.

R. Lord, whom else have I in heaven? and apart from you, what have I desired on earth? Though my flesh and my heart waste away: * God is the Rock of my heart and my portion forever. **V.** I love you, O Lord, my strength: because you have given me the protection of your salvation, and your right hand has upheld me. — God is. — Glory be. — God is.

3rd Nocturn

Ant. 7 Signs and wonders * the most high God has worked in me: I have blessed the Most High and I have praised and glorified him who lives forever.

Ant. 8 Far be it from me * to cease praying for you; and I shall teach you a good way and straight.

Ant. 9 I shall pray the Lord * and I shall address my speech to God who does great and unsearchable things, and wonderful things without number.

∞. Praise the Lord, because the Lord is good. ℞. Sing to his name because he is sweet.

A Reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Lesson vii Ch. 18:1-4

At that time: the disciples came to Jesus, saying: "Who then is greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" And so forth.

A Homily of Pope St. Leo
(*Sermon 37, on the Epiphany*)

The whole teaching of Christian wisdom, dearly beloved, consists not in an abundance of words, not in skill in disputation, nor yet in seeking after praise and glory, but rather in true and voluntary humility. This was the way which the Lord Jesus Christ chose and taught with all his strength from his Mother's womb to his death on the cross. When his disciples, as the gospel narrates, discussed

among themselves who would be greatest in the kingdom of heaven, he called a little child and set him in the midst of them saying: "Amen I say to you, unless you turn and become like little children, you will not enter into the kingdom of heaven. Whoever, therefore, humbles himself as this little child, he is the greatest in the Kingdom of heaven." Christ loves childhood, a state he took at first upon himself, both in soul and in body. Christ loves childhood for it is the teacher of humility, the rule of innocence, the outward manifestation of meekness. Christ loves childhood, because he guides the conduct of adults in its ways, he brings back to it the lives of the old. And those whom he would raise to eternal life, he shapes in its pattern.

℞. Lord, I have more discernment than the elders because your word is a lamp to my feet, a light to my paths. * The revelation of your words sheds light, and gives understanding to little ones. ∞. I know, my God, that you prove hearts and you love simplicity. – The revelation.

Lesson viii

To understand more fully how this marvelous change can be grasped, by what sort of transmutation we are to return to the state of childhood, let us take St. Paul as our teacher. He says: "Do not become children

in mind, but in malice be children." Therefore, we are not to return to the games of childhood, or to imperfect beginnings, but we are to take upon ourselves those qualities which are also becoming to the mature: swift passing of excited emotions, speedy return to peace. Let there be no remembrance of offenses; no coveting of honor; let there be love of fellowship, evenness of temper. For it is a great thing not to know how to inflict harm or how to rejoice in evil. To inflict and to repay injury for injury is the prudence of this world; but to repay no one evil for evil — that is the childhood of Christian calmness.

R. Let your soul bear the weight of discipline, for it is close to those who seek it: * See with your own eyes! I have labored but a little and found great rest. **V.** Do your work in due season, and in his own time he will give you your reward. — See. — Glory be. — See.

Lesson ix

The mystery we are celebrating today invites you to this becoming like little children. The Savior, adored as a child by the Magi, introduces to you this pattern of humility. To reveal what glory he has prepared for those who imitate him, he consecrated by martyrdom those who saw the light of day at the same time as he. Those who

were born in Bethlehem where Christ was born, become sharers in his passion by being of the same age as he. Let the faithful, then, love humility and avoid pride. Let each prefer the other to himself. Let no one seek his own but what is the good of the other. Thus, when the feeling of good will abounds in all, the poison of envy will be found in none. For whoever exalts himself shall be humbled, and this is affirmed by our Lord Jesus Christ himself, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, forever. Amen.

Te Deum laudamus.

Lauds

Ant. 1 You are blessed * by your God, for in every nation which hears your name, the God of Israel will be magnified because of you.

Psalms of Sunday in the 1st place.

2 The Lord has chosen you * to be his: and he will fashion you for the praise and glory of his name.

3 You will be a crown of glory * in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God: because the Lord was pleased with you.

4 The Lord will work in you * mercy and truth, because you have shown grace and faithfulness.

5 Like the dawn * shall your light break forth, your vindica-

tion shall go before you, and the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard.

Little Chapter *Is. 66:12*

Thus says the Lord: Lo, I will spread prosperity over her like a river, and the wealth of the nations like an overflowing torrent. As nurslings, you shall be carried in her arms, and fondled in her lap.

Hymn

Loving Christ without measure,
She sets herself to greater things.
To the crown of virgins, she adds

The crown of Martyrs and Apostles.

Yearning to be the victim of love,
Aglow with mystical fire,
She begs her Spouse to let its flames
Consume her wholly.

The herald of eternity – death,
So long desired, is now at hand.
Murmuring: "I love you," Therese
Takes her departure to Christ.

From the starry mansions on high,
Where you now enjoy heavenly delights,
Remember to send that shower of roses,
So generously promised.

Do you, O meekest of kings,
Who prepare a kingdom for little ones,

Grant that we, by following her,
May enter these holy gates.

Glory be to you, O Jesus,
Who reveal yourself to little ones.

Glory to the Father and the loving Spirit

For all ages to come. Amen.

∇. The Lord will be for you a never-failing light. *R.* And your God will be your glory.

Ant. (Ben.) The Lord will give you * rest continually, and will fill your soul with brightness; and you shall be like a watered garden, and like a fountain of water whose waters shall not fail.

Collect

Lord, you have said, "Unless you become like little children you will not enter the kingdom of heaven." Give us the grace to follow the little way of St. Therese in humility and simplicity of heart, that we may win an eternal reward. This we ask of you, Lord Jesus.

At the little hours, antiphons and psalms of the current day of the week.

Terce

Little Chapter *Is. 66:12*

Thus says the Lord: Lo, I will spread prosperity over her like a river, and the wealth of the nations like an overflowing torrent. As nurslings, you shall be carried in her arms, and fondled in her lap.

Short R. I will exult and be glad, Lord, * In your mercy. —

I will exult. *V.* Because you have regarded my lowliness. — In. — Glory be. — I will exult.

V. My soul shall rejoice in the Lord. *R.* And shall delight in his salvation.

Sext

Little Chapter Is. 66:13

As a mother comforts her son, so will I comfort you; in Jerusalem you shall find your comfort.

Short R. My soul * Shall rejoice in the Lord. — My soul. — And shall delight in His salvation. — Shall rejoice. — Glory be. — My soul.

V. Praise the Lord, because the Lord is good. *R.* Sing to his name because he is sweet.

None

Little Chapter Is. 66:14

When you see this, your heart shall rejoice, and your bodies flourish like the grass; the Lord's power shall be known to his servants.

Short R. Praise the Lord, * Because the Lord is good. — Praise. *V.* Sing to his name, because he is sweet. — Because the Lord is good. — Glory be. — Praise.

V. The Lord alone does wonderful things. *R.* For his mercy endures forever.

Vespers

Antiphons and little chapter from Lauds.

Psalms from the Common of Feasts of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Hymn

From the mansions of that shining place

Where you are enjoying the light of God,

Furthering our petitions, send us, we beg,

The promised shower of roses.

Send us roses of supernatural faith,

Shedding light; roses of hope, strengthening us

Against obstacles; roses of tender love,

Empowering us with living strength.

Send us roses of your trust in the Lord,

That childlike openness that finds

Every turn of our lives, sweet or bitter,

Charged with the Father's loving will.

May the blessed Godhead grant us this,

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. May his glory resound

Through all the world. Amen.

V. The hand of the Lord has strengthened you. *R.* Therefore you will be blessed forever.

Ant. (Magn.) Blessed be the Lord, * because he has so magnified your name this day, that your praise shall not depart out of the mouth of men, who shall be mindful of the power of the Lord forever.

Collect

Lord, you have said, "Unless you become like little children

you will not enter the kingdom of heaven.” Give us the grace to follow the little way of St. Teresa in humility and simplicity of heart, that we may win an eternal reward. This we ask of you, Lord Jesus.

Sunday Compline.

October 15

St. Teresa
Virgin, Our Mother

1st class

First Vespers

Ant. 1 With zeal have I been zealous * for the honor of my bridegroom Jesus Christ, who said to me: Like a true bride, you shall be zealous for my honor.

Psalms from the Common of the Feasts of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

2 You have wounded * my heart, O Lord, with the burning dart of your love.

3 With the nail in your right hand, * you have betrothed me, O Lord; and as your bride you have adorned me with a crown.

4 Support me with flowers, * strengthen me with apples, for I am faint with love.

5 Far be it from me * to glory in anything except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ: Through him the world is crucified to me, and I to the world.

Little Chapter Wis. 7:7-8

Therefore I prayed, and prudence was given me; I pleaded, and the spirit of Wisdom came

to me. I preferred her to scepter and throne, and deemed riches nothing in comparison with her.

Hymn

Messenger of the heavenly King,
Your father's home, you desert,
O Teresa,
To bring to barbarous lands
Either Christ or your blood.

But a sweeter death awaits you,
A more delightful penance calls you;
With the dart of divine love
You are pierced and wounded.

O victim of love!
Inflame our hearts
And free from the fire of hell
Those entrusted to your care.

Praise be to the Father and to the Son
And to the Spirit Advocate.
Praise to you, O Holy Trinity,
Now and forever. Amen.

V. Forget your people and your father's house. *R.* So shall the King desire your beauty.

Ant. (Magn.) I sought * to take her for my bride. For she is instructress in the understanding of God, the selector of his works.

Collect

O God, our Savior, listen to us! We rejoice in the feast of St. Teresa, your Virgin and our mother; may we also nourish our souls on her heavenly doctrine and learn from her to love you better. This we ask of you through our Lord.

Sunday Compline.

Matins

Invit. The Lord, King of Virgins, * Come, let us adore.

Ps. 94 Venite, exsultemus.

Hymn: As at 1st Vespers

1st Nocturn

Ant. 1 Who is this, * coming up from the desert, like a column of smoke, laden with myrrh, with frankincense?

Psalms from the Common of Virgins.

Ant. 2 My lover speaks; * he says to me, Arise, my beloved, my beautiful one, and come!

Ant. 3 Turn, turn, * O Sulamite, turn, turn, that we may look at you!

V. Let my heart be perfect in your statutes. *R.* That I be not put to shame.

From the Book of Wisdom
Lesson i Ch. 7:7-14

Therefore I prayed, and prudence was given me; I pleaded, and the spirit of Wisdom came to me. I preferred her to scepter and throne, and deemed riches nothing in comparison with her. Nor did I liken any priceless gem to her; because all gold, in view of her, is a little sand, and before her, silver is to be accounted mire. Beyond health and comeliness I loved her, and I chose to have her rather than the light, because the splendor of her never yields to sleep. Yet all good things together came to

me in her company, and countless riches at her hands; and I rejoiced in them all, because Wisdom is their leader, though I had not known that she is the mother of these. Simply I learned about her, and ungrudgingly do I share — her riches I do not hide away; for to men she is an unfailing treasure; those who gain this treasure win the friendship of God, to whom the gifts they have from discipline commend them.

R. Judgment shall dwell in the wilderness and justice shall sit in Carmel. The work of justice shall be peace. * And silence the service of justice and security forever. *V.* And my people shall sit in the beauty of peace, and in the tabernacle of confidence. — And silence.

Lesson ii

For Wisdom, the artificer of all, taught me. For in her is a spirit intelligent, holy, unique, manifold, subtle, agile, clear, unstained, certain, not baneful, loving the good, keen, unhampered, beneficent, kindly, firm, secure, tranquil, all-powerful, all-seeing, and pervading all spirits, though they be intelligent, pure and very subtle. For Wisdom is mobile beyond all motion, and she penetrates and pervades all things by reason of her purity. For she is an aura of the might of God and a pure effusion of the glory of the Almighty; therefore nought that is sullied enters into her. For she

is the refulgence of eternal light, the spotless mirror of the power of God, the image of his goodness. And she, who is one, can do all things, and renews everything while herself perduring; and passing into holy souls from age to age, she produces friends of God and prophets.

R. Grace is poured out upon your lips, * Thus God has blessed you forever. V. In your glory and your splendor go forth, advance with victory and reign. – Thus.

Lesson iii Ch. 7:28-30; 8:1-7

For there is nought God loves, be it not one who dwells with Wisdom. For she is fairer than the sun and surpasses every constellation of the stars. Compared to light, she takes precedence; for that, indeed, night supplants, but wickedness prevails not over Wisdom. Indeed, she reaches from end to end mightily and governs all things well. Her I loved and sought after from my youth; I sought to take her for my bride and was enamored of her beauty. She adds to nobility the splendor of companionship with God; even the Lord of all loved her. For she is instructress in the understanding of God, the selector of his works. And if riches be a desirable possession in life, what is more rich than Wisdom, who produces all things? And if prudence renders service, who in the world is a

better craftsman than she? Or if one loves justice, the fruits of her works are virtues; for she teaches moderation and prudence, justice and fortitude, and nothing in life is more useful for men than these.

R. Hear, O daughter, and see, and turn your ear: * For from this time on like a true bride, you shall be zealous for my honor. V. I will espouse you in right and in justice, in love and in mercy. – For. – Glory be. – For.

2nd Nocturn

Ant. 4 I saw the Lord * who placed a crown of beauty on my head.

Ant. 5 The Mother of the Lord * has clothed me with the robes of salvation: and has granted me to be arrayed in gleaming white linen.

Ant. 6 But I * shall rejoice in the Lord and I shall exult in God my Savior.

V. My soul has thirsted for you. R. My flesh – how many ways!

Lesson iv

The virgin Teresa was born in Avila, Spain, of parents who were well-known both for their worldly rank and their piety. From them she learned true fear of the Lord from her infancy. At a very early age she gave evidence of her future sanctity. For when she read stories of holy Martyrs, in her meditation the fire of the Holy Spirit was so

enkindled that she ran away from home with the intention of travelling to Africa so that she could give her life there for love of Jesus Christ and the salvation of souls. She was brought back, however, by her uncle and thereafter she compensated by alms and other pious works for the martyrdom she desired, although she continued to mourn that she had been deprived of the higher way. When her own mother died she begged the most Blessed Virgin to be mother to her and this pious wish was fulfilled. From that time she always enjoyed the maternal protection of the Mother of God. When she reached the age of twenty she joined the nuns at the monastery of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. There, for eighteen years, in spite of grave illnesses and numerous temptations, she served faithfully in the army of Christian penance even though she did not experience the refreshments of the heavenly consolations which holiness often enjoys even in this world.

R. My Lord said to me: Do not fear, daughter: * No one will snatch you out of my hand. V. Neither death, nor life, nor any other creature can separate me from the love of God. — No one.

Lesson v

Endowed with angelic virtues, she was anxious, in her loving charity, not only for her

own salvation, but also for that of all mankind. For this reason, inspired by God, and with the approval of Pius IV, she undertook the reestablishment of the stricter rule of earlier Carmelites, first among the nuns, then among the friars also. Every blessing of the merciful God poured out upon her enterprise. For this virgin, without money, deprived of all human resources, and often opposed by worldly leaders, was able to found thirty-two monasteries. With constant tears she mourned the blindness of infidels and heretics, and, in order to appease the divine anger, she offered up voluntarily bodily penances for their salvation. So intensely did her heart burn with love for God that she saw an Angel transpierce her inmost heart with a fiery dart, and she heard Christ say to her as he gave her his right hand: Henceforth, as a true bride, you shall be zealous for my honor. Following his counsel, she took upon herself the difficult vow of doing always what she understood to be the more perfect thing. She wrote many works of heavenly wisdom, by which the minds of the faithful are aroused to great desire for their heavenly home.

R. I rejoice heartily in the Lord, in my God is the joy of my soul; for he has clothed me with a robe of salvation, * And wrapped me in a mantle of jus-

tice. *℣*. Like a bride adorned with a diadem, like a bride bedecked with her jewels. — And wrapped.

Lesson vi

Although she gave constant examples of virtue, still she burned with eagerness to chastise her body further. Hence, although she was advised against it because of her many illnesses, she would often afflict her body with hair shirts, penitential chains, bunches of nettles, and other painful penances, sometimes she would roll among thorns. She often cried out to God: Lord, either to suffer or to die. She considered herself to be enduring a most miserable death as long as she was absent from the heavenly fount of eternal life. She was noted for the gift of prophecy, and the Lord showered divine gifts upon her so lavishly that she often begged him to moderate his gifts and not to forget so quickly her many sins. It was the unbearable heat of divine love rather than the gravity of physical illness that caused her to succumb at Alba. After predicting the day of her death, being strengthened by the sacraments of the Church, and after exhorting her daughters to peace, charity, and regular observance, she gave back her most pure soul to God in the form of a dove. She died at the age of sixty-seven, 1582, on

October 15 according to the revised Roman calendar. Christ Jesus was seen coming to her among armies of angels as she was dying. And a withered tree outside her cell suddenly burst into bloom. Her body, still incorrupt and exuding a fragrant liquid, is piously venerated to this day. She was famous for miracles both before and after her death. She was numbered among the Saints by Gregory XV.

℞. The kingdom of the world and all worldly pomp I have despised out of love for my Lord Jesus Christ, * Whom I have seen, whom I have loved, in whom I have believed, whom I have cherished. *℣*. My heart has uttered a good word: I speak my works to the King. — Whom I have seen. — Glory be. — Whom I have seen.

3rd Nocturn

Ant. 7 The glory of Lebanon * was given to her: the splendor of Carmel and Saron, they shall see the glory of the Lord, and the beauty of our God.

Ant. 8 Lord, * You have gone before her with the blessings of sweetness: You have placed on her head a crown of precious stones.

Ant. 9 Her mouth * spoke wisdom and the law of mercy was on her tongue.

℣. God has clothed me with

power. *R.* And made my path spotless.

A Reading from the
holy Gospel
according to Matthew

Lesson vii Ch. 11:25-30

At that time Jesus declared, "Thank you, Father, Master of heaven and earth, because what you have hidden from the learned and the clever, you have revealed to infants." And so forth.

A Homily of
St. Ambrose, Bishop
(From Book 7, on Luke,
Chapter 10.)

The heavenly mystery is revealed: that it has pleased God to explain his grace to little ones rather than to the wise of this world. This the Apostle Paul explains more fully, saying: Has not God made foolish the wisdom of this world? For because in the wisdom of God, this world through its wisdom did not know God, it has pleased God through the foolishness of our preaching to save those who believe. Therefore, let us take a child who does not know how to exalt himself and with pompous words boast of his wisdom as many philosophers do.

R. God has made the barren woman to dwell in her home * The joyful mother of children. *V.* He gave her the bread of life and understanding to eat, and the water of saving wisdom to drink. – The joyful.

Lesson viii

It was a little one who said: Lord, I have not exalted my heart, nor are my eyes become proud, nor have I meddled in great and wonderful things that are above me. And that you might know that he was not a little one in age, nor in understanding, but in humility, and by a casting off of pride, he adds: But I have lifted up my heart. You see how very high this little one was – at the very summit of virtue. Such we see the Apostle to be when he says: If any seem to be wise among you in this world, let him become foolish that he may be wise. For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God.

R. You are the glory of Jerusalem, you are the joy of Israel, you are the honor of our people, because you have done manfully and your heart has been strengthened; and therefore the hand of the Lord has upheld you. * And you shall be blessed forever. *V.* Your daughters rose up and called you most blessed. – And you. – Glory be. – And you.

Lesson ix

To this is related the beautiful place assigned to faith, since he says that all things have been given to us by the Father. When you read all things, you recognize the all-powerful Father. When you receive the traditions of the law, you confess the Son, who is of one substance

with the Father, by nature and not by grace. For he adds: No one knows the Son except the Father and no one knows the Father except the Son and whoever the Son is pleased to reveal him to. That you may know, however, that, as the Son reveals the Father to whom he wills, so also the Father reveals the Son to whom he wills. Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ himself said when he praised Peter for confessing that he was the Son of God: Blessed are you, Simon, son of John, because flesh and blood have not revealed it to you, but my Father who is in heaven.

Te Deum laudamus.

Lauds

(*Antiphons for the Little Hours also.*)

Ant. 1 This is a wise Virgin, * one of those who were prudent. (*Psalms of Sunday in the 1st place.*)

2 Give her * a reward of her labors: and let her works praise her at the city gates.

3 For you, Lord, * the soul of your bride thirsts; and she rejoiced at the things that were said to her.

4 Draw me after you, * we will run to the odor of your ointments: your name spoken is a spreading perfume.

5 Rejoice, Teresa, * in him who made you; For the Lord has blessed your children, and

with the best of wheat he fills you.

Little Chapter *Wis. 7:7-8*

Therefore I prayed, and prudence was given me; I pleaded, and the spirit of Wisdom came to me. I preferred her to scepter and throne, and deemed riches nothing in comparison with her.

Hymn

This is the day when the soul
of Teresa
Like a white dove,
Flew off to the holy temple
Of the heavenly regions.

She heard the voice of her
Spouse:
Come, my sister, from the summit
of Carmel,
To the wedding feast of the
Lamb;
Come to the crown of glory.

O Jesus, Spouse of Virgins,
May the blessed ranks of virgins
worship you;
Through all eternity may they
sing
The holy wedding song. Amen.

V. God will help her with his countenance. R. God dwells in her, she shall not be moved.

Ant. (Ben.) Holy Mother Teresa, * look down from heaven, and see; take care of this vine, and protect what your right hand has planted.

Collect

O God, our Savior, listen to us! We rejoice in the feast of St. Teresa, your Virgin and our

Mother; may we also nourish our souls on her heavenly doctrine and learn from her to love you better. This we ask of you through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Antiphons at the Little Hours are from Lauds. Psalms are those of Sunday, but at Prime as on feasts.

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Little Chapter as at Lauds

Short R. Of you my heart speaks * You, my glance seeks. — Of you. *V.* Your presence, O Lord, I seek. — You, my glance seeks. — Glory be. — Of you.

V. My soul shall rejoice in the Lord. *R.* And shall delight in his salvation.

Sext

Little Chapter *Wis. 7:10*

Beyond health and comeliness I loved her, and I chose to have her rather than the light, because the splendor of her never yields to sleep.

Short R. My soul * Shall rejoice in the Lord. — My soul. *V.* And shall delight in his salvation, — Shall rejoice. — Glory be. — My soul.

V. Within me a prayer to the God of my life. *R.* I shall say to God: You are my support.

None

Little Chapter *Wis. 7:11-12*

Yet all good things together came to me in her company,

and countless riches at her hands; and I rejoiced in them all, because Wisdom is their leader.

Short R. Within me a prayer * to the God of my life. — Within me. *V.* I shall say to God: You are my support. — To the God. — Glory be. — Within me.

V. The sparrow has found herself a home. *R.* And the dove a nest for herself where she may lay her young ones.

2nd Vespers

Ant. 1 Daughters of Jerusalem * tell my lover, that I am faint with love.

Psalms from the Common of the Feasts of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

2 My lover belongs to me * and I to him; he browses among the lilies.

3 Blossom, you flowers * like the lily, and give off fragrance, and branch out in grace.

4 Let my heart * be spotless in your statutes, that I may not be put to shame.

5 Let us rejoice * and exult, let us give glory to him; for the wedding feast of the Lamb has come.

Little Chapter *Wis. 7:7-8*

Therefore I prayed, and prudence was given me; I pleaded, and the spirit of Wisdom came to me. I preferred her to scepter

and throne, and deemed riches
nothing in comparison with her.

Hymn

Messenger of the heavenly
King,
Your father's home, you desert,
O Teresa,
To bring to barbarous lands
Either Christ or your blood.

But a sweeter death awaits
you,
A more delightful penance calls
you;
With the dart of divine love
You are pierced and wounded.

O victim of love!
Inflame our hearts
And free from the fire of hell
Those entrusted to your care.

Praise be to the Father and to
the Son
And to the Spirit Advocate.
Praise to you, O Holy Trinity,
Now and forever. Amen.

V. God has chosen her be-
forehand. *R.* He makes her
dwell in his tent.

Ant. (Magn.) Her wisdom *
peoples will speak of, and the
Church will sing her praises.

Collect

O God, our Savior, listen to
us! We rejoice in the feast of
St. Teresa, your Virgin and our
Mother; may we also nourish
our souls on her heavenly doc-
trine and learn from her to love
you better. This we ask of you
through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Sunday Compline.

November 6

Blessed Nuno Alvarez Pereira

Confessor

3rd Class

Matins

Lesson iii

Nuno Alvarez Pereira, found-
er of the most serene house of
Braganza, was piously brought
up. As a young man he was mar-
ried to a wife of noble birth,
but after her death he could not
be persuaded to contract a sec-
ond marriage. To extraordinary
prowess in military science he
joined true Christian piety; and
before engaging in battle, he
would always devote some time
to prayer, imploring God's bless-
ing on his undertaking. The vic-
tories he won he always ascribed
to God. He was notable for his
extraordinary devotion to the
Mother of God, and in her
honor he would always, after
great victories, hang up the
sword he had worn in the church
built by the Carmelites. In his
heart glowed such a desire to
spread devotion to the Blessed
Virgin that he was accustomed
to affix an image of her to his
banners in order to gain her pro-
tection in battles. He burned
with great devotion toward the
most Holy Eucharist and he de-
lighted in celebrating the annual
feast of Corpus Christi with
the most magnificent trappings.
When public affairs of Portugal
were settled in peace, he applied
for admission to the Carmelite

Order as a lay-brother. He refused to be ordained priest and fulfilled the most menial offices in the house. After nine years in religious life he died peacefully, fortified with all the sacraments of the Church. Pope Benedict XV gave approval to the public veneration shown to him.

Te Deum laudamus.

Lauds

V. The Lord led the just man in right paths. R. And showed him the kingdom of God.

Ant. (Ben.) Well done * good and faithful servant, because you have been faithful over a few things, I will set you over many. Enter into the joy of your Lord.

Collect

O God, you gave blessed Nuno the grace to fight the good fight and enabled him to attain a marvelous contempt of the world and of himself. Grant to us, your servants, the power to conquer worldly ambitions and rejoice forever in our heavenly home. This we ask of you through our Lord.

Vespers

V. The Lord led the just man in right paths. R. And showed him the kingdom of God.

Ant. (Magn.) This man, despising the world * and worldly things, triumphantly laid up treasure in heaven by word and deed.

November 7

Blessed Frances of Amboise

Widow

3rd class

Matins

Lesson iii

Blessed Frances was born of illustrious parents. While yet an infant she was given to the care of the wife of John V, Duke of Brittany. With such a teacher, she grew steadily in piety, never following childish ways. At the age of fifteen she married Peter II, son of Duke John. In the married state she gave an example of every virtue, especially of patience in bearing with humility the blows and reproaches of her husband who was blinded by his evil jealousy. By her patience she won him for Christ and both advanced in virtue. However her virtues shone even more clearly when Peter was called to the ducal crown by the will of John V. After Peter's death God purified His handmaid in her widowed state through many kinds of tribulation. But blessed Frances remained steadfast through persecutions. In her fortieth year she withdrew to a monastery and, receiving the habit of the Blessed Virgin of Mount Carmel from Blessed John Soreth, she advanced from virtue to virtue. By order of Sixtus IV she went to the monastery of Our Lady of Scotland and there she

died holily in the Lord. Her veneration was approved by the Apostolic decree of Pius IX.

Te Deum laudamus.

Lauds

V. Grace is poured out upon your lips. *R.* Thus God has blessed you forever.

Ant. (Ben.) Give her * a reward of her labors, and let her works praise her at the city gates.

Collect

In your mercy, O God, enlighten the hearts of your faithful people, and by the glorious prayers of blessed Frances, enable us always to despise worldly things and rejoice in heavenly consolations. This we ask of you through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Vespers

V. Grace is poured out upon your lips. *R.* Thus God has blessed you forever.

Ant. (Magn.) She reaches out * her hands to the poor, and extends her arms to the needy, and she eats not her food in idleness.

November 14

All Saints of Our Order

2nd class

Matins

Invit. Come, let us adore the King of kings, the Lord* In venerating the Saints of our Order.

Ps. 94, Venite, exsultemus.

Hymn

Let us all praise the Virgin
Who, under the figure of a white
cloud,
Revealed herself to the Prophet
On the summit of Carmel.

And showers from this cloud,
Watering the heights of the holy
Mount,
Have given heavenly flowers
In the Old Covenant and the
New.

Prophets flourished, steadfast
and strong
In Faith. Martyrs reddened the
ground
With their life's blood poured
out;
Virgins sprang up in untarnished
purity.

Hail, flowers of Carmel!
All hail, purest lilies of the
valley,
Hail, mystical roses,
Rivalling lilies in their fragrance.

For us who live on that same
holy Mount,
Obtain this grace – to flourish
In grace, and to spread abroad
The sweet odor of Christ.

With the Father and the lov-
ing Spirit
To you, Jesus, be glory
Who were born of the Virgin,
Beauty of Carmelites.

1st Nocturn

Ant. I Elias went up * to the summit of Carmel, and behold a little cloud, lofty type of the Virgin, came up out of the sea.

(1) *Psalm 1*

Happy the man who follows
not * the counsel of the wicked,

Nor walks in the way of sinners,
* nor sits in the company
of the insolent,

But delights in the law of the
Lord * and meditates on his law
day and night.

He is like a tree * planted
near running water,

That yields its fruit in due
season and whose leaves never
fade. * Whatever he does, prospers. —

Not so the wicked, not so; *
they are like the chaff which the
wind drives away.

Therefore in judgment the
wicked shall not stand, * nor
shall sinners, in the assembly of
the just.

For the Lord watches over the
way of the just, * but the way of
the wicked vanishes.

Ant. Elias went up * to the
summit of Carmel, and behold
a little cloud, lofty type of the
Virgin, came up out of the sea.

Ant. 2 Our fathers * were all
under the cloud.

(2) *Psalm 2*

Why do the nations rage *
and the peoples utter folly?

The kings of the earth rise up,
and the princes conspire to-
gether * against the Lord and
against his Anointed:

“Let us break their fetters *
and cast their bonds from us!” —

He who is throned in heaven
laughs; * the Lord derides them.

Then in anger he speaks to
them; * he terrifies them in his
wrath: . . .

“I myself have set up my
king * on Sion, my holy moun-
tain.” —

I will proclaim the decree of
the Lord: the Lord said to me, *
“You are my Son; this day I
have begotten you.

Ask of me and I will give you
the nations for an inheritance *
and the ends of the earth for
your possession.

You shall rule them with an
iron rod; * you shall shatter
them like an earthen dish.” —

And now, O kings, give
heed; * take warning, you rulers
of the earth.

Serve the Lord with fear, and
rejoice before him; * with trem-
bling pay homage to him,

Lest he be angry and you per-
ish from the way, when his anger
blazes suddenly. * Happy are
all who take refuge in him!

Ant. Our fathers * were all
under the cloud.

Ant. 3 I shall call my sons *
and shall clothe them with my
robe.

(3) *Psalm 4*

When I call, answer me, O
my just God, you who relieve
me when I am in distress; * have
pity on me, and hear my
prayer! —

Men of rank, how long will
you be dull of heart? * Why do
you love what is vain and seek
after falsehood?

Know that the Lord does wonders for his faithful one; * the Lord will hear me when I call upon him.

Tremble, and sin not; * reflect, upon your beds, in silence.

Offer just sacrifices, * and trust in the Lord. —

Many say, "Oh, that we might see better times!" * O Lord, let the light of your countenance shine upon us!

You put gladness into my heart, * more than when grain and wine abound.

As soon as I lie down, I fall peacefully asleep, for you alone, O Lord, * bring security to my dwelling.

Ant. I shall call my sons * and shall clothe them with my robe.

V. Be glad in the Lord, and exult, you just. *R.* And glory, all you upright of heart.

From the Book of Ecclesiasticus

Lesson i

Chap. 44:1-16

Now will I praise those godly men, our ancestors, each in his own time: Rulers of the earth by their authority, men of renown for their might, or counselors in their wisdom, or seers of all things in prophecy; resolute governors of peoples, or judges with discretion; authors skilled in composition, or poets with collected proverbs; composers of melodious psalms, or discourses on lyric themes.

R. To Elias as he prayed on the summit of Carmel * There

appeared a little cloud, lofty type of the Virgin. *V.* Those to whom she has appeared, love her in seeing her and knowing of her wonders. — There appeared.

Lesson ii

Stalwart men, solidly established and at peace in their own estates — all these were glorious in their time, each illustrious in his day. Some of them have left behind a name that is remembered to their praise; but of others there is no memory, for it perished when they perished, and they are as though they had never lived, they and their children after them.

R. Holy Elias, Prophet of God, Leader and Father of Carmelites, * Intercede for our salvation and that of all men. *V.* You are destined, it is written, in time to come to appease the wrath of the Lord, to turn back the hearts of fathers toward their sons. — Intercede.

Lesson iii

Yet these also were godly men whose virtues have not been forgotten; their wealth remains in their families, their heritage with their descendants. Through God's covenant with them their family endures, and their hopes are never shattered. All these are buried in peace, but their name lives on and on. At gatherings their wisdom is retold, and the assembly sings their praises.

R. The sons of the Prophets who were in Jericho, coming to meet Eliseus, paid him reverence and said: * The spirit of Elias has come to rest on Eliseus. V Elias was caught up in a whirlwind and his spirit was filled up in Eliseus. — The spirit. — Glory be. — The spirit.

2nd Nocturn

Ant. 4 The Lord brought them * into a Mountain great and high, and showed them the holy city, the new Jerusalem.

(4) *Psalm 5*

Hearken to my words, O Lord, * attend to my sighing.

Heed my call for help, * my king and my God!

To you I pray, O Lord; at dawn you hear my voice; * at dawn I bring my plea expectantly before you. —

For you, O God, delight not in wickedness; no evil man remains with you; * the arrogant may not stand in your sight.

You hate all evildoers; * you destroy all who speak falsehood;

The bloodthirsty and the deceitful * the Lord abhors. —

But I, because of your abundant kindness, * will enter your house;

I will worship at your holy temple * in fear of you, O Lord;

Because of my enemies, guide me in your justice; * make straight your way before me. —

For in their mouth there is no

sincerity; * their heart teems with treacheries.

Their throat is an open grave; * they flatter with their tongue.

Punish them, O God; * let them fall by their own devices;

For their many sins, cast them out * because they have rebelled against you. —

But let all who take refuge in you be glad * and exult forever.

Protect them, that you may be the joy; * of those who love your name.

For you, O Lord, bless the just man; * you surround him with the shield of your good will.

Ant. The Lord brought them * into a Mountain great and high, and showed them the holy city, the new Jerusalem.

Ant. 5 In the Holy Mountain, * in the Lofty Mountain, they served the Lord; in the land where they pleased him, they publicly followed the discipline of the Lord's teaching.

(5) *Psalm 8*

O Lord, our Lord, how glorious is your name over all the earth! * You have exalted your majesty above the heavens.

Out of the mouths of babes and sucklings you have fashioned praise because of your foes, * to silence the hostile and the vengeful.

When I behold your heavens, the work of your fingers, * the

moon and the stars which you set in place –

What is man that you should be mindful of him, * or the son of man that you should care for him? –

You have made him little less than the Angels, * and crowned him with glory and honor.

You have given him rule over the works of your hands, * putting all things under his feet:

All sheep and oxen, * yes, and the beasts of the field,

The birds of the air, the fishes of the sea, * and whatever swims the paths of the seas.

O Lord, our Lord, * how glorious is your name over all the earth!

Ant. In the Holy Mountain, * in the Lofty Mountain, they served the Lord; in the land where they pleased Him, they publicly followed the discipline of the Lord's teaching.

Ant. 6 Truly with milk and honey * flows the land to which the Lord sent them, that by these fruits he might be recognized.

(6) *Psalm 14*

O Lord, who shall sojourn in your tent? * Who shall dwell on your holy mountain? –

He who walks blamelessly and does justice; who thinks the truth in his heart * and slanders not with his tongue;

Who harms not his fellow man, * nor takes up a reproach against his neighbor;

By whom the reprobate is despised, * while he honors those who fear the Lord;

Who, though it be to his loss, changes not his pledged word; who lends not his money at usury * and accepts no bribe against the innocent. –

He who does these things * shall never be disturbed.

Ant. Truly with milk and honey * flows the land to which the Lord sent them, that by these fruits he might be recognized.

V. Let the just exult before God. R. Let them be glad and rejoice.

A sermon

of St. John Damascene

(*On the History of Bl. Josaphat, Ch. 12*)

Blessed are they, and thrice blessed, who, in order that they might burn with love for God, and because they loved Him, esteemed all things as nothing. And so it was they shed many tears, and day and night they were exercised in combat that they might attain eternal strength. They brought themselves low that from their lowliness they might be raised on high. They subdued their flesh by hunger and thirst and sleeplessness that thereby the delights of heaven and exaltation might be waiting for them.

R. Holy Mother Teresa, the honor of our people, you have done manfully; the hand of the

Lord will strengthen you. * And you will be blessed forever. *V.* In your days, a spring of water gushed forth; You have taken care of your nation, and freed them from destruction. — And you.

Lesson v

Through their purity they became the dwelling of the Holy Spirit, as it is written: I will take up my dwelling in them, and I will walk among them. They crucified themselves to the world that they might stand at the right hand of Christ. Their loins they girded in truth and their lamps they held always ready, awaiting the coming of the immortal Bridegroom. For in their mind's eye they kept sight of that dreadful day and looked forward to it. The contemplation of future reward, and of future punishment as well, was so deeply impressed in their hearts that they could never be torn away from it. And they strove so to work here that they might possess eternal glory. They were proved in tribulations, no less than were the Angels, and now, with them, whose life they imitated, they unite in the heavenly choirs.

R. John was born prince of his brothers, support of the nation, the upholder of his people. * And around him a crown of brothers. *V.* Like the cedar planted in the mountain of Lebanon, so around him, like the

fronds of the palm, stand all his sons in his glory. — And around.

Lesson vi

Blessed are they, and thrice blessed, because in their mind's eye, they always perceived the vanity of present things, and the uncertainty and inconstancy of human fortunes and, rejecting these, they amassed for themselves an everlasting fortune and laid hold on that life which neither dies nor is interrupted by death. Unworthy and despicable though we are, we strive to imitate those holy and admirable men. We do not attain the heights of their heavenly lives; but we imitate their lives in the measure of our weakness and misery; and we wear their habit even if we do not accomplish works like theirs. For we hold as certain that our holy profession drives away sin and is a sharing and an aid to immortality through a divine Baptism.

R. The virgin Therese, when she was a little one, pleased the Most High. * And the Most High God wrought signs and wonders in her. *V.* And she blessed the Most High, and praised and glorified him who lives forever. — And the Most High. — Glory be. — And the Most High.

3rd Nocturn

Ant. 7 Splendor of Carmel * glory of stars, vessel of armies

on high, shining gloriously in the heavenly firmament.

(7) *Psalm 15*

Keep me, O God, for in you I take refuge; * I say to the Lord, "My Lord are you. Apart from you I have no good."

How wonderfully has he made me cherish * the holy ones who are in his land!

They multiply their sorrows * who court other gods.

Blood libations to them I will not pour out, * nor will I take their names upon my lips.

O Lord, my allotted portion and my cup, * you it is who hold fast my lot.

For me the measuring lines have fallen on pleasant sites; * fair to me indeed is my inheritance. —

I bless the Lord who counsels me; * even in the night my heart exhorts me.

I set the Lord ever before me; * with him at my right hand I shall not be disturbed.

Therefore my heart is glad and my soul rejoices, * my body, too, abides in confidence;

Because you will not abandon my soul to the nether world, * nor will you suffer your faithful one to undergo corruption.

You will show me the path to life, fullness of joys in your presence, * the delights at your right hand forever.

Ant. Splendor of Carmel * glory of stars, vessel of armies on

high, shining gloriously in the heavenly firmament.

Ant. 8 In the midst of the brethren * their rulers are held in honor, and those who fear God will be in his eyes.

(8) *Psalm 31*

Happy is he whose fault is taken away, * whose sin is covered.

Happy the man to whom the Lord imputes not guilt, * in whose spirit there is no guile. —

As long as I would not speak, my bones wasted away * with my groaning all the day.

For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; * my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.

Then I acknowledged my sin to you, * my guilt I covered not.

I said, "I confess my faults to the Lord," * and you took away the guilt of my sin.

For this shall every faithful man pray to you * in time of stress.

Though deep waters overflow, * they shall not reach him.

You are my shelter; from distress you will preserve me; * with glad cries of freedom you will ring me round. —

I will instruct you and show you the way you should walk; * I will counsel you, keeping my eye on you.

Be not senseless like horses or mules; with bit and bridle their temper must be curbed, * else they will not come near you. —

Many are the sorrows of the wicked, * but kindness surrounds him who trusts in the Lord.

Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, you just; * exult, all you upright of heart.

Ant. In the midst of the brethren * their rulers are held in honor, and those who fear God will be in his eyes.

Ant. 9 Blessed are they * whose way is blameless, and they who dwell in your house, O Lord; they shall praise you forever.

(9) *Psalm 32*

Exult, you just, in the Lord; * praise from the upright is fitting.

Give thanks to the Lord on the harp, * with the ten-stringed lyre chant his praises.

Sing to him a new song; * pluck the strings skillfully, with shouts of gladness.

For upright is the word of the Lord, * and all his works are trustworthy.

He loves justice and right; * of the kindness of the Lord the earth is full. —

By the word of the Lord the heavens were made; * by the breath of his mouth all their host.

He gathers the waters of the sea as in a flask; * in cellars he confines the deep. —

Let all the earth fear the Lord; * let all who dwell in the world revere him.

For he spoke, and it was made; * he commanded, and it stood forth.

The Lord brings to nought the plans of nations; * he foils the designs of peoples.

But the plan of the Lord stands forever; * the design of his heart, through all generations.

Happy the nation whose God is the Lord, * the people he has chosen for his own inheritance. —

From heaven the Lord looks down; * he sees all mankind.

From his fixed throne he beholds * all who dwell on the earth,

He who fashioned the heart of each, * he who knows all their works. —

A king is not saved by a mighty army, * nor is a warrior delivered by great strength.

Useless is the horse for safety; * great though its strength, it cannot provide escape.

But see, the eyes of the Lord are upon those who fear him, * upon those who hope for his kindness,

To deliver them from death * and preserve them in spite of famine. —

Our soul waits for the Lord, * who is our help and our shield,

For in him our hearts rejoice; * in his holy name we trust.

May your kindness, O Lord,

be upon us * who have put our hope in you.

Ant. Blessed are they * whose way is blameless, and they who dwell in your house, O Lord; they shall praise you forever.

V. But the just shall live forever. *R.* And in the Lord is their recompense.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Lesson vii Ch. 19:27-29

At that time Peter said to Jesus: Behold, we have left all and followed you; what then shall we have? And so forth.

A homily of St. Ambrose,
Bishop

(On Psalm 118, Sermon 8)

Behold, we have left all things and have followed you; that is, we have not sought worldly things; we have not sought our fortune in possessions; but we have chosen you as our portion. Everything you had, therefore, you have left, Peter. From where, then, comes what you say you have? The cripple rises up and stands erect at the sound of your voice. To others you give health — you who needed help for your own safety. You have left, therefore, what you had and have received what you did not have. Christ is your fortune; Christ is your possession; his name is generous to you; his name is fruitful for you; his name brings gifts to you;

good gifts, not of money, but of grace.

R. O how fair is the chaste generation in its glory! * For immortal is its memory: because both by God is it acknowledged, and by men. *V.* Victorious in the good fight, she triumphs, crowned, forever. — For immortal.

Lesson viii

Whoever has left father or mother or house or brothers or sisters will receive in this world a hundredfold and shall possess eternal life. Many in this life who have given their goods to the poor have been enriched, we know, with still greater wealth. It is a most beautiful thing and even arouses one to mercy. But they ought not to demand from the Lord their reward in things of this world, nor to put their hope in what is worldly. Rather for those who have left all things, God himself is their portion. He is himself the perfect reward of virtues; he estimates not by counting out a hundredfold, but by the measure of perfect fulfillment. I, he says, am your God. He does not say: I will be; but, I am, already; already I dwell in you; already I possess you.

R. O happy Carmel! enlightened by the honor of divine dignity, protected by the Virgin Mother. * The glorious blood of martyrs adorns you, the unsullied witness of pure virginity clothes you. *V.* Among your

blossoms, neither roses nor lilies are lacking. — The glorious. — Glory be. — The glorious.

Lesson ix

You have, O man, among the many prospects placed before you, that of fortune. The Lord has placed before you the portion of possessions, or of gold, or of silver, of honors, of nobility; he has also placed before you the portion of himself. You have therefore many portions to choose from; you choose what you think best. Let not quantity excite you; rather let grace move you. Let not the labor turn you aside; rather, let the fruit entice you.

Te Deum laudamus.

Lauds

Ant. 1 The beauty of Carmel * has been given to them: they shall see the glory of the Lord and the beauty of our God.

Psalms of Sunday in the 1st place

2 Upon the foundation, * which is Christ, they have built with gold, silver, precious stones.

3 Wise men * shall be filled with blessings; they shall inherit esteem among their people, and their renown shall be everlasting.

4 I heard * as it were the loud voice of a great crowd in heaven, saying: Alleluia! salvation and glory and power belong

to our God; and again they said: Alleluia.

5 With every heart * and voice let us unite in praising and blessing the Lord in our Saints.

Little Chapter Is. 8:18

Look at me and the children whom the Lord has given me: we are signs and portents in Israel, from the Lord of hosts who dwells on Mount Sion.

Hymn

All hail! you gentle dwellers
Of wilderness and cloister.

You won out over the wicked
cunning

Of the raging forces of darkness.

Jewels and treasures of gold,
High places of worldly honor,
The fleeting joys which the
world offers

All these you trod underfoot.

Far from the affairs of men
The soul on fire with love fled
away;

Joining the assembly of God's
chosen

Dwelt among heavenly things.

Wounded by love's dart,
Teresa and Magdalen faint with
love;

Cries the one: To suffer or to
die!

To suffer, not to die! cries the
other.

He who was called "Of the
Cross"

Yearned to suffer and be de-
spised.

In all things the Cross was his
portion,

His honor, his comfort, his joy.

You who endured labors so great
And now share in the vision of God,
Prepare, we beg you, the same reward
For us who follow in your paths.

With the Father and the loving Spirit,
To you, Jesus, be glory
Who were born of the Virgin,
Beauty of Carmelites.

℣. God is wonderful in his Saints. ℞. And holy in all his works.

Ant. (Ben.) The loving grace of Christ * has exalted the Saints whom the Virgin's Order produced. By their merits we ask to be helped, and by their prayers commended to God.

Collect

All-powerful, merciful God, you give us joy each year in the commemoration of all the Saints of the Order of the most Blessed Virgin Mary of Mount Carmel. In your kindness grant to us this grace: by their merits, and with the help of their prayers, we may live for you alone, meditating always on your law, denying ourselves in all things, and so merit to join them in the happiness of eternal life. This we ask of you through our Lord.

A commemoration is made of St. Josaphat, Bishop, Martyr:

Ant. He who hates * his life

in this world, keeps it unto life everlasting.

℣. The just man shall flourish like the palm tree. ℞. Like a cedar of Lebanon shall he grow.

Collect

Send upon your Church, Lord, the Spirit which filled St. Josaphat, your Martyr Bishop, and made him give his life for his sheep. Through his intercession may we also, motivated and strengthened by the same Spirit, be ready without fear to give our lives for our brethren. This we ask of you through our Lord . . . in the unity of the same.

At the Little Hours, antiphons and psalms of the current weekday.

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Little Chapter

Is. 8:18

Look at me and the children whom the Lord has given me: we are signs and portents in Israel, from the Lord of hosts who dwells on Mount Sion.

Short ℞. Be glad in the Lord * And exult, you just. — Be glad. ℣. And glory, all you upright of heart. — And exult, you just. — Glory be. — Be glad.

℣. Let the just exult before God. ℞. Let them be glad and rejoice.

Sext

Little Chapter

Eccl. 44:7

All these were glorious in their time, each illustrious in his day.

Short R. Let the just exult * Before God. – Let the just. *V.* Let them be glad and rejoice. – Before God. – Glory be. – Let the just.

V. But the just will live forever. *R.* and in the Lord is their recompense.

None

Little Chapter Eccl. 44:13

Their children for their sakes remain forever: their seed and their glory shall not be forsaken.

Short R. But the just * will live forever. – But. *V.* And in the Lord is their recompense. – Will. – Glory be. – But.

V. The Saints will exult in glory. *R.* They will sing for joy upon their couches.

Vespers

Antiphons, Little Chapter from Lauds. Psalms of Sunday, but in place of the last one, Psalm 115 “Confisus sum.”

Hymn

“Let us all praise the Virgin”
as at Matins.

V. The Saints will exult in glory. *R.* They will sing for joy upon their couches.

Ant. (Magn.) Let us praise * men of renown, and our fathers in their generation. They that were born of them have left a name behind them, that their praises might be related.

Collect

All-powerful, merciful God,
you give us joy each year in the

commemoration of all the Saints of the Order of the most Blessed Virgin Mary of Mount Carmel. In your kindness grant to us this grace: by their merits, and with the help of their prayers, we may live for you alone, meditating always on your law, denying ourselves in all things, and so merit to join them in the happiness of eternal life. This we ask of you through our Lord.

Sunday Compline.

November 24

St. John of the Cross
*Confessor, Doctor of the
Church, Our Father*

1st Class

1st Vespers

Ant. 1 I will bring him * to my Holy Mountain and make him joyful in my house of prayer.

Psalms of Sunday, but in place of the last one, Psalm 116.

2 Gladly will I glory * in my infirmities, that the strength of Christ may dwell in me.

3 I meditated * on your commands, which I loved: and I was exercised in your justifications.

4 From on high * he has sent fire into my bones and has chastised me.

5 Your sons * shall come from afar, and your daughters rise up at your side.

Little Chapter Philipp. 3:17

Brethren: Be imitators of me,
and mark those who walk after
the pattern you have in us.

Hymn

Greathearted warrior of the
eternal King,
Bulwark of our Order, blessed
John,
Accept the applause which we
offer
In joyful praise.

Twice in your childhood you
felt
The tender hand of the Virgin
Mother
Rescuing you from imminent
death, preserving
Her devoted son.

You were the first offspring of
our Mother.
In you she trusted, you reformed
your people,
You restored the temple, you
rebuilt the ancient
Shrine of the Virgin.

Through the Cross you re-
stored the Order's ancient
beauty
By conforming your actions to
the Redeemer,
Who, through the Cross, re-
stored the world
Fallen through sin.

To the Holy Trinity who gave
to John
When first he celebrated the
Sacred Mystery
A sure sign of the salvation he
longed for,
Let us sing our praise.

V. Pray for us, holy Father
John. *R.* Make us worthy of the
promises of Christ.

Ant. (Magn.) Whoever has
zeal * for the law, let him follow
me: and many that sought after
judgment and justice went
down into the desert.

Collect

In St. John, Confessor and
Doctor of the Faith, and our
Father, you inspired, O Lord,
perfect renunciation and love of
the Cross. Grant that by always
following his example we may
obtain everlasting glory. This we
ask of you through our Lord.

*Sunday Compline.**Matins*

Invit. The Lord, King of Con-
fessors, * Come, let us adore.

Ps. 94 Venite, exsultemus.

Hymn

John brings a day all glowing
With the glory of the Cross;
The Cross to which he clung in
spirit
And bore always affixed to his
body.

Neither disgrace nor ridicule,
Hunger, scourgings, chains
Availed to slake his thirst –
The hard things the valiant seek.

These were the joys he
sought,
These the rewards he wished for
his labor,
These his petitions: to be made
A living image of his Crucified
Lord.

Meditating on the mystic
night,
He perceived the light in that
night;
From the light he received a
flame,
That he might form the ranks of
Carmel.

The heavenly spirits, O
Christ, praise you,
Consecrated souls follow after
you
In the way marked out by John
To the true joys of life. Amen.

1st Nocturn

Ant. 1 I determined * not to
know anything among you, ex-
cept Jesus Christ and him Cruci-
fied.

*Psalms from the Common of
Confessor not a Bishop*

Ant. 2 To me to live * is
Christ, and to die is gain.

Ant. 3 I have covered * my
soul with fasting: and I put on
sackcloth as my garment.

∇. My life is spent with grief.
℞. And my years with sighing.

From the Epistle of blessed
Paul the Apostle to the Philip-
pians

Lesson i Ch. 1:29-30; 2:1-9

Brethren: You have been
given the favor on Christ's be-
half – not only to believe in him
but also to suffer for him, while
engaged in the same struggle in
which you have seen me and
now have heard of me. If, there-
fore, there is any comfort in

Christ, any encouragement from
charity, any fellowship in the
Spirit, any feelings of mercy, fill
up my joy by thinking alike, hav-
ing the same charity, with one
soul and one mind. Do nothing
out of contentiousness or out of
vainglory, but in humility let
each one regard the others as
his superiors, each one looking
not to his own interests but
to those of others. Have this
mind in you which was also in
Christ Jesus, who though he was
by nature God, did not consider
being equal to God a thing to
be clung to, but emptied him-
self, taking the nature of a slave
and being made like unto men.
And appearing in the form of
man, he humbled himself, be-
coming obedient to death, even
to death on a cross. Therefore
God also has exalted him and
has bestowed upon him the
name that is above every name.

℞. God forbid that I should
glory, save in the cross of our
Lord Jesus Christ, * Through
whom the world is crucified to
me, and I to the world. ∇. But
I live, now not I: but Christ
lives in me. – Through.

Lesson ii Ch. 3:15-21

Let us then, as many as are
perfect, be of this mind; and if
in any point you are minded
otherwise, this also God will re-
veal to you. Still in what we have
attained let us be of the same
mind, and let us also continue
in this same rule. Brethren, be

imitators of me, and mark those who walk after the pattern you have in us. For many walk, of whom I have told you often and now tell you even weeping, that they are enemies of the cross of Christ. Their end is ruin, their god is the belly, their glory is in their shame, they mind the things of earth. But our citizenship is in heaven from which also we eagerly await a Savior, our Lord Jesus Christ, who will refashion the body of our lowliness, conforming it to the body of his glory by exerting the power by which he is able also to subject all things to himself.

R. I chastise my body * And bring it into subjection. V. That the life of Jesus may be made manifest in our mortal flesh. — And.

Lesson iii

Ch. 4:6-9

Have no anxiety, but in every prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your petitions be made known to God. And may the peace of God which surpasses all understanding guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. For the rest, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever honorable, whatever just, whatever holy, whatever lovable, whatever of good repute, if there be any virtue, if anything worthy of praise, think upon these things. And what you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, these things practice. And

the God of peace will be with you.

R. I reckon that the sufferings of the present time are not worthy to be compared * With the glory to come that will be revealed in us. V. The doctrine of the cross is foolishness to those who perish; but to us, it is the power of God. — With the glory. — Glory be. — With the glory.

2nd Nocturn

Ant. 4 Hot grew my heart * within me; and in my thoughts, a fire blazed forth.

Ant. 5 On the works * of your hands I meditated; and my spirit fainted away.

Ant. 6 He has given me * hidden treasures and the concealed riches of secret places.

V. My heart, and my flesh. R. Have rejoiced in the living God.

Lesson iv

John of the Cross was born of pious parents at Fontiveros in Spain. From his first years he was known to be especially loved by the Virgin Mother of God. When he was but five years old, it was the hand of the Mother of God which drew him out of a well into which he had fallen. He burned with such an ardent desire to suffer that at the age of nine, he accustomed himself to sleep on twigs, spurning a softer bed. As a young man he devoted himself to the service of the sick poor in a hospital

at Medina del Campo where he showed himself always ready to perform the most menial services for them, so great was his love. His example aroused others to imitate him. But he was called to a higher life, and he entered the Order of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Mount Carmel. Bowing to obedience, he was ordained priest. Most desirous of a stricter rule and a more austere life, he obtained permission from his superiors to follow the primitive rule of the Order. He wished by constant meditation on the Lord's passion, by unceasing battle against himself as his worst enemy, by vigils, fasts, iron disciplines, and every sort of corporal penance, to crucify his flesh with its vices and its concupiscences, and to do it in a short time. And so he was worthy to be ranked by St. Teresa among the purest and holiest souls giving glory to God's Church at that time.

R. But our citizenship is in heaven, * From which also we eagerly await a Savior, our Lord Jesus Christ. *V.* Reflecting as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, we are being transformed into his very image from glory to glory. – From.

Lesson v

Strengthened by his exceptional austerity of life, and supported by his practice of all virtues, above all by constant contemplation of divine truths, he

frequently experienced long and wonderful ecstasies. He was so on fire with love for God that he could not contain for long the divine flame that burned within him, but it would manifest itself to others by the radiance of his countenance. Intent especially on the eternal salvation of his neighbors, he was assiduous both in preaching the word of God and in administering the sacraments. In addition to all these merits, he was inspired to promote a stricter mode of life, and was given by God to St. Teresa as companion, so that, as she had restored the primitive rule of the Carmelite Order among the nuns, with John's help she might restore it also among the friars. Together with this handmaid of the Lord he undertook countless labors in promoting this divine work. He visited each monastery which this holy Virgin had founded throughout Spain, undeterred by hardships or dangers. And the many which he himself erected for the spread of the restored observance, he strengthened by word and example. Hence he is, after St. Teresa, the teacher and propagator of the Order of Discalced Carmelites.

R. Light shall rise for you in the darkness and the gloom shall become for you like midday. * And the Lord will fill your soul with brightness. *V.* Put to death indeed in the flesh, he was

brought to life in the spirit. —
And the Lord.

Lesson vi

John preserved his virginity always. Certain shameless women who schemed to entangle him in their sin, he not only thwarted in their plans but succeeded in winning them back to Christ. In the judgment of the Apostolic See he, like St. Teresa, was divinely instructed in expounding heavenly secrets and he wrote books on mystical theology which are filled with heavenly wisdom. Once when he was asked by Christ what reward he wished for so many labors, he answered: Lord, to suffer and be despised for your sake. Although he was renowned for his command over devils whom he often drove out of possessed persons, the discernment of spirits, the gift of prophecy and the glory of miracles, he always remained humble. Often he asked the Lord to be permitted to die in a place where he was unknown to anyone. His prayer was granted. He endured fearful suffering from five running sores on his leg, filling up his most ardent desires for suffering. Having received the sacraments of the Church with holy reverence, in the embrace of Christ crucified whom he had always borne in his heart and on his lips, he fell asleep in the Lord at Ubeda, on the day and

at the hour he had predicted, in the year of salvation 1591, in the forty-ninth year of his age. His last words were: Into your hands I commend my spirit. A brilliant ball of fire was seen to envelop his soul as it left his body. His body exhaled a sweet odor. He is buried at Segovia where his body, still incorrupt, is duly honored. Both before and after his death he was adorned with miracles. Benedict XIII, Supreme Pontiff, numbered him among the Saints, and Pius XI, after consulting the Sacred Congregation of Rites, declared him a Doctor of the universal Church.

R. His lamp shone above my head * And by his light I walked through darkness. *V.* And night became bright as day. — And by his light. — Glory be. — And by his light.

3rd Nocturn

Ant. 7 A wise man * instructs his own people, and the fruits of his understanding are faithful.

Ant. 8 The Lord fed him * with the bread of life and understanding, and gave him the water of learning to drink.

Ant. 9 He gave him * the knowledge of Saints; he prospered him in his labors, and made abundant the fruit of his works.

V. Many shall praise his wisdom. *R.* And it shall never be abolished.

A reading from the holy Gospel
according to Luke

Lesson vii Ch. 11:33-36

At that time: Jesus said to the crowds: No one lights a lamp and puts it in a cellar or even under the measure, but upon the lamp-stand that they who enter may see the light. And so forth.

A homily of St. Augustine,
Bishop

(*On the Lord's Sermon on the Mount, Book 1.*)

Well is it said "under the measure." If the term "measure" refers to repayment by measure, then we may understand that each one will receive whatsoever he did in the body. The Apostle is saying: everyone will receive what he performed in the body. Also, of this measure of the body, it is said in another place: In what measure you shall have meted out, in that measure will it be meted to you. Measure is also well used here if it signifies the temporal goods which are accomplished in the body and are begun and pass through a fixed measure of days. But eternal and spiritual things are bound by no such limits. For God does not give his Spirit by measure.

R. He opened his mouth in prayer: * And the Lord filled him with the spirit of understanding. V. And he will pour forth the words of his wisdom like showers. — And the Lord.

Lesson viii

He who places his candle under a measure is he who covers and obscures the light of sound doctrine under temporal luxuries. But he who places his candle upon a candlestick is he who subjects his body to the service of God in order that the preaching of truth may be accounted the higher and the service of the body the lower. However, doctrine may shine forth all the brighter by means of the very service of the body, if through use of the body, that is, through the tongue and voice and other actions of the body in the performance of good works, doctrine is imparted to those who are learning. Upon a candlestick, therefore, he places this candle when, as the Apostle says: I so fight, not as one beating the air, but I chastise my body and bring it into subjection, lest after preaching to others I myself become a cast-away.

R. He sought out useful words, * And wrote righteous discourses full of truth. V. And he reveals profound things out of the darkness. — And wrote. — Glory be. — And wrote.

Lesson ix

Now he also says: That it may shine to all who are in the house. The house I understand to be the dwelling place of men, that is, this world, because of what he had said earlier: You

are the light of the world. However, if anyone wishes to take the word house as referring to the Church, it is not absurd. So let your light, he says, shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father who is in heaven. If he had said: So let your light shine before men that they may see your good works, he would seem to have constituted the praises of men as an end. That is what hypocrites seek, and those who strive after vain glory. But he adds: and that they may glorify your Father who is in heaven. Thus, although a man, through good works may please men, yet he does not make this pleasing of men an end in itself, but refers this to the praise of God. Therefore he pleases men that thereby he may give glory to God.

Te Deum laudamus.

Lauds

(antiphons for the Little Hours also)

Ant. 1 He was born prince * of his brethren, the support of his family, the stay of the people.

Psalms of Sunday in the 1st place.

2 Like the fruitbearing tree * he brings forth firstfruits, because his waters flow forth from the Sanctuary.

3 A city shall be built * in a high place, and a temple shall

be founded according to his plan.

4 His sons shall be * as of old, and his assembly before me shall stand firm.

5 Glory and wealth * shall be in his house, and his justice remains forever.

Little Chapter Philipp. 3:17

Brethren: Be imitators of me, and mark those who walk after the pattern you have in us.

Hymn

The Lord, bearing His cross,
speaks to John.
He offers him the crowns he has earned;
But John begs only to drink of
the bitter chalice
Of the cross.

To suffer and to be despised
— these are his prayers,
This his reward. But to the sum
of his sufferings
He adds — to die without any
office of honor.
This he asks and receives.

At length his enormous labors
of the cross
Are completed in death. At that
final moment
A brilliant ball of fire descending
from heaven
Manifests his worth.

Its shining envelops the bed
in brightness,
All light from lamps is as darkness
to its light.
A fragrant odor emanating from
his body
Bears witness to his holiness.

Highest praise be to the Father and to his Word Begotten
 Equal praise to you, Spirit of Father and Son,
 By your fire the joyful multitude of the Blessed
 Are forever nourished. Amen.

∇. The Lord brought out the chief stone. ℞. And shall give equal grace to its grace.

Ant. (Ben.) Look to the rock * from which you were hewn; to Abraham, your father, and to Sara who gave you birth.

Collect

In St. John, Confessor and Doctor of the Faith, and our Father, you inspired, O Lord, perfect renunciation and love of the Cross. Grant that by always following his example we may obtain everlasting glory. This we ask of you through our Lord.

Antiphons at the Little Hours are from Lauds; Psalms are those of Sunday, but at Prime as on feasts.

Terce

Little Chapter Philipp. 3:17

Brethren: Be imitators of me, and mark those who walk after the pattern you have in us.

Short ℞. Spent with grief, * Is my life. – Spent. ∇. And my years with sighing. – Is my life. – Glory be. – Spent.

∇. My heart, and my flesh. ℞. Have rejoiced in the living God.

Sext

Little Chapter Philipp. 3:20

But our citizenship is in heaven: from which also we eagerly await a Savior, our Lord Jesus Christ.

Short ℞. My heart, * And my flesh. – My heart. ∇. Have rejoiced in the living God. – And my flesh. – Glory be. – My heart.

∇. Many shall praise his wisdom. ℞. And it shall never be abolished.

None

Little Chapter Philipp. 4:9

What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, these things practise. And the God of peace will be with you.

Short ℞. Many shall praise * His wisdom. – Many. ∇. And it shall never be abolished. – His wisdom. – Glory be. – Many shall.

∇. The Lord brought out the chief stone. ℞. And shall give equal grace to its grace.

2nd Vespers

(Antiphons and Little Chapter from Lauds. Psalms of Sunday, but in place of the last one Psalm 116)

Hymn

O truly happy! Seer of the Most High God,
 Martyr in desire and in spirit,
 Virginal Penitent, Prophet renowned,

Mystical Doctor!

How often you spoke with
Christ
And with his pure Mother, liv-
ing with heavenly persons!
And so it is that your books of
teaching
Glow with such light.

With mind enlightened by
heavenly radiance,
You retrace the ascent of the
mount,
The dark night, the living flame
of love,
Laying bare high mysteries.

As you disclose to us the
meaning
Of the Holy Word, darkness
flees from our souls,
While you make light arise
shining
From shadows of night.

Let John lead our praises to
the Holy Trinity:

The Father gave him light, the
Holy Spirit his gifts.
And the Heavenly Lamb opens
for him
The book of life. Amen.

℣. Pray for us, holy Father
John. ℞. Make us worthy of the
promises of Christ.

Ant. (Magn.) My sons, * take
courage and behave manfully in
the law, for it is in the law that
you shall find your glory.

Collect

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Doctor of the Faith, and our
Father, you inspired, O Lord,
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following his example we may
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Sunday Compline.

APPENDIX

ORDO CARMELITARUM DISCALCEATORUM PROVINCiarUM CIV.FOEDER.AMER. SEPT.

Prot. n. 1221/66

Textus "Proprii" Officiorum aliquorum festorum pro aliquibus locis a Monialibus O.C.D. in Civitatibus Foederatis Americae Septentrionalis commorantibus adhibendum, lingua anglica exaratus.

Probatum seu confirmatum.

E Civitate Vaticana, die 7 maii 1966.

De mandato Em.mi Praesidis

(A. Bugnini, CM)
a Secretis

March 17

St. Patrick

Bishop and Confessor

Co-Patron of the Archdiocese
of Los Angeles

*1st class (in the Archdiocese
of Los Angeles)*

*All as in Common of Confessor
Bishop except:*

Matins

2nd Nocturn

Lesson iv

Patrick, called the Apostle of Ireland, was born in Greater Brittany, the son of Calphurnius and of Conchessa, who was said to be a near relative of St. Martin of Tours. Several times he was captured by barbarians and made to tend the sheep of his enslavers. In this lowly condition he gave evidence of his future sanctity; filled with the spirit of faith and of the fear and love of God, he used to rise before dawn, in snow, sleet, and rain, and pour out his prayers to God. A hundred times during the day and a hundred times during the night, he prayed. After deliverance from his third captivity, he enrolled in the ranks of clerics and for a considerable time devoted himself to the study of spiritual writings. Travelling under most difficult circumstances through France, Italy, and the islands of the Tyrhenian sea, he urged, under divine inspiration, the evangelization of the Irish people. At last he was commissioned by blessed Pope Celestine to preach the

Gospel there. After he was consecrated bishop he journeyed to Ireland.

Lesson v

In fulfilling this commission this apostolic man endured countless troubles, afflictions, labors, and vexations from opponents. But, by the outpouring kindness of God, that land which formerly worshipped idols, soon, through Patrick's preaching, bore such fruit that it was thereafter called the island of Saints. Great numbers of the people were born to new life through the saving waters he poured on them. He ordained many bishops and clerics. He instituted rules of life for virgins and widows dedicated to chastity. By the authority of the Holy See he established his residence at Armagh which he constituted the Metropolitan See of all Ireland. He enriched it with relics of saints brought from Rome. He was blessed with such great gifts of prophecy, heavenly visions, and mighty signs and wonders, that his fame spread far and wide.

Lesson vi

Because of his daily solicitude for the churches, he never relaxed in his unconquerable spirit of prayer. It is said of him that he recited the entire Psalter daily, in addition to the Canticles, Hymns, and two hundred prayers. Three hundred times each day he knelt to pay reverence to God, and at each ca-

nonical hour, he made the sign of the cross one hundred times. He divided the night into three parts. During the first he recited a hundred Psalms, genuflecting two hundred times; during the second part, he said the remaining Psalms, standing in ice water, with hands, eyes, and heart lifted up to heaven. The third part of the night he gave to light sleep, lying on the bare stony ground. He cultivated humility in a special way, and, following the apostolic tradition, did not disdain to work with his hands. Consumed by his constant care for the Church, renowned in word and work, he fell asleep in the Lord, after being refreshed by the heavenly mysteries, in extreme old age. He was buried at Down in Ulster. This was in the fifth century of the Christian era.

September 1

St. Vibiana

Virgin and Martyr

Principal Patroness of the
Archdiocese of Los Angeles

*1st class (in the archdiocese
of Los Angeles)*

*All from the Common of
Virgin Martyrs, except what is
here given as proper:*

Matins

2nd Nocturn

Lesson iv

Those places in Rome in which the bodies of the holy martyrs were customarily buried by the Christians and which are

called cemeteries, have always been held in the greatest honor and reverence by the faithful. In them the Supreme Pontiffs during times of persecution performed the sacred functions and the faithful were nourished spiritually with the bread of angels and the preaching of the word of God. From almost all parts of the world people streamed in devout pilgrimage to see these places and to venerate the relics of the holy Martyrs. When peace was restored under Christian emperors, many bodies of holy martyrs were taken from their tombs and given to various churches throughout the world and remained exposed for public veneration by the faithful with great profit for souls. But yet, with the passing of time and the repeated shiftings of the earth, these cemeteries began to be destroyed and not a few were forgotten. By the zeal, reverence, and generosity of the Roman Pontiffs they were either restored or brought to light and in them were discovered many tombs of the holy Martyrs.

R. Fight for truth and goodness and justice, * Your right hand shall do wonderful things. *V.* In your glory and your splendor go forth, advance with victory and reign. — Your.

Lesson v

This also happened in the year of salvation 1853 when, by command of the Supreme Pontiff, Pius IX, the cemetery on the Appian Way, commonly

known as the cemetery of St. Sixtus, was restored. There, among other monuments of Christian antiquity, was found the sepulcher with the body of St. Vibiana, Virgin and Martyr, and at its head a container of blood of reddish color. The relics of this Virgin and Martyr were carefully gathered and examined by learned men whose judgment was that she had undergone martyrdom at a tender age. It is granted that carved insignia denoting martyrdom were found there, yet it was a pity that her deeds, the manner of her martyrdom, and the time in which she suffered remained hidden. Nevertheless, from the style of the inscription, and other indications, it can be conjectured that this intrepid Virgin conquered tyranny in the third century of the Christian era. The following inscription was read over the tomb of the Martyr: "To the innocent and pure soul of Vibiana, buried in peace on the first of the Kalends of September." From these words it can be gathered, as is evident from other inscriptions dating from that period, that not only had she confirmed her faith in Christ in her own blood, but also that she had vowed her virginity to the Immaculate Lamb from her earliest years.

R. You love justice and hate wickedness; * Therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness. *W.* Fight for

truth and goodness and justice. – Therefore.

Lesson vi

In the year 1854 the sacred relics of this renowned Virgin and Martyr Vibiana were first exposed at Rome for the veneration of the faithful. Many bishops hoped to obtain the sacred relics for their flocks, but God was pleased to bestow the possession of the holy body upon the Diocese of Monterey-Los Angeles in Upper California. The Supreme Pontiff, Pius IX, assenting to the petitions of the newly elected Bishop, not only granted the relics to him but also gave permission for the Mass and Office of this same holy Virgin, to be recited annually by all the clergy of the diocese. He enriched with indulgences the confraternity of St. Vibiana canonically erected in this diocese on the condition that the Cathedral Church be erected to Almighty God under the invocation of St. Vibiana. Consequently on May 1, 1876, the work of erecting a cathedral, financed by the offerings of the faithful, was completed, and the Bishop dedicated the Cathedral Church to God in honor of St. Vibiana and brought her holy relics there in solemn ceremony, placing them in a chapel behind the high altar. Later the same Pontiff, Pius IX, yielding to the petitions of the clergy, constituted St. Vibiana principal pat-

roness of the whole diocese of Monterey-Los Angeles, and assigned September 1 for her feast to be kept perpetually.

R. Behind her the virgins of her train will be brought to the King. * They will be brought to you with gladness and joy. V. In your glory and your splendor, go forth, advance with victory and reign. – They. – Glory be. – They.

Collect

Among the marvels worked by your power, Lord, is the ability of the gentler sex to endure victoriously the torments of martyrdom. We are celebrating the entrance into heaven of your Virgin Martyr St. Vibiana; grant that by imitating her example we may draw nearer to you. This we ask of you through our Lord.

December 12

Blessed Virgin Mary of
Guadalupe

*Heavenly Patroness of all
America*

*All as in the Common of feasts
of the Blessed Virgin Mary
except:*

1st Vespers

*(Whenever it is celebrated as of
1st class)*

Ant. 1 Who is she * that comes forth like the sun, beautiful as Jerusalem?

*Psalms from the Common
of feasts of the Blessed Vir-
gin Mary.*

2 The daughters of Sion *

saw her, blooming among the roses, and declared her most blessed.

3 Flowers have appeared * in our land: We praise you, holy Mother of God.

4 Sing to her * a new song: tell her glory among the nations.

5 You are the glory of Jerusalem, * you are the joy of Israel, you are the honor of your people.

Little Chapter Prov. 8:34-35

Happy the man who hears me; happy the man watching daily at my gates, waiting at my doorposts; for he who finds me finds life, and wins salvation from the Lord.

Hymn

Hail star of the sea,
God's loving Mother,
And ever a Virgin,
Heaven's fair gate.

You who received that "Ave"
From Gabriel's lips,
Establish us in peace,
Reversing the name "Eva."

Break the sinners' fetters,
Bring light to the blind,
Drive away our ills
And ask for us every blessing.

Show yourself a mother.
May he who, born for us,
Deigned to be your Son,
Receive our prayers through
you.

Virgin without equal,
Gentle beyond all others,
Win us pardon for our sins
And make us gentle and pure.

Make it your care that our life
is without sin,
Arrange a safe journey for us
So that we may see Jesus
And rejoice together forever.

To God the Father be praise,
To Christ most high, and
To the Holy Spirit be glory;
To the Three be equal honor.
Amen.

V. He has not done thus for
any other nation. *R.* His ordi-
nances he has not made known
to them.

In 1st Vespers

Ant. (Magn.) I have chosen *
and sanctified this place, that
my name may be there, and my
eyes and my heart may remain
there always.

In 2nd Vespers

Ant. (Magn.) Raise your
eyes * and look about: they all
gather and come to you: your
sons come from afar, and your
daughters rise up at your side.

Collect

You have placed us, O God,
under the special patronage of
the most Blessed Virgin Mary,
and you have been pleased to
shower blessing after blessing
upon us. The celebration of
Mary's feast brings us joy on
earth today; may we enjoy the
sight of her in heaven. This we
ask of you through our Lord.

*A commemoration is made of
feria.*

Sunday Compline

Matins

Invit. Holy Mary, Virgin
Mother of God, * Plead our
cause.

Ps. 94 Venite, exultemus.

Hymn

Glory and protector of Vir-
gins,
Sinless Mother of God,
Entrance to the court of heaven,
Hope of earth and joy of
heaven!

Lily among thorns
Dove most beautiful
Rod from Jesse's root whose
flower

Was healing for man's wounds!
Tower that is proof against
the devil's assaults,
And star that is welcomed by
the shipwrecked,

Protect us from our treacherous
foe
And guide us by your light.

Dispel the mists that make
man lose the way,
Keep us away from treacherous
shoals

And show a way of safety
To those who are off their
course.

Glory be to you, Jesus, born
of the Virgin;
And glory be to the Father
And the loving Spirit,
Through endless ages. Amen.

1st Nocturn

Ant. 1 From the rising of the
sun * even to its setting, my
name is great among the nations.

Ant. 2 In the highest heav-

ens * did I dwell, my throne on a pillar of cloud.

Ant. 3 I have been found * by those who did not seek me; openly have I appeared to those who did not search for me.

℣. The Lord has made known his salvation. *℞.* In sight of the nations he has revealed his glory.

From the book of
Ecclesiasticus

Lesson 1 Ch. 24:5-31

From the mouth of the Most High I came forth, the firstborn before all creatures: I made a never-failing light to arise in the heavens, and mistlike I covered the earth. In the highest heavens did I dwell, my throne on a pillar of cloud. The vault of heaven I compassed alone, through the deep abyss I wandered. Over the waves of the sea, over all the land, over every people and nation I held sway. By my power I have trodden under my feet the hearts of all the high and low. Among all these I sought a resting place; in whose inheritance should I abide? Then the Creator of all gave me his command, and he who formed me chose the spot for my tent, saying: In Jacob make your dwelling, in Israel your inheritance, and in my elect take root.

℞. I saw one beautiful as a dove, coming up by the streams of waters, and the fragrance of her clothing was beyond price: *

And roses and lilies of the valley were around her as in the springtime. *℣.* Who is she coming up from the desert, like a column of smoke laden with myrrh, with frankincense? – And roses.

Lesson ii

Before all ages, in the beginning, he created me, and through all ages I shall not cease to be. In the holy Tent I ministered before him, and in Sion I fixed my abode. Thus in the chosen city he has given me rest, in Jerusalem is my domain. I have struck root among the glorious people, in the portion of the Lord, his heritage, and my abode is in the full assembly of saints. Like a cedar on Lebanon I am raised aloft, like a cypress on Mount Hermon, like a palm tree in En-gaddi, like a rosebush in Jericho, like a fair olive tree in the field, like a plane tree growing beside the water. Like cinnamon or fragrant balm, or precious myrrh, I give forth perfume; like galbanum and onycha and sweet spices, like the odor of incense in the Holy Place.

℞. Who is this that comes forth like the dawn, as beautiful as the moon, as resplendent as the sun, * As awe-inspiring as bannered troops? *℣.* O Daughter of Sion, how beautiful and sweet you are, fair as the moon, bright as the sun. – As awe-inspiring.

Lesson iii

I spread out my branches like a terebinth, my branches so bright and so graceful. I bud forth delights like the vine, my blossoms become fruit fair and rich. I am the mother of fair love, and of fear, and of knowledge, and of holy hope. In me is all grace of the way and of the truth, in me is all hope of life and of virtue. Come to me, all you that yearn for me, and be filled with my fruits; you will remember me as sweeter than honey, better to have than the honey, better to have than the honeycomb. He who eats of me will hunger still, he who drinks of me will thirst for more; he who obeys me will not be put to shame, he who serves me will never fail. He who explains me shall have life everlasting.

R. Who is she who comes forth like the sun, and beautiful as Jerusalem? * The daughters of Sion saw her, and called her blessed, and queens praised her. *V.* And roses and lilies of the valley were around her as in the springtime. — The daughters of Sion. — Glory be. — The daughters of Sion.

2nd Nocturn

Ant. 4 A great sign * appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet.

Ant. 5 A people who were walking * in darkness have seen a great light; to those dwelling

in the region of the shadow of death, a light has arisen.

Ant. 6 All the ends * of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

V. We shall enter into his tabernacle. *R.* We shall worship in the place where his feet have stood.

Lesson iv

In the year of salvation, according to an ancient and unwavering tradition, the Virgin Mother of God appeared on the hill of Tepeyac in Mexico to Juan Diego, a pious and unlettered catechumen. Speaking to him most lovingly, she commanded him to go to his Bishop and tell him that she wished a shrine to be built there in her honor. John de Zumarraga, Bishop of the place, answered that he would investigate the truth of the matter. Again urged by the appearance and the command of the beautiful Virgin, the catechumen once again repeated his request with tears and entreaties. This time the Bishop stated that he must have a sign by which the Mother of God would clearly manifest that this was her wish.

R. A great sign appeared in heaven, a woman clothed with the sun and the moon under her feet. * And on her head a crown of twelve stars. *V.* Her foundations are in the holy mountains, the Lord loves the gates of Sion more than all the tabernacles of Jacob. — And.

Lesson v

The catechumen, hurrying over the mountains to Mexico City to call a priest to attend his uncle who was dying, and give him the last rites of the Church, took a route away from the hill of Tepeyac and there the most kind Virgin appeared to him a third time. She assured him that his uncle was restored to health. Then she arranged in his cloak some very beautiful roses which appeared suddenly, although the barrenness of the place and the cold of the winter season were contrary to the natural growth of such flowers. She instructed him to bring them to the Bishop. Obeying her instructions, he carried the roses in his cloak to the Bishop and dropped them before him. And there appeared on the cloak a picture of blessed Mary as she had shown herself to him on the hill. Overwhelmed by so great a miracle, the citizens took care to preserve the holy painting with due honor in the Bishop's chapel. Shortly after, it was transferred with fitting solemnity to a shrine built on the hill of Tepeyac where it is honored with great devotion by all nations.

R. Who is this that comes forth like the dawn: * As beautiful as the moon, resplendent as the sun? **V.** Like the rainbow appearing in the cloudy sky, like the blossoms of the roses in springtime. – As beautiful.

Lesson vi

Since that time, a magnificent church has been erected, the Roman Pontiffs added a College of Canons for the greater splendor of divine worship and the Mexican people have added their great devotion to the Mother of God. For four centuries it has been honored by the great devotion of the people and adorned by frequent miracles. For this reason the Archbishop of Mexico and other bishops of that region, with the agreement of all classes, declared her principal patroness of the entire Mexican nation and their constant protector in public and private calamities. Benedict XIV, by apostolic authority, declared her their chosen patroness and granted the privilege of an Office and Mass under the title of the blessed Virgin of Guadalupe. Leo XIII, kindly acceding to repeated petitions, after consulting with the Sacred Congregation of Rites, granted this new Office as Protectress of the Mexican people, and ordered that the picture of the Virgin, famous for miracles and the devotion it inspired, be crowned with gold in solemn ceremony, in his name and by his command. This was done on October 12, 1895, by the Archbishop of Mexico in the presence of almost all the Bishops of the Republic, besides many others from many parts of America, together with a tre-

mendous gathering of pilgrims, both native and foreign. Then Pius X, in order to satisfy the petitions of devout Bishops of Latin America, declared this same most blessed Virgin of Guadalupe the principal Patroness of all Latin America.

R. I have chosen and sanctified this place; * That my name may be there, and my eyes and my heart may remain there always. **V.** He has not done thus for any other nation, and his ordinances he has not made known to them. – That my name. – Glory be. – That my name.

3rd Nocturn

Ant. 7 The Tabernacle of God * Mary, in the center of his City, and she shall not be moved.

Ant. 8 You have gone forth * for the salvation of your people, for salvation with your Christ.

Ant. 9 Glorious things * are said of you, O City of God. The Lord has founded you in the holy mountains.

V. Your sons come from afar.

R. And your daughters rise up at your side.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Lesson vii Ch. 1:39-47

At that time: Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a town of Juda. And she entered the house of Zachary and saluted Elizabeth. And so forth.

A homily of St. Bernard, Abbot
(on the words of the
Appocal. Ch. 12)

Elizabeth marvelled at the one who came, saying: Whence is this to me that the Mother of my Lord should come to me? She praised the voice which greeted her, adding: As soon as the voice of your salutation sounded in my ear, the infant in my womb leaped for joy. And she blessed the faith of her who believed, saying: Blessed are you, who have believed. Great praises indeed, but Mary's devout humility would not permit her to retain anything for herself and she referred everything to him whose great gifts to her were being praised.

R. Happy are you, indeed, holy Virgin Mary, and most worthy of all praise: * For Christ our God, the sun of justice, has risen from you. **V.** Pray for the people, intercede for the clergy, plead for all women consecrated to God. May all experience your help, all who are celebrating your holy feast. – For Christ.

Lesson viii

You, she says, magnify the Mother of the Lord but my soul magnifies the Lord. At the sound of my voice you declare the infant in your womb has rejoiced; but my spirit has rejoiced in God, my salvation: and rejoices as the friend of the Bridegroom rejoices at the voice of

the Bridegroom. You say I am blessed because I have believed, but the cause of my belief and my blessedness is that heavenly love has looked down on me; so that henceforth all generations will call me blessed because God has looked down on his humble and needy handmaid. Do you think, brethren, that holy Elizabeth could be mistaken in what she spoke through the Holy Spirit? God forbid. Plainly she is blessed upon whom God looked down, and blessed because she believed. For here we see the great fruit of the divine look.

R. All generations shall call me blessed: * Because the Lord who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name. **V.** And his mercy is from generation to generation to them that fear him. – Because. – Glory be. – Because.

Lesson ix

For by the unutterable working of the Holy Spirit in overshadowing her, such greatness of soul was united to such deep humility in the secrecy of this virginal heart, that the humility did not diminish her greatness of spirit, nor did her greatness of spirit diminish her humility. But, although in her own eyes she was so humble, nevertheless in her belief in the promise she was great. She regarded herself as no more than a needy and humble handmaid, yet she never

doubted the inscrutable mystery of the choice by which she was chosen to be the Mother of him who is both God and Man. Hear then, O Mother of Mercy, one who throws himself at your feet. By the tender love of your most sincere soul, listen to his supplications. In your light may he see light, and by your pleading, may he deserve the grace of the Sun. For he has loved you more than all mankind and has adorned you, clothing you with a robe of glory and putting on your head a crown of beauty.

Te Deum laudamus.

Lauds

(Antiphons for the Little Hours also)

Ant. 1 Who is she * that comes forth like the sun, beautiful as Jerusalem?

Psalms of Sunday in the 1st place.

2 The daughters of Sion * saw her blooming among the roses, and declared her most blessed.

3 The flowers have appeared * in our land. We praise you, holy Mother of God.

4 Sing her * a new song: tell her glory among the nations.

5 You are the glory * of Jerusalem, you are the joy of Israel, you are the honor of your people.

Little Chapter Prov. 8:34-35

Happy the man who hears me; happy the man watching

daily at my gates, waiting at my doorposts; for he who finds me finds life, and wins salvation from the Lord.

Hymn

(From St. Anselm, Bishop of Canterbury)

Loving Mother,
Free of all stain of corruption,
Chosen by him who broke
The chains of dread death.

In your kindness grant
That those who rejoice in keep-
ing your feasts
May find their happiness
In the radiance of the true light.

First of all, increase our faith
By your prayers, guide
Our wavering spirits with hope
And strengthen them with char-
ity.

Mother of God,
Cause and source of our hope,
Take away wars and affliction,
Famine, plague and violence.

Relieve the sorrows of the
needy
And of those in prison;
Listen to the prayers of the sick;
And give them the healing they
long for.

Let peace and quiet
Make our lives most joyful.
Make friends of our enemies;
Calm the passions of evil men.

O Mary, loving Mother,
Give us your help,
That we may reign forever,
Praising your Son.

God, the Father, God, the
Son,
God, the loving Spirit,
God the Trinity,
Govern us for endless ages.
Amen.

V. Let all on earth worship
and sing praise to you. *R.* Sing
praise to your name.

Ant. (Ben.) Like the rain-
bow * appearing in the cloudy
sky, and like roses blooming in
springtime.

Collect

You have placed us, O God,
under the special patronage of
the most Blessed Virgin Mary,
and you have been pleased to
shower blessing after blessing
upon us. The celebration of
Mary's feast brings us joy on
earth today; may we enjoy the
sight of her in heaven. This we
ask of you through our Lord.

*A commemoration is made of
feria.*

Terce

Little Chapter as at Lauds.

2nd Vespers

*All as at 1st Vespers except
for the variations there noted.*

Sunday Compline.