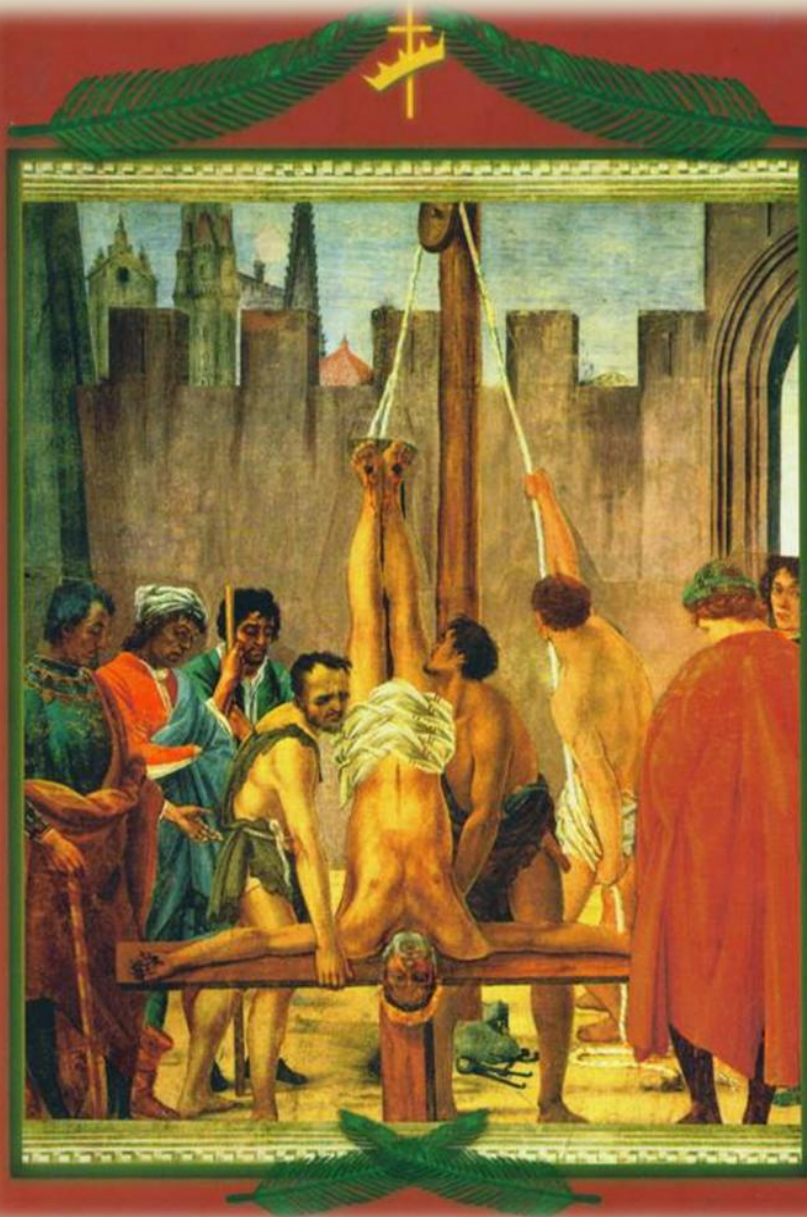


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“For unto you it is given for Christ, not only to believe in him but also to suffer for him.”

(Philippians 1:29)

“They shall deliver you up to be afflicted and shall put you to death,
and you shall be hated by all nations for my name's sake.”

(Matthew 24:9)

“All that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.”

(2 Timothy 3:12)

“Behold I send to you prophets and wise men and scribes;
and some of them you will put to death and crucify,
and some you will scourge in your synagogues, and persecute from city to city.”

(Matthew. 23:34)

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Notes and Instructions

1. The Roman Martyrology does not only commemorate martyrs but also confessors, other holy persons, and holy places and things.
2. In the language of the Church, “birthday” often refers to the day on which a saint enters heaven.
3. The reading from the martyrology is omitted on the three last days of Holy Week.
4. It is generally read during Prime. But it can be read at other times.
5. At the beginning the reader says “May the blood of the martyrs descend upon us and grant us a blessing from the Lord on this 1st day of the 1st month.” Make sure to substitute the proper day and month.
6. At the end, the reader adds, “And in other places, many other holy martyrs, confessors, and virgins.” To this the response is: “Thanks be to God” or “Deo Gratias.”
7. Movable Feast days fall on different days every year and thus are not listed in the Roman Martyrology, such as “Resurrection Day” and “Solemnity of St. Joseph, Patron of the Catholic Church”. However, they are added by the reader at the beginning of the list of martyrs and confessors. For example, “On this day, the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ...” Or “On this day, Solemnity of St. Joseph, Patron of the Catholic Church”.
8. If a feast day is translated to another day, then it is commemorated on the day it is translated to.

First MONTH

1st Day of the 1st Month

The Circumcision of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the octave of His Nativity... At Rome, St. Martina, virgin, who fell asleep in the Lord on this day. Her feast is kept on the 30th day of this month... In Tuscany, on Mount Senario, St. Bonfilius, confessor, one of the seven founders of the Order of the Servites of the Blessed Virgin Mary, who, having honored her devoutly, was suddenly called to heaven by her. His feast, with that of his companions, is kept on the 12th day of the 2nd month... At Rome, St. Almachius, martyr, who, by the command of Alipius, governor of the city, was killed by the gladiators for saying, "Today is the Octave of our Lord's birth; put an end to the worship of idols, and abstain from unclean sacrifices"... In the same city, on the Appian Way, the crowning with martyrdom of thirty holy soldiers under Emperor Diocletian... At Spoleto, in the time of Emperor Antoninus, St. Concordius, priest and martyr, who was beaten with clubs, then stretched on the rack, and after a long confinement in prison, where he was visited by an angel, lost his life by the sword... The same day, St. Magnus, martyr... In Africa, St. Fulgentius, bishop of Rusp, who suffered much from the Arians, during the persecution of the Vandals, for holding the Catholic faith and teaching an excellent doctrine. After being banished to Sardinia, he was permitted to return to his diocese, where he ended his life by a holy death, leaving a reputation for sanctity and eloquence... At Chieti in Abruzzo, the birthday of St. Justin, bishop of that city, illustrious for holiness of life and for his miracles... In the diocese of Lyons, in the monastery of St. Claude, St. Eugendus, abbot, whose life was eminent for virtues and miracles... At Souvigny, St. Odilo, abbot of Cluny, who was the first to prescribe that the commemoration of all the faithful departed should be made in his monasteries the day after the feast of All Saints. This practice was afterwards received and approved by the Catholic Church... At Alexandria, the departure from this world of St. Euphrosyna, virgin, who was renowned in her monastery for the virtue of abstinence, and for the gift of miracles.

2nd Day of the 1st Month

At Rome, the commemoration of many holy martyrs, who, despising the edict of Emperor Diocletian which ordered that the sacred books should be delivered up, preferred to offer their bodies to the executioners rather than to give holy things to dogs... At Antioch, the passion of blessed Isidore, bishop... At Tomis in Pontus, in the time of Emperor Licinius, three holy brothers, Argeus, Narcissus, and the young man Marcellinus. This last, being enrolled among the new soldiers, and refusing to serve, was beaten almost to death, and for a long while kept in prison. Being finally cast into the sea, he finished his martyrdom, but his brothers were beheaded... At Milan, St. Martinian, bishop... In Nitria in Egypt, blessed Isidore, bishop and confessor... St. Siridion, bishop... In Thebais, St. Macanus of Alexandria, abbot.

3rd Day of the 1st Month

At Rome, on the Appian Way, the birthday of Pope St. Anterus, who suffered under Julius Maximinus, and was buried in the cemetery of Callistus... At Vienne in France, St. Florentius, bishop, who was sent into exile and who was martyred in the time of Emperor Gallienus... In the city of Aulona in Palestine, the crucifixion of St. Peter Balsam... In the Hellespont, the holy martyrs Cynnus, Primus, and Theogenes... At Caesarea in Cappadocia, St. Gordius, centurion... In Cilicia, the holy martyrs Zosimus and the notary Athanasius... Also, the Saints Theopemptus and Theonas, who suffered a glorious martyrdom in the persecution of Diocletian... At Padua, St. Daniel, martyr... At Paris, St. Genevieve, virgin, who was consecrated to Christ by St. Germanus, bishop of Auxerre, and who became famous for her admirable virtues and miracles.

4th Day of the 1st Month

The Presentation of Jesus and the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary, called by the Greeks the *Hypapante* (meeting) of the Lord... In Crete, the birthday of St. Titus, who was consecrated bishop of that island by the apostle St. Paul. After having faithfully performed the duty of preaching the Gospel, he reached the end of his saintly life, and was buried in the church of which he had been made a worthy minister by the holy apostle... At Rome, in

the reign of the impious Julian, the holy martyrs Priscus, a priest; Priscilliam, a cleric; and Benedicta, a religious woman, whose martyrdom was ended by the sword... Also at Rome, under the same emperor, blessed Dafrosa, wife of the martyr St. Flavian. After her husband had been killed, she was first banished and then beheaded... At Bologna, the Saints Hermes, Aggeus, and Caius, martyrs, who suffered under Emperor Maximian... At Adrumetum in Africa, in the persecution of Severus, the commemoration of St. Mavilus, martyr, who, being condemned by the very cruel governor Scapula to be devoured by wild beasts, received the crown of martyrdom... Also in Africa, the most renowned martyrs Aquilinus, Geminus, Eugenius, Marcian, Quinctus, Theodotus, and Tryphon... At Langres, St. Gregory, a bishop renowned for miracles.

5th Day of the 1st Month

Vigil of Epiphany... At Rome, in the time of Antoninus Pius, St. Telesphorus, pope, who, after many sufferings for the confession of Christ, underwent a glorious martyrdom... In England, St. Edward, king, illustrious by the virtue of chastity and the gift of miracles. His feast is celebrated on the 13th day of the 10th month, on which day his holy body was transferred... In Egypt, during the persecution of Diocletian, the commemoration of many holy martyrs who were put to death in Thebais by various kinds of torments... At Rome, the holy virgin Emiliana, aunt of Pope St. Gregory. Being called to God by her sister Tharsilla, who had preceded her, she departed for heaven on this day... At Alexandria, St. Syncletica, whose noble deeds have been recorded by St. Athanasius... In Egypt, St. Apollinaris, virgin.

6th Day of the 1st Month

The Epiphany of our Lord... In Africa, the commemoration of many holy martyrs who were burned at the stake in the persecution of Severus... In the diocese of Rheims, the martyrdom of St. Macra, virgin, who, in the persecution of Diocletian, was cast into the fire by order of the governor Rictiovarus. As she remained uninjured, she had her breasts cut away, was imprisoned in a foul dungeon, rolled upon broken earthenware and burning coals, and finally she gave up her soul while engaged in prayer... At Rennes in France, St. Melanius, bishop

and confessor, who, after a life remarkable for innumerable virtues, with his thoughts constantly fixed on heaven, gloriously departed from this world.

7th Day of the 1st Month

In Bethlehem of Juda, the birthday of the Holy Innocents, who were slain for Christ by Herod the king... At Antioch, St. Clerus, deacon, who, for having professed faith in Christ, was seven times tortured, kept in prison a long while, and at length his martyrdom was ended by decapitation... In the city of Heraclea, the holy martyrs Felix and Januarius... The same day, St. Julian, martyr... In Denmark, St. Canute, king and martyr... At Pavia, St. Crispin, bishop and confessor... In Dacia, St. Nicetas, bishop, who made fierce and barbarous nations humane and meek by preaching the Gospel to them... In Egypt, St. Theodore, a saintly monk, who flourished in the time of the Holy Roman Emperor St. Constantine the Great. He is mentioned by St. Athanasius in his Life of St. Antony.

8th Day of the 1st Month

At Beauvais in France, the holy martyrs Lucian, a priest, Maximian and Julian. The last two were killed with the sword by the persecutors; but blessed Lucian, who had come to France with St. Denis, after the slaughter of his companions, not fearing to confess the name of Christ openly, received the same sentence of death... In Lybia, the holy martyrs Theophilus, a deacon, and Helladius, who, after having their bodies lacerated and cut with sharp pieces of earthenware, were cast into the fire, and rendered their souls to God... At Autun, St. Eugenian, martyr... At Hierapolis in Asia, St. Appollinaris, bishop, who was conspicuous for sanctity and learning under Marcus Antoninus Verus... At Naples in Campania, the birthday of the bishop St. Severin, brother to the blessed martyr Victorinus, who, after working many miracles, died, replenished with virtues and merits... At Metz, in France, St. Patiens, bishop... At Pavia, St. Maximus, bishop and confessor... At Ratisbon in Bavaria, St. Erhard, bishop... Among the inhabitants of Noricum (now Austria), the abbot St. Severin, who propagated the Gospel in that country, and is called its apostle. By divine power his body was carried to Lucullano, near Naples, and thence transferred to the monastery of St. Severin.

9th Day of the 1st Month

At Jerusalem, St. Stephen, the first martyr, who was stoned to death by the Jews shortly after the Ascension of our Lord... At Antioch, in the reign of Diocletian and Maximian, the birthday of the Saints Julian, a martyr, and Basilissa, his virgin wife. She, having lived in a state of virginity with her husband, reached the end of her days in peace. But Julian, after the death by fire of a multitude of priests and ministers of the Church of Christ, who had taken refuge in his house from the severity of the persecution, was ordered by the governor Marcian to be tormented in many ways and executed. With him there suffered Anthony, a priest, and Anastasius, whom Julian raised from the dead, and made partaker of the grace of Christ; also Celsus, a boy, with his mother Marcionilla, seven brothers, and many others... At Smyrna, the holy martyrs Vitalis, Revocatus, and Fortunatus... In Africa, the holy martyrs Epictetus, Jucundus, Secundus, Vitalis, Felix, and seven others... In Algeria, St. Marciana, virgin, who received her martyrdom after being condemned to the beasts... At Ancrona, St. Marcellinus, bishop, who, according to St. Gregory the Great, miraculously delivered that city from destruction by fire.

10th Day of the 1st Month

In Thebais, the birthday of St. Paul, the first hermit. His feast is kept on the 15th day of this month... In Cyprus, blessed Nicanor, one of the first seven deacons, a man of admirable faith and virtue, who received the crown of glory... At Rome, Pope St. Agatho, who finished his life, which was remarkable for sanctity and learning, by a holy death... At Bourges in Aquitaine, St. William, archbishop and confessor, renowned for miracles and virtues... At Milan, St. John the Good, bishop and confessor... At Constantinople, St. Marcian, priest.

11th Day of the 1st Month

At Rome, St. Hyginus, pope, who suffered a glorious martyrdom in the persecution of Antoninus... Also at Rome, the birthday of St. Melchiades, who, having suffered much in the persecution of Maximian, went to his rest in the Lord after peace returned to the Church. His feast day is on the 10th day of the 12th month... At Fermo in Piceno, St. Alexander, bishop and

martyr... At Amiens, St. Salvius, bishop and martyr... In Africa, blessed Salvius, martyr, on whose birthday St. Augustine preached to the people of Carthage... At Alexandria, the holy martyrs Peter, Severus, and Leucius... At Brindisi, St. Leucius, bishop and confessor... In Thebais, St. Palaemon, abbot, who was the teacher of St. Pachomius... At Suppentonia, near Mount Soracte, St. Athanasius, monk, and his companions, who were called by a voice from heaven to enter the kingdom of God... At Pavia, St. Honorata, virgin.

12th Day of the 1st Month

At Rome, in the time of Emperor Alexander, St. Tatiana, martyr, who had her flesh torn with iron hooks and combs, was thrown to the beasts and cast into the fire, but, having received no injury, was beheaded, and thus went to heaven... In Achaia, St. Satyrus, martyr. As he passed before an idol and breathed upon it, making the sign of the cross on his forehead, the idol immediately fell to the ground; for this reason he was beheaded... St. Arcadius, martyr, illustrious for his noble extraction and miracles... In Africa, the holy martyrs Zoticus, Rogatus, Modestus, Castulus, and forty soldiers gloriously crowned... At Tivoli, St. Zoticus, martyr... At Ephesus, under Constantine Copronymus, the passion of forty-two holy monks, who endured martyrdom after being most cruelly tortured for the defense of sacred images... At Ravenna, St. John, bishop and confessor... At Verona, St. Probus, bishop... In England, St. Benedict, abbot and confessor.

13th Day of the 1st Month

The Octave of the Epiphany of our Lord... At Poitiers in France, the birthday of St. Hilary, bishop and confessor of the Catholic faith. His festival is celebrated tomorrow... At Rheims in France, St. Remigius, bishop and confessor. His feast is kept on the 1st day of the 10th month, on which day his holy body was transferred... At Rome, on the Via Lavicana, the crowning of forty holy soldiers, a reward they merited by confessing the true faith under Emperor Gallienus... At Cordova, the holy martyrs Gumesind, priest, and Servideus, monk... In Sardinia, St. Potitus, martyr, who, having suffered much under Emperor Antoninus and the governor Gelasius, was at last put to death by the sword... At Belgrade in Serbia, the holy martyrs Hermylus and

Stratonicus, who were severely tormented under Emperor Licinius, and then drowned in the river Danube... At Treves, St. Agritius, bishop... In the monastery of Verzy, St. Viventius, confessor... At Amasea, in Pontus, St. Glaphyra, virgin.

14th Day of the 1st Month

St. Hilary, bishop of Poitiers, confessor and doctor of the Catholic faith which he courageously defended, and for which he was banished for four years to Phrygia, where, among other miracles, he raised a man from the dead. He entered heaven on 13th Day of this month... At Nola in Campania, the birthday of St. Felix, priest, who (as is related by bishop St. Paulinus), after being subjected to torments by the persecutors, was cast into prison, bound hand and foot, and extended on shells and broken earthenware. In the night, however, his bonds were loosened and he was delivered by an angel. The persecution over, he brought many to the faith of Christ by his exemplary life and teaching, and, renowned for miracles, rested in peace... In Judea, St. Malachias, prophet... On Mount Sinai, thirty-eight holy monks killed by the Saracens for the faith of Christ... In Egypt, in the district of Raithy, forty-three holy monks, who were put to death by the Blemmians for the Christian religion... At Milan, St. Datins, bishop and confessor, mentioned by pope St. Gregory the Great... In Africa, St. Euphrasius, bishop.

15th Day of the 1st Month

In Thebais, the birthday of St. Paul, the first hermit who lived alone in the desert from the sixteenth to the one hundred and thirteenth year of his age. His soul was seen by St. Antony carried by angels among the choirs of apostles and prophets... In the diocese of Angers, blessed Maurus, abbot and disciple of St. Benedict. Beginning his discipline in infancy, he made great progress with so able a master, for while he was still under the saint's instruction he miraculously walked upon the water, a prodigy unheard of since the days of St. Peter. Sent later to France by St. Benedict, he built a famous monastery, which he governed for forty years, and after performing striking miracles, he rested in peace... In Judea, the holy prophets Habacuc and Micheas, whose bodies were found by divine revelation in the days of Theodosius the Elder... At Cagliari in Sardinia, St. Ephisius, martyr, who, in the

persecution of Diocletian and under the judge Flavian, having, by the assistance of God, overcome many torments, was beheaded and ascended to heaven... At Anagni, St. Secundina, virgin and martyr, who suffered under Emperor Decius... At Nola in Campania, St. Maximus, bishop... In Auvergne, St. Bonitus, bishop and confessor... In Egypt, St. Macanus, abbot, disciple of St. Anthony, very celebrated for his life and miracles.

16th Day of the 1st Month

At Rome, on the Salarian Way, the birthday of Pope St. Marcellus I, a martyr for the confession of the Catholic faith. By command of the tyrant Maxentius he was beaten with clubs and then sent to take care of animals with a guard to watch him. In this servile office, dressed in haircloth, he departed this life... At Morocco in Africa, the martyrdom of the five Protomartyrs of the Order of Friars Minor, Bernard, Peter, and Otto who were priests, and Accursius and Adjutus who were lay brothers. For preaching the Catholic faith, and because of their hatred of the Mohammedan Law, after various torments and mockeries by the Saracen king, they were beheaded... At Rhinocolura in Egypt, the holy bishop St. Melas, who rested in peace after suffering exile and other painful trials for the Catholic faith during the reign of Emperor Valens... At Arles in France, St. Honoratus, bishop and confessor, whose life was renowned for miracles... At Oderzo near Venice, St. Titian, bishop and confessor... At Fondi in Lazio, St. Honoratus, abbot, mentioned by Pope St. Gregory the Great... At Froheins, in the diocese of Amiens in France, St. Fursey, confessor, whose body was afterwards transferred to the monastery of Peronne... At Rome, St. Priscilla, who devoted herself and her goods to the service of the martyrs.

17th Day of the 1st Month

In Thebais, St. Antony, abbot and spiritual guide of many monks, who was most celebrated for his life and miracles of which St. Athanasius has written a detailed account. His holy body was found by a divine revelation during the reign of Emperor Justinian and brought to Alexandria, where it was buried in the church of St. John the Baptist... At Langres, in the time of Marcus Aurelius, the saints Speusippus, Eleusippus, and Meleusippus, born at one birth, who were crowned with martyrdom together with their grandmother Leonilla...

Holy Emperor St. Theodosius the Great, born in Spain about the year 346. He stamped out the last vestiges of paganism, put an end to the Arian heresy in the empire, and pacified the Goths. His feast day is celebrated on the 17th day of the 2nd month... At Bourges in Aquitaine, the death of St. Sulpice, surnamed Pius, whose life and precious death were approved by glorious miracles... At Rome, in the monastery of St. Andrew, the blessed monks Anthony, Merulus, and John, of whom Pope St. Gregory the Great speaks in his writings... At Edessa in Mesopotamia, in the time of Emperor Valens, St. Julian Sabas the Elder, who miraculously restored the Catholic faith at Antioch, although it was almost destroyed in that city... At Rome, the finding of the holy martyrs Diodorus, a priest, and Marian, a deacon, and their companions. They suffered martyrdom on the 1st day of the 12th month.

18th Day of the 1st Month

The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle, who established the Holy See at Rome... In the same place, under Emperor Claudius, the passion of St. Prisca, virgin and martyr, who, after undergoing many torments, was crowned with martyrdom... In Pontus, the birthday of the holy martyrs Mosseus and Ammonius, soldiers, who were first condemned to work in the metal mines, then cast into the fire... In the same country, St. Athenogenes, an aged man who on the point of being martyred by fire, joyfully sang a hymn which he left in writing to his disciples... At Tours in France, St. Volusian, bishop, who was made captive by the Goths, and in exile gave up his soul to God... In the monastery of Lure in Burgundy, St. Deicola, abbot, a native of Ireland and a disciple of St. Columban... At Tours in France, St. Leobard, anchorite, a man of wonderful humility... At Como, St. Liberata, virgin.

19th Day of the 1st Month

At Rome, on the Cornelian Road, the holy martyrs Marius and his wife Martha, with their sons Audifax and Abachum, noble Persians, who came to Rome through devotion in the time of Emperor Claudius. After they had been beaten with rods, tormented on the rack and with fire, lacerated with iron hooks, and had endured the cutting off of their hands, Martha was put to death in the place called Nympha; the others were beheaded and cast into the fire... Also

St. Canute, king and martyr... At Smyrna, under Marcus Antoninus and Lucius Aurelius, the birthday of blessed Germanicus, martyr, who, in the bloom of youth, being strengthened by the grace of God, and banishing all fear, provoked the beast which, by order of the judge, was to devour him. Being ground by its teeth, he deserved to be incorporated into the true Bread of Life, Christ Jesus, for whom he died... In Africa, the holy martyrs Paul, Gerontius, Januarius, Saturninus, Successus, Julius, Catus, Pia, and Germana... At Spoleto, in the days of Emperor Antoninus, the passion of St. Pontian, martyr, who was barbarously scourged for Christ by the command of the judge Fabian, and then compelled to walk barefoot on burning coals. As he was uninjured by the fire, he was put on the rack, was torn with iron hooks, then thrown into a dungeon, where he was comforted by the visit of an angel. He was afterwards exposed to the lions, had melted lead poured over him, and finally died by the sword... At Lodi in Lombardy, St. Bassian, bishop and confessor, who, in conjunction with St. Ambrose, courageously combated the heretics.

20th Day of the 1st Month

At Rome, the birthday of St. Fabian, pope, who suffered martyrdom in the time of Decius, and was buried in the cemetery of Callistus... At the same place, in the catacombs, the martyr St. Sebastian. He was commander of the first cohort under Emperor Diocletian, and for professing Christianity he was bound to a tree in the center of a vast field, shot with arrows by the soldiers, and beaten with clubs until he expired... At Nicea in Bithynia, St. Neophytus, martyr, who, in the fifteenth year of his age, was scourged, cast into a furnace, and exposed to wild beasts. As he remained uninjured, and constantly confessed the faith of Christ, he was at last killed with the sword. At Cesena, St. Maur, bishop, renowned for virtues and miracles... In Palestine, in the time of Emperor Marcian, the birthday of St. Euthymius, abbot, who flourished in the Church, full of zeal for Catholic discipline, and gifted with miracles.

21st Day of the 1st Month

At Rome, the passion of St. Agnes, virgin, who under Symphronius, governor of the city, was thrown into the fire, but after it was extinguished by her prayers she was slain with the sword. Agnes is

praised in the writings and by the tongues of all nations, especially in the churches. She overcame the weakness of her age, conquered the cruelty of the tyrant, and consecrated her chastity by martyrdom... At Athens, the birthday of St. Publius, bishop, who, as successor of St. Denis the Areopagite, nobly governed the Church of Athens. He was gloriously crowned for having borne testimony to Christ... At Terragona in Spain, during the reign of Gallienus, the holy martyrs Fructuosus, a bishop, Augurius and Eulogius, deacons. They were taken from prison, cast into the fire, where their bonds being burnt, they extended their arms in the form of a cross, and thus in prayer they died. On their anniversary, St. Augustine preached a sermon to his people... In the monastery of Einsiedeln in Switzerland, St. Meinrad, priest and monk, who was slain by robbers after having lived as a hermit in this place where the monastery was later built. The body of this holy man was first buried in the monastery of Reichenau in Germany, and from there it was transferred to the monastery of Einsiedeln... At Troyes in France, St. Patroclus, martyr, who won the crown of martyrdom under Emperor Aurelian... At Pavia, St. Epiphanius, bishop and confessor.

22nd Day of the 1st Month

At Valencia in Spain, while the wicked Dacian was governor, St. Vincent, deacon and martyr, who, after suffering imprisonment, hunger, the rack, and the disjuncting of his limbs, was burned with plates of heated metal and on the gridiron, and tormented in other ways, then took his flight to heaven, there to receive the reward of martyrdom. His noble triumph over his sufferings was eulogized by St. Augustine and Pope St. Leo the Great... At Tethsaloen in Assyria, St. Anastasius, a Persian monk, who after suffering much at Caesarea in Palestine from imprisonment, stripes, and fetters, had to bear many afflictions from Chosroes, king of Persia, who caused him to be beheaded. He had sent before him to martyrdom seventy of his companions, who were drowned in a river. His head was brought to Rome, at Aquae Salviae, together with his revered image, by the sight of which demons are expelled, and diseases cured, as is attested by the Acts of the second Council of Nicea... At Embrun in France, the holy martyrs Vincent, Orontius, and Victor who were crowned with martyrdom in the persecution of

Diocletian... At Sora, the abbot St. Dominic, renowned for miracles.

23rd Day of the 1st Month

At Rome, the holy virgin and martyr, St. Emerentiana. Being yet a catechumen, she was stoned to death by the heathens while praying at the tomb of St. Agnes, her foster sister... At Philippi in Macedonia, St. Parmenas, one of the first seven deacons, who by the grace of God faithfully discharged the office of preaching committed to him, and obtained the glory of martyrdom in the time of Trajan... At Ancyra in Galatia, St. Clement, bishop. After enduring frequent torments, he finally completed his martyrdom under Diocletian... In the same place, and on the same day, St. Agathangelus who suffered under the governor Lucius... At Caesarea in Morocco, the holy martyrs Severian and his wife Aquila, who were consumed by fire... At Antinuum, a city of Egypt, St. Ascla, martyr, who, after various torments, was thrown into a river and gave up his precious soul to God... At Alexandria, St. John the Almoner, bishop of that city, celebrated for his charity towards the poor... In the province of Valeria, St. Martyrius, monk, mentioned by Pope St. Gregory the Great.

24th Day of the 1st Month

At Ephesus, St. Timothy, disciple of the apostle St. Paul, who ordained him bishop of that city. After many labors for Christ, he was stoned for rebuking those who offered sacrifices to Diana, and shortly after went peacefully to his rest in the Lord... At Antioch, in the persecution of Decius, Bishop St. Babylas, who frequently glorified God by his sufferings and torments, ended his life in chains, with which he ordered his body to be buried. Three boys, whom he had instructed in the faith of Christ, Urbanus, Prilidian, and Epolonius suffered with him... At Foligno in Umbria, St. Felician, consecrated bishop of that city by Pope St. Victor I. After many labors, in extreme old age, he was crowned with martyrdom in the time of Decius... At Neocaesarea, the holy martyrs Mardonius, Musonius, Eugenius, and Metellus, who were all burned to death, and their remains thrown into the river... Also, the holy martyrs Thyrsus and Projectus... At Cingoli in Piceno, St. Exuperantius, confessor and bishop of that city, who attained great fame by his miracles... At Bologna, St. Zamas, the

first bishop of that city, who was consecrated by Pope St. Denis and there did wonders in spreading the Christian faith... Also, blessed Suranus, abbot, who lived in the time of the Lombards.

25th Day of the 1st Month

The conversion of St. Paul the Apostle, which occurred in the second year after the Ascension of our Lord... At Damascus, the birthday of St. Ananias, who baptized the apostle Paul. After he had preached the Gospel at Damascus, Eleutheropolis, and elsewhere, he was scourged under the judge Licinius, had his flesh torn, and lastly, being overwhelmed with stones, ended his martyrdom... At Auvergne, the saints Projectus, bishop, and Marinus, a man of God, who were murdered by the leading men of that city... At Antioch, in the time of Julian the Apostate, the holy martyrs Juventius and Maximus, who were crowned with martyrdom... Also, the holy martyrs Donatus, Sabinus, and Agape... At Tomis in Scythia, St. Britannio, bishop, who worked in the Church showing great sanctity and zeal for the Catholic faith, was at the same time bravely opposed to the Arian emperor Valens.

26th Day of the 1st Month

At Smyrna, the birthday of St. Polycarp, a disciple of St. John the Apostle, by whom he was consecrated bishop of that city, and appointed primate of all Asia. Under Marcus Antonius and Lucius Aurelius Commodus, when the proconsul and all those assembled in the amphitheater cried out against him, he was delivered to the fire, but since it did not harm him, he received the crown of martyrdom by the sword. With him, twelve others who came from Philadelphia met their death by martyrdom in the same city... At Hippo in Africa, the holy bishop Theogenes and thirty-six others, who despising temporal death, obtained the crown of everlasting life in the persecution of Valerian.

27th Day of the 1st Month

Saints Lydia, Dorcas, and Phoebe, holy women... At Le Mans in France, the death of St. Julian, the first bishop of that city, who was sent there by St. Peter to preach the Gospel... At Sora, St. Julian, a martyr, who, being arrested in the persecution of Antoninus, was beheaded because a pagan temple had fallen to the ground while he was being

tortured... In Africa, St. Avitus, martyr... In the same country, the holy martyrs Datius, Reatrus, and their companions, who suffered in the persecution of the Vandals... Also, the holy martyrs Dativus, Julian, Vincent, and twenty-seven others... At Rome, Pope St. Vitalian... In the monastery of Bobbio in France, St. Maurus, abbot.

28th Day of the 1st Month

At Aachen in Germany the death of the Holy Roman Emperor St. Charlemagne, a faithful son of the Catholic Church, who united and Christianized most of Western Europe... At Rome, the second feast of St. Agnes, virgin and martyr... At Alexandria, the birthday of St. Cyril, bishop of that city, a most celebrated defender of the Catholic faith, who died in peace with a great reputation for learning and sanctity. His feast, however, is kept on the 9th day of the 2nd month... At Rome, St. Flavian, martyr, who suffered under Diocletian... At Alexandria, the commemoration of many holy martyrs, who, while they were at Mass in the church on this day, were put to death in different ways by the followers of Syrianus, an Arian general... At Appollonia, the holy martyrs Thyrsus, Leucius, and Callinicus, who were made to undergo various torments in the time of Emperor Decius. Thyrsus and Callinicus were beheaded; Leucius, called by a heavenly voice, yielded his soul to God... In Thebais, the holy martyrs Leonides and his companions, who obtained the palm of martyrdom in the time of Diocletian... At Saragossa in Spain, St. Valerius, bishop... In the monastery of Rheims, the death of a holy priest named John, a man of God.

29th Day of the 1st Month

At Treves, the death of the blessed bishop Valerius, disciple of the apostle St. Peter... At Rome, on the Via Nomentana, the birthday of the holy martyrs Papias and Maurus, soldiers under Emperor Diocletian. At their first confession of Christ they had their mouths bruised with stones and were thrown into prison by order of Laodicius, prefect of the city. Afterwards they were beaten with rods and with leaded whips until they expired... At Perugia, in the time of Marcus Aurelius, St. Constantius, bishop and martyr, who, together with his companions, received the crown of martyrdom for the defense of the faith... At Milan, St. Aquilinus, priest, who was crowned with martyrdom by having

his throat pierced with a sword by the Arians... At Edessa in Syria, the holy martyrs Sabellus and his sister Barbea, who were baptized by the blessed bishop Barsimaeus, and crowned with martyrdom in the persecution of Trajan, under the governor Lysias... In the territory of Troyes, St. Sabinian, martyr, who was beheaded for the faith of Christ by the command of Emperor Aurelian.

30th Day of the 1st Month

At Rome, under Emperor Alexander, St. Martina, virgin, who endured various kinds of torments, and being beheaded, received the palm of martyrdom. She is also commemorated on her birthday, the 1st day of this month... At Edessa in Syria, in the reign of Trajan, St. Barsimaeus, bishop, who converted many Gentiles to the faith, sent them before him to gain their crown, and then followed them with the palm of martyrdom... At Antioch, the passion of the blessed Hippolytus, priest, who, for a short time deceived by the Novatian schism, was converted by the grace of Christ, and returned to the unity of the Church, for which and in which he afterwards underwent a glorious martyrdom. Being asked by the schismatics which was the better side, he said that he detested the doctrine of Novatus, and that the faith which the Chair of Peter taught ought to be professed, after which he was beheaded... In Africa, the passion of the holy martyrs Felician, Philappian, and one hundred and twenty-four others... Blessed Alexander, a man of venerable aspect and advanced age, who was apprehended in the persecution of Decius. After gloriously and repeatedly confessing the faith, in the midst of torments he gave up his soul to God... At Edessa in Syria, St. Barsen, bishop, renowned for the gift of healing diseases. For holding to the Catholic faith he was banished by the Arian emperor Valens into the most remote

corner of that country, and he there ended his days... At Jerusalem, the birthday of St. Matthias, bishop, of whom wonderful deeds are related which were inspired by faith. After having endured many trials for Christ under Adrian, he passed away in peace... At Pavia, St. Armentarius, bishop and confessor... In Hainaut, in the monastery of Maubeuge, St. Aldegund, a virgin who lived in the time of King Dagobert... At Milan, St. Savina, a most religious woman, who went to rest in the Lord while praying at the tomb of the holy martyrs Nabor and Felix... In the district of Paris, St. Bathilde, queen, renowned for the worthiness of her miracles and her sanctity.

31st Day of the 1st Month

At Rome, on the road to Ostia, the holy martyrs Cyrus and John, who were beheaded after suffering many torments for the name of Christ... At Alexandria, in the time of Emperor Decius, the birthday of St. Metran, martyr, who, because he refused to utter blasphemous words at the bidding of the pagans, had his body all bruised with blows, and his face and eyes pierced with sharp pointed reeds. He was then driven out of the city and stoned to death... In the same place, the holy martyrs Saturninus, Thyrsus, and Victor... In the same city, the holy martyrs Tharsicius, Zoticus, Cyriacus, and their companions... At Cyzicum in the Hellespont, St. Triphenes, martyr, who overcame various torments, but was finally killed by a bull, and thus merited the palm of martyrdom... At Modena, St. Geminian, bishop, made illustrious by his miracles... In the province of Milan, during the reign of the Holy Emperor St. Theodosius, St. Julius, priest and confessor... The same day, the transfer of the revered body of the Evangelist St. Mark from the city of Alexandria in Egypt, then occupied by barbarians, to a basilica in Venice.

SECOND MONTH

1st Day of the 2nd Month

St. Ignatius, bishop of Antioch and martyr, who gloriously suffered martyrdom on the 20th day of the 12th month... At Smyrna, St. Pionius, priest and martyr, who, after writing apologies for the Catholic faith, and after suffering imprisonment in a loathsome dungeon, where by his exhortations he encouraged many of his brethren even to martyrdom, and after enduring excruciating pains from being pierced with nails and laid on a hot fire, ended happily his life for Christ. With him suffered fifteen others... At Ravenna, the holy bishop Severus, whose great virtues deserved that he should be raised to the episcopate, which action was confirmed by the sign of a dove... At Trois-Chateaux in France, St. Paul, bishop, whose life was eminent for virtues, and whose death was made precious by miracles... At Kildare in Ireland, St. Brigid, virgin. Once, when she touched the wood of an altar, it immediately sprouted into life, in testimony of her virginity.

2nd Day of the 2nd Month

At Caesarea in Palestine, St. Cornelius, a centurion, whom the blessed apostle Peter baptized, and raised to the episcopal dignity in that city... At Rome, on the Salarian Way, the passion of St. Apronian, a notary. While he was yet a heathen, and was leading St. Sisinius out of prison to present him before the governor Laodicius, he heard a voice from heaven saying, "Come ye, the blessed of My Father, possess the kingdom prepared for you from the beginning of the world." At once he believed, was baptized, and after confessing our Lord, received sentence of death... Also, at Rome, the holy martyrs Fortunatus, Felician, Firmus, and Candidus... At Orleans in France, the holy bishop Flosculus... At Canterbury in England, the birthday of St. Lawrence, bishop, who succeeded St. Augustine in the government of that church, and converted the king himself to the faith.

3rd Day of the 2nd Month

At Sebaste in Armenia, in the time of the governor Agricolaus, the passion of St. Blaise, bishop and martyr, who, after working many miracles, was scourged for a long time, suspended from a tree

where his flesh was lacerated with iron combs. He was then imprisoned in a dark dungeon, thrown into a lake from which he came out safe, and finally, by order of the judge, he and two boys were beheaded. Before him, seven women who were gathering the drops of his blood during his torture, were recognized as Christians, and after undergoing severe torments, were put to death by the sword... In Africa, St. Celerinus, deacon, who was kept nineteen days in prison burdened with fetters, and who gloriously confessed Christ in the midst of afflictions. By overcoming the enemy with invincible constancy, he showed to others the road to victory... Likewise in Africa, the holy martyrs Felix, Symphronius, Hippolytus, and their companions... In the town of Gap, France, the holy bishops Tigides and Remedius... At Lyons in France, Saints Lupicinus and Felix, also bishops... At Bremen, St. Ansgar, bishop of Hamburg and later of Bremen, who converted the Swedes and the Danes to the faith of Christ. He was appointed Apostolic Delegate of all the North by Pope Gregory IV.

4th Day of the 2nd Month

At Rome, St. Eutychius, who endured a glorious martyrdom and was buried in the cemetery of Callistus. Pope St. Damascus wrote an epitaph in verse for his tomb... At Thmuis in Egypt, in the persecution of Diocletian, the passion of blessed Philaeas, bishop of that city and of Philoromus, military tribune, who rejected the exhortations of their relatives and friends to save themselves, offered themselves to death, and so merited immortal palms from God. With them was crowned with martyrdom a numberless multitude of the faithful of the same place, who followed the example of their pastor... At Fossombrone, the holy martyrs Aquilinus, Geminus, Gelasius, Magnus, and Donatus... At Troyes in France, St. Aventin, confessor... At Pelusium in Egypt, St. Isidore, a monk renowned for merit and learning at whose initiative the Council of Ephesus was convened... At Sempringham in England, St. Gilbert, priest and confessor, who founded a religious order at Sempringham... At Bremen, the commemoration of St. Rembert, who was a disciple of St. Ansgar, and on this day took his place as bishop of Hamburg and Bremen, the day after the death of his master.

5th Day of the 2nd Month

At Catana in Sicily, in the time of Emperor Decius and the judge Quinctian, the birthday of St. Agatha, virgin and martyr. After being buffeted, imprisoned, tortured, racked, dragged over pieces of earthenware and burning coals, and having her breasts cut away, she completed her sacrifice in prison while engaged in prayer... In Pontus, during the persecution of Maximian, the commemoration of many holy martyrs, some of whom had molten lead poured on them, others had sharp reeds thrust under their nails, and were often horribly tormented in many other ways. Thus, by their glorious suffering, they deserved to receive at the hands of God palms of victory and their crowns... At Alexandria, during the persecution of Decius, St. Isidore, martyr, who was beheaded for the faith of Christ by Numerian, general of the army... At Vienne, blessed Avitus, bishop and confessor, whose faith, labors, and admirable learning protected France against the ravages of the Arian heresy... At Sabion in the Tyrol, St. Genuinus, bishop, whose illustrious life abounded in miracles. His revered body was afterwards taken to Brixen where a shrine was erected in his honor... At Brixen, St. Albinus, bishop, who moved the Episcopal See from Sabion to that city, and there, eminent by virtue of his miracles, passed to the Lord.

6th Day of the 2nd Month

St. Titus, confessor and bishop of Crete, whose birthday is on the 4th day of the 1st Month... At Caesarea in Cappadocia, the birthday of St. Dorothy, virgin and martyr, who was stretched on the rack, then scourged for a long time with boughs of the palm tree, and finally condemned to capital punishment by Sapricius, governor of the province. Her noble confession of Christ converted a lawyer named Theophilus, who also was tortured in a barbarous manner and finally put to death by the sword... At Emessa in Phoenicia, in the time of Emperor Maximian, St. Silvanus, bishop, who, after having governed that church for forty years, was delivered to the beasts with two other Christians, and having his limbs all mangled, received the crown of martyrdom... The same day, the holy martyrs Caturminus, Theophilus, and Revocata... In Auvergne in France, St. Atholian, martyr... At Arras in France, St. Vedast, bishop of that city and

catechist of the Holy Emperor Clovis. The glory of his life and death is attested by many miracles... At Elnon in France, St. Amand, bishop of Maestricht, who was renowned for his miracles during life and in death. In the town which was named after him, he lived and died in a monastery that he had built.

7th Day of the 2nd Month

St. Romuald, founder of the Camaldolese monks, whose birthday is the 19th day of the 6th month, but celebrated today because of the transference of his body... At London, England, the birthday of blessed Augulus, bishop, who ended the course of his life by martyrdom, and deserved to receive an everlasting recompense... In Phrygia, St. Adaucus, martyr, an Italian of noble birth, who was honored by the emperors with almost every dignity. While he was still discharging the office of quaestor, he was judged worthy of the crown of martyrdom for his defense of the faith... Also, many holy martyrs, citizens of this same city of which Adaucus was mayor. As they were all Christians, and persisted in the confession of the faith, they were burned to death by Emperor Galerius Maximian... At Heraclea, in the reign of Licinius, St. Theodore, a military officer, who was beheaded after undergoing many torments, and went victoriously to heaven... In Egypt, St. Moses, a venerable bishop, who first led a solitary life in the desert, and afterwards, at the request of Mauvia, queen of the Saracens, converted to the faith the greater part of that barbarous people. Being made a bishop, and rich in merits, he peacefully went to his reward... At Lucca in Tuscany, the death of St. Richard, king of England. He was the father of St. Willebald, bishop of Eichstadt, and of St. Walburga, virgin... At Bologna, St. Juliana, widow.

8th Day of the 2nd Month

St. John of Matha, priest and confessor, founder of the Order of the Most Holy Trinity for the redemption of captives, who went to repose in the Lord on the 17th day of the 12th month... At Rome, the holy martyrs Paul, Lucius, and Cyriacus... In Lesser Armenia, the birthday of the holy martyrs Denis, Aemilian, and Sebastian... At Constantinople, the birthday of the holy martyrs, monks of the monastery of Dius. While bringing the letter of Pope St. Felix against Acacius, they were barbarously killed for their defense of the Catholic

faith... In Persia, in the time of King Cabades, the commemoration of the holy martyrs, who were put to death by various kinds of torments on account of their faith in Christ... At Alexandria, under Emperor Decius, the martyr St. Cointha, whom the pagans seized, led to the idols, and urged to adore them. As she refused with horror, they put her feet in chains, and dragged her through the streets of the city, mangling her body in a most barbarous manner... At Pavia, St. Juventius, bishop, who labored with zeal in preaching the Gospel... At Milan, the death of St. Honoratus, bishop and confessor... At Verdun, France, St. Paul, a bishop renowned for his miracles... In the monastery of Vallombrosa, blessed Peter, cardinal and bishop of Albano, a member of the Congregation of Vallombrosa of the Order of St. Benedict. He was surnamed Igneus because he passed through fire unharmed during an ordeal in which his monastery correctly accused their local bishop of Simony.

9th Day of the 2nd Month

St. Cyril, bishop of Alexandria, confessor and doctor of the Church. His birthday was mentioned on the 28th day of the 1st month... At Alexandria, in the reign of Decius, the birthday of St. Apollonia, virgin, who had all her teeth broken out by the persecutors; then, having constructed and lighted a pyre, they threatened to burn her alive unless she uttered with them certain impious words. She suddenly slipped from their grasp, and prompted by the greater fire of the Holy Spirit within her, she rushed voluntarily into the fire which they had prepared. Those responsible for her death were struck with terror at the sight of a woman who was more willing to die than they to kill her... At Rome, the passion of the holy martyrs Alexander and thirty-eight others crowned with him... At Solum in Cyprus, the holy martyrs Ammonius and Alexander... At Antioch, under Emperor Valerian, St. Nicephorus, martyr, who was beheaded and thus received the crown of martyrdom... In the monastery of Fontanelle in France, St. Ansbart, bishop of Rouen... At Canossa in Apulia, St. Sabinus, bishop and confessor. Pope St. Gregory the Great tells that he was endowed with the spirit of prophecy and the power of miracles. After he had become blind, when a cup of poison was offered to him by a servant who was bribed, he knew it by divine instinct. He, however, declared that God

would punish the one who had bribed the servant, and, making the sign of the cross, he drank the poison without anxiety and without harmful effect.

10th Day of the 2nd Month

On Monte Cassino, St. Scholastica, a virgin, whose soul her brother, St. Benedict, the abbot, saw leaving her body in the form of a dove, and ascending to heaven... At Rome, the holy martyrs Zoticus, Irenaeus, Hyacinth, and Amantius... In the same place, on the Via Lavicana, ten holy soldiers, martyrs... Also at Rome, on the Appian Way, St. Soter, virgin and martyr, descended of a noble family. For the love of Christ she set at naught the consular and other dignitaries of her people. Upon her refusal to sacrifice to the pagan gods, she was for a long time cruelly scourged. She overcame these and various other torments, then was struck with the sword; and joyfully went to her heavenly spouse... In Campania, St. Silvanus, bishop and confessor... In the diocese of Rouen, St. Austreberta, a virgin renowned for miracles.

11th Day of the 2nd Month

At Lourdes in France, the apparition of Blessed Mary, Virgin Immaculate... At Adrianople, the holy martyrs Lucius, bishop, and his companions. Lucius suffered much from the Arians under Constantius, and completed his martyrdom in prison. The others, among the foremost citizens, refusing to communicate with the Arians, who were just condemned in the Council of Sardica, were sentenced to capital punishment by the count Philagrius... In Africa, during the persecution of Diocletian, the birthday of the holy martyrs Saturninus, a priest, Davitus, Felix, Ampelius, and their companions. They had, as was their custom, assembled for Mass when they were seized by the soldiers and put to death, under the proconsul Anolinus... In Numidia, in the same persecution, the commemoration of many holy martyrs, who, refusing after their apprehension to deliver the holy Scriptures in conformity with an imperial edict, were given over to most painful torments and slain. At Rome, Pope St. Gregory II, who courageously withstood the impiety of Leo the Isaurian, and sent St. Boniface to preach the Gospel in Germany... Also at Rome, Pope St. Paschal I, who raised many bodies of the holy martyrs from their crypts, and buried them with honor in various churches in the city... At Ravenna, St. Calocerus,

bishop and confessor... At Milan, St. Lazarus, bishop... At Capua, St. Castrensis, bishop... At Chateau Landon in France, St. Severin, abbot of the monastery of Agaune, by whose prayers the Christian king Clovis was delivered from a long sickness... In Egypt, St. Jonas, a monk eminent for his virtues... At Vienne in France, the transfer of the body of St. Desiderius, bishop and martyr, from the district of Lyons where he had died on the 23rd day of the 5th month.

12th Day of the 2nd Month

The seven Holy Founders of the Order of Servites of the Blessed Virgin Mary, whose deaths are noted on their respective days... In Africa, St. Damian, soldier and martyr... At Carthage, the holy martyrs Modestus and Julian... At Alexandria, the holy children Modestus and Ammonius, martyrs... At Barcelona, Spain, in the time of Emperor Diocletian, St. Eulalia, virgin, who being racked, torn with iron hooks, cast into the fire, and crucified, received the glorious crown of martyrdom... At Constantinople, St. Anthony, a bishop in the time of Emperor Leo VI... At Verona, St. Gaudentius, bishop and confessor.

13th Day of the 2nd Month

At Antioch, the birthday of St. Agabus, prophet, of whom mention is made by St. Luke in the Acts of the Apostles... At Todi in Umbria, St. Benignus, priest and martyr, who would not cease spreading the Christian faith. In the reign of Emperors Diocletian and Maximian he was taken by the pagans, suffered various tortures, and finally reached the perfection of his priestly office with the honor of martyrdom... At Meletine in Armenia, in the persecution of Decius, St. Polyeuctus, who, after many sufferings, obtained the crown of martyrdom... At Lyons, St. Julian, martyr... At Ravenna, in the time of Emperor Decius and the governor Quinctian, the Saints Fusca, a virgin, and Maura, her nurse. They endured many afflictions, but were finally transfixed with a sword, and thus ended their martyrdom... At Lyons, France, St. Stephen, bishop and confessor... At Rieti, the abbot St. Stephen, a man of wonderful patience, at whose death, as is related by blessed Pope Gregory, the holy angels were present and visible to all.

14th Day of the 2nd Month

At Rome, on the Flaminian Road, in the time of Emperor Claudius, the birthday of St. Valentine, priest and martyr, who after having cured and instructed many persons, was beaten with clubs and beheaded... In the same place, St. Cyril, bishop, who together with his brother Methodius, also a bishop, whose birthday is the 6th day of the 4th month, brought many people and the rulers of Moravia to the faith of Christ. Their feast is celebrated on the 7th day of the 7th month... Also at Rome, the holy martyrs Vitalis, Felicula, and Zeno... At Teramo, St. Valentine, bishop and martyr, who was scourged, committed to prison, and because he remained unshaken in his faith, was taken out of his dungeon in the dead of night and beheaded by order of Placidus, prefect of the city... In the same place, the holy martyrs Proculus, Ephebus, and Apollonius, who, while keeping watch at the body of St. Valentine, were arrested and put to the sword by command of the consular officer, Leontius... At Alexandria, the holy martyrs Cyrion, priest; Bassian, a lector; Agatho, an exorcist; and Moses, who perished in the flames and took their flight to heaven... At Alexandria, the holy martyrs Bassus, Anthony, and Protolicus, who were drowned in the sea... Also at Alexandria, the Saints Denis and Ammonius, who were beheaded... At Naples, in Campania, St. Nostrian, bishop, who was outstanding for his defense of the Catholic faith against the heretics... At Ravenna, St. Eleuchadius, bishop and confessor... In Bithynia, St. Auxentius, abbot... At Sorrento, St. Anthony, abbot, who, when the monastery of Monte Cassino was devastated by the Lombards, withdrew into a solitude of the neighborhood, where, celebrated for holiness, he went calmly to his repose in God. His body is daily glorified by many miracles, especially by the deliverance of possessed persons.

15th Day of the 2nd Month

At Brescia, in the time of Emperor Adrian, the birthday of the holy martyrs Faustinus and Jovita, brothers, who received the triumphant crown of martyrdom after many glorious combats for the faith of Christ... At Rome, St. Craton, martyr. A short time after being baptized with his wife and all his household by the holy bishop Valentine, he was put

to death with them... At Teramo, the birthday of the holy martyrs Saturninus, Castulus, Magnus, and Lucius... In the same place, St. Agape, virgin and martyr... At Vaison in France, St. Quinidius, bishop, whose death was precious in the sight of God, as is shown by frequent miracles... At Capua, St. Decorosus, bishop and confessor... In the province of Valeria, St. Severus, a priest, of whom St. Gregory the Great says that by his tears he recalled a dead man to life... At Antioch, St. Joseph, deacon... In Auvergne in France, St. Georgia, virgin.

16th Day of the 2nd Month

At Rome, blessed Onesimus, concerning whom the apostle St. Paul wrote to Philemon. He made him bishop of Ephesus after St. Timothy, and committed to him the office of preaching. Being led a prisoner to Rome and stoned to death for the faith of Christ, he was first buried there, but his body was afterwards taken to the place where he had been bishop... In Egypt, St. Julian, martyr, with five thousand other Christians... At Caesarea, in Palestine, the holy martyrs Elias, Jeremias, Isaias, Samuel, and Daniel. These Egyptians of their own accord ministered to the confessors condemned to labor in the mines of Cilicia, but were arrested upon their return, and after being cruelly tortured by the governor Firmilian, under Emperor Galerius Maximian, were put to the sword... At Nicomedia, St. Juliana, virgin and martyr. Under Emperor Maximian, she was first severely scourged by her own father, Africanus, and then made to suffer many torments by the prefect, Evilasius, whom she had refused to marry. Later thrown into prison, she encountered the evil spirit in a visible manner. Finally, because the fiery furnace and a caldron of boiling oil could do her no injury, her martyrdom was fulfilled by beheading. Her body was later transferred to Cumi in Campania... At Brescia, St. Faustinus, bishop and confessor.

17th Day of the 2nd Month

Holy Emperor St. Theodosius the Great, born in Spain about the year 346. He stamped out the last vestiges of paganism, put an end to the Arian heresy in the empire, and pacified the Goths. His feast day is celebrated on the 17th day of the 2nd month... At

Rome, the passion of St. Faustinus, whom forty-four others followed to receive the crown of martyrdom... In Persia, during the persecution of Decius, the birthday of blessed Polychromius, bishop of Babylon, who, being struck in the mouth with stones, died with hands outstretched and eyes lifted toward heaven... At Concordia, the holy martyrs Donatus, Secundian, and Romulus, with eighty-six others, partakers of the same crown... At Caesarea in Palestine, the death of St. Theodulus, in the service of the governor Firmilian, at a great age. Prompted by the example of the martyrs, he confessed Christ with constancy, and was nailed to a cross. By this noble victory he merited the palm of martyrdom... In the same place, St. Julian the Cappadocian, who, because he had kissed the relics of martyrs, was denounced as a Christian. Being taken to the governor, he was ordered to be burned to death over a slow fire... In the territory of Terouanne, St. Silvinus, bishop of Toulouse... In the monastery of Cluainedhech in Ireland, St. Fintan, abbot... At Florence, the birthday of St. Alexis Falconieri, confessor, one of the seven founders of the Order of the Servites of the Blessed Virgin Mary. In the one hundred and tenth year of his age, he ended his blessed career in the consoling presence of Christ Jesus and the angels. His feast, with that of his companions, is kept on the 12th day of the 2nd month.

18th Day of the 2nd Month

At Jerusalem, the birthday of St. Simeon, bishop and martyr, the son of Cleophas and a cousin of the Saviour. He was consecrated bishop of Jerusalem after St. James the Less, also the cousin of our Lord. In the persecution of Trajan, after having endured many torments, his martyrdom was completed. All who were present, even the judge himself, were astonished that a man one hundred and twenty years of age could bear the torment of crucifixion with such fortitude and constancy... At Ostia, the holy martyrs Maximus and his brother Claudius, and Præpedigna, the wife of Claudius, with her two sons Alexander and Cutias. Although all of a noble birth, by the order of Diocletian, they were apprehended and sent into exile. Afterwards being burned alive, they offered to God the sweet sacrifice of martyrdom. Their remains were cast into the river, but the Christians found them and buried them near that city... In Africa, the holy martyrs Lucius,

Sylvanus, Rutulus, Classicus, Secundinus, Fructulus, and Maximus... At Constantinople, St. Flavian, bishop, who, for having defended the Catholic faith at Ephesus, was attacked with slaps and kicks by the faction of the impious Dioscorus, and then driven into exile where he died within three days... At Toledo in Spain, St. Helladius, bishop and confessor.

19th Day of the 2nd Month

At Rome, the birthday of St. Gavinus, priest and martyr, brother of blessed Pope Caius. After being chained in prison for a long time by Diocletian, he obtained the joys of heaven by his esteemed death... In Africa, the holy martyrs Publius, Julian, Marcellus, and others... In Palestine, the commemoration of the holy monks and other martyrs who were barbarously massacred for the faith of Christ by the Saracens, under their leader Almondhar... At Naples in Campania, St. Quodvultdeus, bishop of Carthage. The Arian King Genseric placed him together with his clergy into boats which were broken and without oars or sails, but they unexpectedly reached Naples. He died in exile as a confessor... At Jerusalem, St. Zambdas, bishop... At Soli, St. Auxibius, bishop... At Benevento, St. Barbatus, a bishop illustrious for sanctity, who converted the Lombards and their chief to the faith of Christ... At Milan, St. Mansuetus, bishop and confessor.

20th Day of the 2nd Month

At Tyre, in Phoenicia, the commemoration of many blessed martyrs whose number is known to God alone. Under Emperor Diocletian, they were put to death after a long and varied series of torments by the military commander Veturius. They first had their bodies torn with scourges, then delivered to several different kinds of beasts. Divine Providence prevented their injury throughout all this, but their martyrdom was granted by means of fire and the sword. Tyrannio, Sylvanus, Peleus, and Nilus, all bishops, and Zenobius, a priest, urged the gloriously assembled multitude to victory, and they all endured the test successfully to win the palm of martyrdom... At Constantinople, St. Eleutherius, bishop and martyr... In Persia, in the time of King Sapor, the birthday of St. Sadoth, bishop, and one hundred and twenty-eight others who refused to adore the sun, but who by a cruel death purchased shining crowns... In the Island of Cyprus, the holy

martyrs Pothamius and Nemesisius... At Catania in Sicily, St. Leo, bishop, illustrious for virtues and miracles... The same day, St. Eucherius, bishop of Orleans, who, the more he was oppressed by the calumnies of the envious, the more he impressed them with his miracles... At Tournai in Belgium, St. Eleutherius, bishop and confessor.

21st Day of the 2nd Month

At Scythopolis in Palestine, St. Severian, bishop and martyr, who was beheaded by the Eutychians because he opposed them so zealously... In Sicily, in the reign of Diocletian, the birthday of seventy-nine holy martyrs, who, by reason of various tortures for their profession of the faith, deserved to receive an immortal crown... At Adrumetum in Africa, during the persecution of the Vandals, the holy martyrs, Verulus, Secundinus, Siricius, Felix, Servulus, Saturninus, Fortunatus, and sixteen others, who were crowned with martyrdom for professing the Catholic faith... At Damascus, St. Peter Mavimenus, who was killed by some Arabs who visited him in his sickness, because he said to them: "Whoever does not embrace the Catholic faith is lost, like your false prophet Mohammed"... At Metz, France, St. Felix, bishop... At Brescia, St. Paterius, bishop.

22nd Day of the 2nd Month

The Chair of St. Peter at Antioch, where the disciples were first called Christians... At Salamis in Cyprus, St. Aristio, who was one of the seventy-two disciples of Christ... At Hierapolis in Phrygia, blessed Papias, bishop of that city, who was a companion of St. Polycarp and a disciple of St. John... In Arabia, the commemoration of many holy martyrs who were barbarously put to death under Emperor Galerius Maximian... At Alexandria, St. Abilias, bishop, who was the second shepherd of that city after St. Mark, and who administered his charge with eminent piety... At Vienne in France, St. Paschasius, bishop, celebrated for his learning and holy life... At Ravenna, St. Maximian, bishop and confessor... At Cortona in Tuscany, St. Margaret of the Third Order of Francis. By means of commendable penance and fruitful tears she wiped away the stains of her previous life. Her body miraculously remained incorrupt for more than four centuries, giving forth a sweet odor, and producing

frequent miracles. It is honored in that place with great devotion.

23rd Day of the 2nd Month

(In Leap Year the words "The Vigil of St. Matthias the Apostle" are omitted because it is transferred to the 24th.)

The Vigil of St. Matthias the Apostle... At Smyrna, the birthday of St. Polycarp, a disciple of St. John the Apostle. His feast is kept on the 26th day of the 1st month... At Sirmio, blessed Sirenus, monk and martyr. He was arrested by order of Emperor Maximian and beheaded for confessing that he was a Christian... In the same place, the birthday of seventy-two holy martyrs, who suffered martyrdom in the same city and who took possession of the everlasting kingdom... In the city of Astorga in Spain, St. Martha, virgin and martyr, under Emperor Decius and the proconsul Paternus. She was cruelly tortured for the faith of Christ and was finally slain by the sword... At Constantinople, St. Lazarus, monk. The Iconoclast emperor Theophilus commanded him to be tortured with severe punishments because he had painted some sacred pictures. His hand was burned with a hot iron, but it was healed by the power of God, after which he repainted the holy pictures that had been destroyed. He ended his life in peace... At Brescia, St. Felix, bishop... At Rome, St. Polycarp, priest, who with blessed Sebastian converted many to the faith of Christ, and by his exhortation led them to the glory of martyrdom... At Seville in Spain, St. Florentius, confessor... At Todi in Umbria, St. Romana, virgin, who was baptized by Pope St. Sylvester, led a life of holiness in dens and caves, and wrought glorious miracles... In England, St. Milburga, virgin, the daughter of the king of Mercia.

In Leap Year on the 24th day of the 2nd month only the following is read:

The Vigil of St. Matthias the Apostle... Also, the commemoration of many holy martyrs, confessors, and virgins.

R. Thanks be to God.

24th Day of the 2nd Month

(In Leap Year the 25th day of the 2nd month)

In Judea, the birthday of St. Matthias the Apostle. After the Ascension of our Lord, the Apostles chose him, by lot, to fill the place of Judas the traitor, and he suffered martyrdom for the preaching of the Gospel... At Rome, St. Primitiva, martyr... At Rouen, the passion of St. Praetextatus, bishop and martyr... At Caesarea in Cappadocia, St. Sergius, martyr, of whose life a beautiful account still exists... In Africa, the holy martyrs Montanus, Lucius, Julian, Victorinus, Flavian, and their companions. They were disciples of St. Cyprian and suffered martyrdom under Emperor Valerian... At Treves, St. Modestus, bishop and confessor... At Stylo in Calabria, St. John Theristus, noted for his sanctity and his high regard for the monastic life... In England, St. Ethelbert, ruler of Kent, converted to the faith of Christ by the English bishop, St. Augustine... At Jerusalem, the finding for the first time of the head of St. John the Baptist, Precursor of the Lord.

25th Day of the 2nd Month

(In Leap Year the 26th day of the 2nd month)

In Egypt, under Emperor Numerian, the birthday of the holy martyrs Victorinus, Victor, Nicephorus, Claudian, Dioscorus, Serapion, and Papias. After patiently enduring extreme tortures, the first two were beheaded for the confession of the faith; Nicephorus was laid on a heated gridiron, placed over the fire, then thoroughly hacked with a knife; Claudian and Dioscorus were burned at the stake; Serapion and Papias were slain with the sword... In Africa, the holy martyrs Donatus, Justus, Herenas, and their companions... At Constantinople, St. Tharasius, bishop, a man of great learning and piety. There exists a letter defending sacred images, written to him by Pope Hadrian I... In the monastery of Heidenheim, in the Eichstadt diocese in Germany, St. Walburga, virgin. She was the daughter of St. Richard, king of England, and sister of St. Willebald, bishop of Eichstadt.

26th Day of the 2nd Month

(In Leap Year the 27th day of the 2nd month)

Purim, Queen Esther's saving of the Jews from Amon... At Pergen in Pamphylia, during the persecution of Decius, the birthday of blessed Nestor, bishop, who, praying night and day for the safety of the flock of Christ, was put under arrest.

Because he confessed the name of the Lord with great zeal and freedom, he was cruelly tortured on the rack by order of Pollio the governor. When he still courageously proclaimed that he would remain ever faithful to Christ, he was crucified, and thus triumphantly went to heaven... In the same place, the passion of Saints Papias, Diodorus, Conon, and Claudian, who preceded St. Nestor to martyrdom... Also, the holy martyrs Fortunatus, Felix, and twenty-seven others... At Alexandria, Bishop St. Alexander, an aged man held in great honor, who succeeded blessed Peter as bishop of that city. He expelled Arius, one of his priests, from the Church because of his heresies and convicted in the face of divine truth. Later on he was one of the three hundred and eighteen Fathers who condemned him in the Council of Nicaea... At Bologna, the bishop St. Faustinian. His preaching strengthened and multiplied the faithful of that church when it was so much afflicted during the persecution of Diocletian... At Gaza in Palestine, St. Porphyry, bishop, in the time of Emperor Arcadius. He overthrew the idol Marnas and its temple, and after many sufferings, went to his rest in the Lord... In the province of Champagne in France, St. Victor, confessor.

27th Day of the 2nd Month

(In Leap Year the 28th day of the 2nd month)

At Rome, the birthday of the holy martyrs, Alexander, Abundius, Antigonus, and Fortunatus... At Alexandria, the passion of St. Julian, martyr. Although he was so afflicted with gout that he could neither walk nor stand, he was taken before the judge with two servants, who carried him in a chair. One of these denied his faith, but the other, named Eunus, persevered with Julian in confessing Christ. Both were set on camels, led through the whole city,

scourged, and then burned alive in the presence of all the people... In the same city, St. Besas, a soldier. He had rebuked those who insulted the martyrs just mentioned, and so was denounced before the judge. Because he continued to proclaim his attachment to the faith he was beheaded... At Seville in Spain, the birthday of St. Leander, bishop of that city, and of St. Florentina, virgin. By his preaching and zeal the Visigoths, with the help of King Reccared, were converted from the Arian heresy to the Catholic faith... At Constantinople, in the time of Emperor Leo the Isaurian, the holy confessors Basil and Procopius, who fought courageously in behalf of the veneration of sacred images... At Lyons, St. Baldomer, a subdeacon and a man of God, whose tomb is graced by many miracles.

28th Day of the 2nd Month

(In Leap Year the 29th day of the 2nd month)

At Rome, the birthday of the holy martyrs Macanus, Rufinus, Justus, and Theophilus... At Alexandria, the passion of the Saints Caerealis, Pupulus, Caius, and Serapion... In the same city, in the reign of Emperor Valerian, the commemoration of the holy priests, deacons, and many others. When a most deadly epidemic was raging they willingly met their death by ministering to the sick. The religious sentiment of the pious faithful has generally venerated them as martyrs... At Rome, St. Hilary, pope and confessor... In the territory of Lyons, in the Jura Mountains, the death of St. Romanus, abbot, who first had led the life of a hermit there. His reputation for virtues and miracles brought under his guidance many monks... At Papia, the transfer, ordered by the Lombard King Luitprand, of the body of St. Augustine, bishop, away from the Island of Sardinia.

THIRD MONTH

1st Day of the 3rd Month

At Rome, two hundred and sixty holy martyrs condemned for the name of Christ. Claudius ordered them to dig sand beyond the Salarian Gate, then to have soldiers in the amphitheater shoot them with arrows... Also, the birthday of the holy martyrs Leo, Donatus, Abundantius, Nicephorus, and nine others... At Marseilles, the holy martyrs Hermes and Adrian. At Heliopolis, St. Eudocia, martyr in the persecution of Trajan. She was baptized by Bishop Theodotus, and, being fortified for the combat, was put to the sword at the command of Vincent the governor, and thus received the crown of martyrdom. On the same day, St. Antonina, martyr. For deriding the gods of the heathens, in the persecution of Diocletian, she was, after various torments, shut up in a cask and drowned in a marsh near the city of Cea. At Rome, the birthday of Pope St. Felix III, ancestor of St. Gregory the Great, who relates of him that he appeared to St. Tharsilla, his niece, and called her to the kingdom of heaven... At Kaiserswerdt, Bishop St. Swibert, who, in the time of Pope Sergius, preached the Gospel to the inhabitants of Friesland, Holland, and to other Germanic peoples... At Angers in France, St. Albinus, bishop and confessor, a man of most eminent virtue and piety... At Le Mans in France, St. Siviard, abbot... At Perugia, the transferring of the body of St. Herculanius, bishop and martyr, who was beheaded by order of Totila, the Arian king of the Goths. Forty days after the decapitation, Pope St. Gregory relates that the head had been rejoined to the body as if it had never been touched by the sword.

2nd Day of the 3rd Month

At Rome, on the Latin Road, the holy martyrs Jovinus and Basileus, who suffered under Emperors Valerian and Gallienus... Also at Rome, under Emperor Alexander and the prefect Ulpian, many holy martyrs who were a long time tortured and condemned to capital punishment... At Caesarea, in Cappadocia, the holy martyrs Lucius, bishop, Absalon, and Lorgius... At Porto, near Rome, the holy martyrs Paul, Heraclius, Secundilla, and Januaria... In Campania, the commemoration of eighty holy martyrs who were barbarously killed by

the Lombards because they would not eat flesh that had been offered to the idols, nor would they adore the head of a goat... At Lichfield, England, St. Chad, bishop of Mercia and Lindisfarne.

3rd Day of the 3rd Month

At Caesarea in Palestine, during the persecution of Valerian, the holy martyrs Marinus, soldier, and Asterius, senator. The former was examined by the judge on the charge laid against him by his fellow soldiers of being a Christian, and as he admitted the accusation in a firm tone of voice, he was beheaded and thus received the crown of martyrdom. His mutilated body was taken by Asterius on his own shoulders, and wrapped in the garment which he himself wore. This service at once gained for Asterius the palm of martyrdom as a reward for the honors which he had given to a martyr... At Calahorra in Spain, the birthday of the holy martyrs Hermiterius and Cheledonius, soldiers in the army at Leon, a city of Galicia. Upon the approach of persecution they went to Calahorra in order to confess the name of Christ, and after enduring many torments there, they were crowned with martyrdom... The same day, the passion of the Saints Felix, Luciolus, Fortunatus, Marcia, and their companions... Also, the sainted soldiers Cleonicus, Eutropius, and Basiliscus, who gloriously triumphed by death on the cross under the governor Asclepias during the persecution of Maximian... At Brescia, St. Titian, bishop and confessor.

4th Day of the 3rd Month

At Rome, on the Appian Way, during the persecution of Valerian, the birthday of St. Lucius, pope and martyr, who was first exiled for the faith of Christ, but being permitted by divine Providence to return to his church, after laboring long against the Novatians, he suffered martyrdom by beheading. His praises have been published by St. Cyprian of Carthage... At Nicomedia, in the reign of Emperor Diocletian, the martyr St. Adrian and twenty-three others, who endured martyrdom by having their limbs crushed. Their remains were taken to Byzantium by the Christians, and buried there with reverence and honor. Afterwards the body of St. Adrian was transferred to Rome on the 8th day of the 9th month, on which day his feast is observed... At Rome, on the Appian Way, nine hundred holy martyrs who were buried in the cemetery of St.

Cecilia... In Chersonesus, the passion of the saintly bishops, Basil, Eugene Agathodorus, Elpidius, Aetherius, Capito, Ephrem, Nestor, and Arcadius... On the same day, St. Caius Palatinus and twenty-seven others who were cast into the sea... Also, the passion of Saints Archelaus, Cyril, and Photius.

5th Day of the 3rd Month

At Antioch, the birthday of the martyr St. Phocas, also known as "the gardener," who used his crops to feed the poor and render aid to the persecuted Christians. During the persecution of Diocletian he showed great hospitality to the soldiers sent to execute him, and while they slept, dug his own grave and was willingly beheaded the following morning by the grateful soldiers who were reluctant to kill him... At Caesarea in Palestine, during the same persecution, the martyr St. Adrian. He was first exposed to a lion for the faith of Christ, and then slain with the sword by order of the governor Firmilian and thus received the crown of martyrdom... The same day, the passion of the holy martyrs Eusebius, officer of the imperial palace, and nine others... In Palestine, on the banks of the Jordan, the monk St. Gerasimus, who lived in the time of Emperor Zeno. It is related of him that he tamed a lion after removing a thorn from its paw.

6th Day of the 3rd Month

At Tortona, St. Marcian, bishop and martyr, who was put to death for the sake of Christ by Trajan, and thereby received the crown of immortality... At Nicomedia, the birthday of the holy martyrs Victor and Victorinus, who were, with Claudian and his wife Bassa, subjected to many torments for a period of three years, after which they were cast into prison where they ended their life... In Cyprus, in the time of Emperor Decius, St. Conon, martyr. He was compelled to run before a chariot, with his feet pierced with nails, and falling to his knees, he died in prayer... Also, the passion of forty-two holy martyrs, who were arrested in Amorium and taken to Syria, where they valiantly endured the test and received the crown of martyrdom... At Constantinople, St. Evagrius, who was elected Catholic bishop in the reign of Valens, and being exiled by that emperor, later departed for heaven... At Bologna, St. Basil, bishop, who was ordained by Pope St. Sylvester, and who governed the church entrusted to his care with great holiness, both by

word and example... At Viterbo, blessed Rose, a virgin of the Third Order of Francis.

7th Day of the 3rd Month

At Carthage, the birthday Saints Perpetua and Felicitas who received from the Lord the glorious crown of martyrdom. St. Augustine relates that Felicitas being with child, her execution was deferred, according to the law, until after her delivery. He states that while she was in labor she mourned, and when cast to the beasts, she rejoiced. With them suffered Revocatus, Saturninus, and Secundulus, the last of whom died in prison; the others were delivered to the beasts, all during the reign of Severus... At Caesarea in Palestine, the passion of St. Eubulus, who was a companion of St. Adrian. Two days after the latter's death, he was mangled by the lions and put to death by the sword. He was the last of all those who received the crown of martyrdom in that city... At Nicomedia, St. Theophilus, bishop, who was driven into exile for the veneration of sacred images, and died there... At Pelusium in Egypt, St. Paul, bishop, who died in exile for the same cause... At Brescia, St. Gaudiosus, bishop and confessor.

8th Day of the 3rd Month

At Nicomedia, St. Quinctilis, bishop and martyr... In Africa, the martyred Saints Cyril, a bishop, Rogatus, Felix, another Rogatus, Beata, Herenia, Felicitas, Urban, Silvanus, and Mamillus... At Antinous, a city of Egypt, the birthday of the holy martyrs Apollonius, the deacon, and Philemon. They firmly refused to sacrifice to the idols, and when arrested and brought to the judge they had their heels pierced, were barbarously dragged through the city, at last completed their martyrdom by being slain by the sword... In the same place, the martyrdom of Saints Arian, governor, Theoticus, and three others, whom the judge put to death by drowning in the sea. Their bodies, however, were brought back by some dolphins... At Carthage, St. Pontius, a deacon of the blessed Cyprian, bishop, who remained until death in exile with him, and composed an excellent history of his life and martyrdom. By ever glorifying God in his own sufferings, he merited the crown of life... In England, St. Felix, bishop, who converted the East Angles to the faith.

9th Day of the 3rd Month

At Rome, St. Frances, widow, renowned for her holy life and the gift of miracles... At Sebaste in Armenia, under the governor Agricolaus, in the time of Emperor Licinius, the birthday of forty holy soldiers of Cappadocia. Their feast is kept tomorrow... At Barcelona in Spain, Bishop St. Pacian, distinguished by his life and preaching. He ended his career in extreme old age, in the time of the Holy Emperor St. Theodosius.

10th Day of the 3rd Month

At Sebaste in Armenia, the forty holy martyrs whose birthday was commemorated yesterday. After being chained down in foul dungeons, after having their faces bruised with stones, and being condemned to spend the night naked, in the open during the coldest part of winter, on a frozen lake where their bodies were benumbed and covered with ice, they completed their martyrdom by having their limbs crushed. Noteworthy among them were Cyrion and Candidus. Their glorious triumph has been celebrated by the Fathers in their writings... At Apamea in Phrygia, during the persecution of Marcus Antoninus and Lucius Verus, the birthday of the holy martyrs Caius and Alexander. They were crowned with a glorious martyrdom, as is related by Apollinaris, bishop of Hierapolis, in his book against the Cataphrygian heretics... In Persia, the passion of forty-two holy martyrs... At Corinth, the holy martyrs Codratus, Denis, Cyprian, Anectus, Paul, and Crescens, who were slain with the sword in the persecution of Decius and Valerian, under Jason, the governor... In Africa, St. Victor, martyr, on whose feast day St. Augustine delivered a sermon to his people... At Rome, St. Simplicius, pope and confessor... At Jerusalem, St. Macarius, bishop and confessor, at whose exhortation the holy places were purged by St. Constantine the Great and St. Helena, his mother, and beautified by sacred basilicas... At Paris, the death of Abbot St. Droctoveus, who was a disciple of the saintly Bishop Germanus... In the monastery of Bobbio, St. Attalas, abbot, renowned for his miracles.

11th Day of the 3rd Month

At Sardis, St. Euthymius, bishop, who was sent into exile by the Iconoclast emperor Michael for the veneration of sacred images. Afterwards, in the reign

of Theophilus, he was barbarously beaten with knotted clubs, which completed his martyrdom... At Cordova in Spain, St. Eulogius, priest, who was scourged and beaten with rods and finally beheaded during the Saracen persecution... At Carthage, the holy martyrs Heraclius and Zosimus... At Alexandria, the passion of Saints Candidus, Piperion, and twenty others... At Laodicea in Syria, during the persecution of Diocletian, the holy martyrs Trophimus and Thalys, who obtained their crowns of glory after many severe torments... At Antioch, the commemoration of many holy martyrs, some of whom by order of Emperor Maximian were laid on red hot gridirons, not to be burned to death, but to continue their suffering a longer time; others were subjected to different horrible torments, and won the palm of martyrdom... Also, Saints Gorgonius and Firmus... At Jerusalem, Bishop St. Sophronius... At Milan, St. Benedict, bishop... In the diocese of Amiens, St. Firmin, abbot... At Carthage, St. Constantine, confessor... At Babucum in Campania, St. Peter, confessor, who was renowned for his miracles.

12th Day of the 3rd Month

At Rome, St. Gregory, pope and eminent doctor of the Church, who on account of his illustrious deeds and the conversion of the English to the faith of Christ, was surnamed the Great and called the Apostle of England... In the same place, the death of St. Innocent I, pope and confessor. His feast is celebrated on the 28th day of the 7th month... Also at Rome, St. Mamilian, martyr... At Nicomedia, St. Egdunus, priest, and seven others, who, one by one, on successive days, were strangled in order to terrify those who remained... In the same city, the passion of the martyr St. Peter, chamberlain to Emperor Diocletian. For openly complaining of the atrocious torments inflicted upon the martyrs, he was, by order of the emperor, first suspended and for a long time scourged, then had salt and vinegar poured on his wounds, and finally was burned on a grate over a slow fire. Thus did he become a true heir of St. Peter's name and faith... At Constantinople, St. Theophanes, who gave up great riches to embrace the poverty of the monastic state. The impious Leo the Armenian kept him in prison for two years because of his veneration of sacred images, and later sent him into Thrace in exile. There, overwhelmed with afflictions, but famous for miracles, death came

upon him... At Capua, St. Bernard, bishop and confessor.

13th Day of the 3rd Month

At Cordova in Spain, the holy martyrs Rudericus, a priest, and Solomon, his companion, who were martyred by the Moors... At Nicomedia, the birthday of the holy martyrs Macedonius, Patricia his wife, and his daughter Modesta... At Nicaea in Bithynia, the holy martyrs Theuseta and Horres, his son; Theodore, Nymphodora, Marcus, and Arabia, who were all burned to death for Christ... At Hermopolis in Egypt, the martyr St. Sabinus, who suffered many torments, and at last completed his martyrdom by being cast into a river... In Persia, St. Christina, virgin and martyr... At Camerino, St. Ansovinus, bishop and confessor... In Thebais, the death of St. Euphrasia, virgin... At Constantinople, the transferral of the body of St. Nicephorus, bishop of that city, and confessor. The body was returned from the island of Propontis in the Proconnesus, where his death occurred on the 5th day of the 6th month while in exile for his reverence of sacred images. He was buried with honor by Bishop Methodius in the Church of the Holy Apostles on this the anniversary day of his exile.

14th Day of the 3rd Month

At Rome, in the Veranian Field, St. Leo, bishop and martyr... Also at Rome, the birthday of forty-seven holy martyrs who were baptized by the apostle St. Peter while he was kept in the Mamertine Prison with St. Paul, his fellow apostle. After an imprisonment of nine months, they all fell by the sword of Nero for their generous profession of the faith... In the province of Valeria, two saintly monks, who were hanged on a tree by the Lombards, and although dead, were heard singing psalms even by their enemies... In the same persecution, a deacon of the church of Marsico who was beheaded for the profession of the faith... In Africa, the holy martyrs Peter and Aphrodisius, who received the crown of martyrdom in the Vandal persecution... At Carrhae in Mesopotamia, the patrician St. Eutychius and his companions, who were killed by Evelid, king of Arabia, for the confession of the faith... At Halberstadt in Germany, the death of blessed Queen Matilda, mother of Emperor Otto I, renowned for humility and patience.

15th Day of the 3rd Month

At Caesarea in Cappadocia, the martyrdom of St. Longinus, the soldier who pierced our Lord's side with a lance... The same day, the birthday of St. Aristobulus, a disciple of the apostles, who completed by martyrdom a life spent in preaching the Gospel... In the Hellespont, St. Menignus, a dyer of cloth, who suffered under Decius... In Egypt, St. Nicander, martyr, who sought diligently for the remains of the holy martyrs, and thus merited to be made a martyr himself under Emperor Diocletian... At Cordova in Spain, St. Leocritia, virgin and martyr. She suffered various cruel tortures and was beheaded for the faith of Christ during the Arabian persecution... At Thessalonica, St. Matrona, servant of a Jewess, who, worshiping Christ secretly, and stealing away daily to pray in the church, was detected by her mistress and subjected to many trials. Being at last beaten to death with large clubs, she gave up her pure soul to God in confessing Christ... At Rieti, the bishop St. Probus, at whose death the martyrs Juvenal and Eleutherius were present... At Capua, the monk St. Speciosus, whose soul his brother saw being taken into heaven, as is recorded by Pope St. Gregory.

16th Day of the 3rd Month

At Rome, the martyrdom of the deacon St. Cyriacus, who, after a long imprisonment, had melted pitch poured over him, was stretched on the rack, had his limbs pulled with ropes, was beaten with clubs, and finally was beheaded by the order of Maximian, together with Largus, Smaragdus, and twenty others. Their feast, however, is kept on the 8th day of the 8th month, the day on which these twenty-three martyrs were exhumed by blessed Pope Marcellus and reverently entombed... At Aquileia, in the time of Emperor Numerian and the governor Beronius, the birthday of the holy bishop Hilary, and the deacon Tatian, who were martyred with Felix, Largus, and Denis, after being subjected to the rack and other tortures... In Lycaonia, the holy martyr Papas, who was scourged for the Christian faith, had his flesh torn with iron hooks, and was compelled to walk with shoes pierced with nails, and was finally bound to a barren tree. In leaving this world to go to God, he rendered this same tree fruitful... At Anazarbum in Cilicia, under the governor Marcian, the martyr St. Julian, who was a long time tortured,

then put into a sack with serpents, and cast into the sea... At Ravenna, St. Agapitus, bishop and confessor... At Cologne, St. Heribert, a bishop, celebrated for sanctity... In Auvergne, the death of St. Patrick, bishop... In Syria, St. Abraham, hermit, whose life has been written by the blessed deacon Ephrem.

17th Day of the 3rd Month

At Downpatrick in Ireland, the birthday of St. Patrick, bishop and confessor, who was the first to preach Christ in that country, and who became illustrious by great miracles and virtues... At Jerusalem, St. Joseph of Arimathea, noble senator and disciple of our Lord, who took His body down from the cross and buried it in his own new sepulchre... At Rome, the Saints Alexander and Theodore, martyrs... At Alexandria, the commemoration of many holy martyrs, who, being seized by the worshippers of Serapis, and refusing constantly to adore that idol, were cruelly murdered. The Holy Emperor St. Theodosius, who issued the order, afterwards commanded that the temple of Serapis should be destroyed... At Constantinople, St. Paul, martyr, who was burned alive by Constantine Copronymus, for defending the veneration of sacred images... At Chalons in France, St. Agricola, bishop... At Nivelles in Brabant, St. Gertrude, a virgin of noble birth. During her life she practised all kinds of good works and deserved to have Christ for her spouse in heaven.

18th Day of the 3rd Month

At Jerusalem, St. Cyril, bishop, who suffered many injuries from the Arians for the faith. Often exiled from his church, he at length rested in peace with a great reputation for sanctity. A magnificent testimony of the purity of his faith is given by the first ecumenical Council of Constantinople in a letter to Pope Damasus... At Caesarea in Palestine, the birthday of the blessed Bishop Alexander, who, from his own city in Cappadocia, where he was bishop, coming to Jerusalem only to visit the holy places, took upon himself, by divine revelation, the government of that church in place of the aged Narcissus. Sometime afterwards, when he had become venerable by his age and his gray hair, he was led to Caesarea and shut up in prison, where he completed his martyrdom for the confession of Christ during the persecution of Decius... At

Augsburg, St. Narcissus, bishop, was the first to preach the Gospel in the Tyrol. Afterwards, setting out for Spain, he converted many to the faith of Christ at Gerona, and there, along with the deacon Felix, he received the palm of martyrdom during the persecution of Diocletian... At Nicomedia, ten thousand holy martyrs, who were put to the sword for the confession of Christ... In the same place, the holy martyrs Trophimus and Eucarpus... In England, St. Edward, king, who was assassinated by order of his treacherous stepmother, and became celebrated for many miracles... At Lucca in Tuscany, the birthday of the holy bishop Fridian, who was illustrious by the power of working miracles... At Mantua, St. Anselm, bishop and confessor.

19th Day of the 3rd Month

In Judea, the birthday of St. Joseph, spouse of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary whom God chose from among all men to be the foster father and guardian of His beloved Son. At Sorrento, the holy martyrs Quinctus, Quinctilla, Quartilla, Mark, and nine others... At Nicomedia, St. Pancharius, a Roman, who apostatized for the sake of Emperor Diocletian, but by the persuasion of his mother and sister immediately returned to the true faith. Because of his subsequent constancy in it, he was beaten with clubs and beheaded, obtaining thus the crown of martyrdom... The same day, the holy Bishops Apollonius and Leontius... At Ghent in Flanders, Saints Landoald, a Roman priest, and the deacon Amantius, who were sent to preach the Gospel by Pope St. Martin. They faithfully fulfilled this apostolic appointment, and after their deaths became renowned for their miracles... In the city of Pinna, the birthday of blessed John, a man of great sanctity, who came from Syria into Italy, and there founded a monastery. After being the spiritual guide for many of God's servants for forty-four years, he rested in peace, famous for his great virtues.

20th Day of the 3rd Month

In Judea, St. Joachim, the father of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God. His feast day is kept on the 16th day of the 8th month... In Asia, the birthday of St. Archippus, fellow-laborer of the apostle St. Paul, who is mentioned by him in his epistles to Philemon and the Colossians... In Syria, the holy martyrs Paul, Cyril, Eugene, and four

others... On the same day, the Saints Photina, a Samaritan, and her sons Joseph and Victor; also, Sebastian, a military officer, Anatolius, and Photius; Photides, Parasceves, and Cyriaca, sisters, all of whom were put to death for the confession of the faith... At Amisus in Paphlagonia, seven holy women, Alexandria, Claudia, Euphrasia, Matrona, Juliana, Euphemia, and Theodosia, who were put to death for the confession of the faith. They were followed by Dephuta and her sister... At Apollonia, Bishop St. Nicetas, who died in exile where he had been sent for upholding the veneration of sacred images... In the monastery of Fontanelle in France, St. Wulfram, bishop of Sens, who resigned his bishopric, and after having performed miracles, departed out of this life... In England, the death of St. Cuthbert, bishop of Lindisfarne, who from his childhood until his death was renowned for good works and miracles.

21st Day of the 3rd Month

At Monte Cassino, the birthday of the holy abbot St. Benedict, who restored and wonderfully extended the monastic discipline in the West, where it had almost been destroyed. His life, brilliant in virtues and miracles, was written by Pope St. Gregory the Great... At Catania, St. Birillus, who was consecrated bishop by St. Peter. After converting many gentiles to the faith, he died in extreme old age... At Alexandria, under the Holy Roman Emperor St. Constantine the Great and the governor Philagrius, the commemoration of the holy martyrs who were murdered by the Arians and the heathens, being attacked by them while they were in church on Good Sixth Weekday... On the same day, the holy martyrs Philemon and Domninus... At Alexandria, blessed Serapion, anchorite and bishop of Thmuis, a man of great virtue, who was driven into exile by the enraged Arians, where he departed to heaven... In the territory of Lyons, St. Lupicinus, abbot, whose life was brilliant with the glory of holiness and miracles.

22nd Day of the 3rd Month

At Narbonne in France, the birthday of the bishop St. Paul, a disciple of the apostles. He was the proconsul Sergius Paulus who was baptized by the blessed apostle Paul and left at Narbonne where he was raised to the episcopal dignity when the apostle went to Spain. Having zealously discharged the

office of preaching and having performed miracles, he departed to heaven... At Terracina, St. Epaphroditus, a disciple of the apostles, who was consecrated bishop of that city by the blessed apostle Peter... At Ancyra, under Julian the Apostate, St. Basil, priest and martyr, who gave up his soul to God after having endured grievous torments... At Carthage, the archdeacon St. Octavian, and many thousands of martyrs, who were slain by the Vandals for the Catholic faith... In Africa, the holy martyrs Saturninus and nine others... In Galatia, the birthday of the holy martyrs Callinica and Basilissa... At Rome, the birthday of Pope St. Zachary, who governed the Church of God with vigilance, and at last, renowned for miracles, rested in peace... At Carthage, St. Deogratias, bishop of Carthage, who ransomed many captives taken from that city by the Vandals and who performed many other good works, after which he went to rest in the Lord... At Osimo, in Piceno, the bishop St. Benvenuto.

23rd Day of the 3rd Month

St. Isidore the Farmer... In Africa, the holy martyrs Victorinus, proconsul of Carthage, and two brothers from Aquaregia. Also two merchants, named Frementius, who were subjected to the most atrocious torments for their courageous confession of the Catholic faith and who were gloriously crowned martyrs under the Arian king Hunneric during the persecution of the Vandals... Also in Africa, St. Fidelis, martyr... In the same place, St. Felix and twenty other martyrs... At Caesarea in Palestine, the holy martyrs Nikon and twenty-nine others... Likewise, the crowning of the holy martyrs Domitius, Pelagia, Aquila, Eparchius, and Theodosia... At Antioch, the priest St. Theodulus... At Caesarea, St. Julian, confessor... St. Benedict, a monk, who was shut up in a burning furnace by the Goths, but who was found uninjured the next day.

24th Day of the 3rd Month

The Feast of St. Gabriel the Archangel, who was sent by God to announce the Incarnation of the Divine Word... At Rome, the priest St. Epigmenius, who completed his martyrdom by the sword in the persecution of Diocletian, under the judge Turpius... Also, at Rome, in the time of Julian the Apostate, the passion of blessed Pigenius, a priest, who was killed for the faith of Christ by being drowned in the Tiber... At Rome, the holy martyrs Mark and

Timothy, who were crowned with martyrdom under Emperor Antoninus... At Caesarea in Palestine, the birthday of the holy martyrs Timolaus, Denis, Pausides, Romulus, Alexander, another Alexander, Agapius, and another Denis. They merited the crown of life by being beheaded in the persecution of Diocletian, under the idiot Urban... In Morocco, the birthday of the saintly brothers Romulus and Secundus, who suffered for the faith of Christ... At Trent, the martyrdom of the boy St. Simeon, who was barbarously murdered by the Jews, but who was afterwards glorified by many miracles... At Synnadas in Phrygia, Bishop St. Agapitus... At Brescia, the bishop St. Latinus... In Syria, St. Seleucus, confessor.

25th Day of the 3rd Month

The Annunciation of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God and the Incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ in her most pure womb... At Jerusalem, the commemoration of Dismas, the good thief who confessed Christ on the cross, and who deserved to hear from Him these words: "This day thou shalt be with me in paradise"... At Rome, St. Quirinus, martyr, who after losing his possessions, suffering imprisonment in a dark dungeon, and being cruelly scourged, was put to death with the sword, and thrown into the Tiber. The Christians found his body on the island Lycaonia (which was thereafter called St. Bartholomew's), and buried it in the Pontian cemetery... Also at Rome, two hundred and sixty-two holy martyrs... At Sirmio, the martyrdom of St. Irenaeus, bishop. In the time of Emperor Maximian, under the governor Probus, after undergoing bitter torments and a painful imprisonment for many days, he was beheaded... At Nicomedia, St. Dula, the servant of a soldier, who was killed for the preservation of her chastity, and deserved the crown of martyrdom... At Laodicea, St. Pelagius, bishop, who having endured exile and other afflictions for the Catholic faith under Valens, rested in the Lord... At Indre, an island in the Loire, Abbot St. Hermelandus, whose glorious life was commended by outstanding miracles... At Pistoia, the holy confessors Barontius and Desiderius.

26th Day of the 3rd Month

At Rome, on the Via Lavicana, St. Castulus, martyr, chamberlain in the palace of the emperor. For harboring Christians, he was three times suspended

by the hands, three times cited before the tribunals. As he persevered in the confession of the Lord, he was thrown into a pit, covered with a mass of sand, and thus obtained the crown of martyrdom... Also at Rome, the crowning of the holy martyrs Peter, Marcian, Jovinus, Thecla, Cassian, and others... At Pentopolis in Lybia, the birthday of the holy martyrs Theodore, bishop, the deacon Irenaeus, and the lectors Serapion and Ammonius... At Sirmio, the holy martyrs Montanus, priest, and Maxima, who were drowned in a river for the faith of Christ... Likewise, the holy martyrs Quadratus, Theodosius, Emmanuel, and forty others... At Alexandria, the holy martyrs Eutychius and others, who died by the sword for the Catholic faith, in the time of Holy Roman Emperor St. Constantine the Great, under the Arian bishop George... The same day, St. Ludger, bishop of Munster, who preached the Gospel to the Saxons... At Saragossa in Spain, St. Braulio, bishop and confessor... At Treves, St. Felix, bishop.

27th Day of the 3rd Month

At Drizipara in Hungary, St. Alexander, a soldier, in the time of Emperor Maximian. Having overcome many torments for the sake of Christ, and performing many miracles, his martyrdom was completed by beheading... In Illyria, the Saints Philetus, senator, his wife Lydia, and their sons Macedon and Theoprepides; also Amphilocheus, an officer in the army, and Chronides, a notary, who were put to death for the confession of Christ after suffering many things... In Persia, in the reign of King Sapor, the holy martyrs Zanitas, Lazarus, Marotas, Narses, and five others, who were barbarously slain, having merited the martyr's palm... At Salzburg in Germany, St. Rupert, bishop and confessor, who spread the Gospel extensively in Bavaria and Austria.

28th Day of the 3rd Month

At Caesarea in Palestine, the birthday of the holy martyrs Priscus, Malchus, and Alexander. In the persecution of Valerian, they were living in the suburbs of Caesarea, but knowing that in the city the heavenly crown of martyrdom was to be gained, and burning with the divine ardor of faith, they went to the judge of their own accord, rebuked him for shedding in torrents the blood of the faithful, and were immediately condemned to be devoured by beasts for the name of Christ... At Tarsus in Cilicia,

the holy martyrs Castor and Dorotheus... In Africa, the holy martyrs Rogatus, Successus, and sixteen others... At Norcia, Abbot St. Spes, a man of extraordinary patience, whose soul at its departure from this life (as Pope St. Gregory tells) was seen by all his brethren to ascend to heaven in the shape of a dove... At Chalons in France, the death of King St. Guntram, who devoted himself to exercises of piety and bestowed his treasures on the Church and the poor.

29th Day of the 3rd Month

At Heliopolis in Lebanon, under Julian the Apostate, St. Cyril, deacon and martyr, whose body was opened and his liver taken out by the heathens who devoured it like wild beasts... In Persia, the holy martyrs Jonas and Barachisius, under the Persian king Sapor. Jonas was put under the pressure of a vice, his bones broken, and cut asunder; Barachisius was suffocated by burning pitch being poured into his throat... At Nicomedia, the passion of the holy martyrs Pastor, Victorinus, and their companions... In Africa, under the Arian king Genseric, during the persecution of the Vandals, the holy confessors Armogastes, a count, Mascula, Archimimus, and Satorus, master of the king's household. After enduring many severe torments, as well as insults, for the confession of the truth, they completed their tests with glory... At Asti, St. Secundus, martyr... In the monastery of Luxeuil, the death of Abbot St. Eustasius, a disciple of St. Columban, who had under his guidance nearly six hundred monks. Eminent in sanctity, he was also renowned for miracles.

30th Day of the 3rd Month

At Rome, on the Appian Way, the martyrdom of the tribune blessed Quirinus, who had been baptized

with all his household by Pope St. Alexander when he was imprisoned in their house. Under Emperor Adrian, he was delivered to the judge Aurelian, and, because he persevered in the profession of the faith, his tongue was torn out, he was stretched on the rack, his hands and feet were cut off, and the sword completed his course of martyrdom... At Thessalonica, the birthday of the holy martyrs Domninus, Victor, and their companions... At Constantinople, in the time of Constantius, the commemoration of many holy martyrs whom the heresiarch Macedonius put to death by unheard-of kinds of torments. Among other tortures, they were burned with red-hot irons, and the breasts of Christian women were cut away between the lids of coffers... At Senlis, the death of St. Regulus, bishop of Aries... At Orleans in France, Bishop St. Pastor... At Syracuse, St. Zosimus, bishop and confessor... At Aquino, St. Clinus, confessor.

31st Day of the 3rd Month

At Thecua in Palestine, the holy prophet Amos, whom the priest Amasias frequently had scourged. Ozias, that priest's son, pierced his head at the temples with an iron spike. Being carried half dead to his own country, he died there and was buried with his family... In Persia, during the reign of King Isdegerdes, the deacon St. Benjamin. Because he would not stop preaching the word of God, he had a sharp reed forced under his nails, a thorny stake driven through his body, and thus completed his martyrdom... In Africa, the holy martyrs Theodulus, Anesius, Felix, Cornelia, and their companions... At Rome, the virgin St. Balbina, daughter of the blessed martyr Quirinus. She was baptized by Pope Alexander, and she chose Christ as her spouse in her virginity. After overcoming the world, she was buried at her father's side on the Appian Way.

FOURTH MONTH

1st Day of the 4th Month

At Rome, the passion of St. Theodora, sister of the illustrious martyr Hermes. She underwent martyrdom in the time of Emperor Adrian, under the judge Aurelian, and was buried at the side of her brother on the Salarian Way, a short distance from the City... The same day, St. Venantius, bishop and martyr... In Egypt, the holy martyrs Victor and Stephen... In Armenia, the holy martyrs Quinctian and Irenaeus... At Constantinople, under Emperor Leo, St. Macanus, confessor, who ended his life in exile for defending the veneration of sacred images... At Ard-Patrick in Munster, a province of Ireland, Bishop St. Celsus, who preceded blessed Malachy in that bishopric... At Grenoble in France, Bishop St. Hugh, who spent many years of his life in solitude, and departed for heaven with a great reputation for miracles... At Amiens in France, Abbot St. Valery, whose tomb is well known for its frequent miracles.

2nd Day of the 4th Month

At Caesarea in Palestine, during the persecution of Galerius Maximian, the birthday of the martyr St. Amphian. He reproved the governor Urban for sacrificing to idols, so his body was cruelly cut in shreds, his feet wrapped in oil-soaked cloths, and set on fire. After these painful tortures, he was cast into the sea. Thus through fire and water, he reached his everlasting repose... In the same city the passion of St. Theodosia, a virgin of Tyre. In the same persecution, she publicly spoke to the holy confessors as they stood before the tribunal, and begged of them to remember her when they should be with God. She was arrested and led to the governor Urban, at whose order her sides and breasts were deeply lacerated, and she was thrown into the sea... At Langres in France, Bishop St. Urban... At Como, St. Abundius, bishop and confessor... At Capua, Bishop St. Victor, well known for his sanctity and learning... At Lyons in France, St. Nicetus, bishop of that city, renowned for his life and miracles... In Palestine, the death of St. Mary of Egypt.

3rd Day of the 4th Month

At Rome, the birthday of blessed Pope Sixtus I, martyr, who ruled the Church with distinction during the reign of Emperor Hadrian, and finally in the reign of Antoninus Pius he gladly accepted temporal death in order to gain Christ for himself... At Taormina in Sicily, Bishop St. Pancratius, who sealed with a martyr's blood the Gospel of Christ that the apostle St. Peter had sent him there to preach... At Tomis in Scythia, the birthday of the holy martyrs Evagrius and Benignus... At Tyre, the martyr St. Vulpian, who was sewn up in a sack with a serpent and a dog and drowned in the sea, during the persecution of Maximian Galerius... At Thessalonica, the martyrdom of the holy virgins Agape and Chionia, under Emperor Diocletian. Because they would not deny Christ, they were first detained in prison, then cast into the fire where, untouched by the flames, they gave up their souls to their Creator while praying. Their sister Irene had been imprisoned with them, but was to die later... In the monastery of Medicion in Bithynia, Abbot St. Nicetas, who suffered a great deal for the veneration of sacred images in the time of Leo the Armenian... In England, St. Richard, bishop of Chichester, celebrated for his sanctity and glorious miracles... At Faremoutiers, in the district of Meaux, St. Burgundofara, also known as St. Fara, abbess and virgin.

4th Day of the 4th Month

At Milan, the death of St. Ambrose, bishop and confessor, doctor of the Church. By his zeal, besides other monuments to his learning and miracles, almost all Italy returned to the Catholic faith at the time of the Arian heresy. His feast is properly kept on the 7th day of the 12th month, on which day he became Bishop of Milan... At Thessalonica, in the time of Emperor Maximian and the governor Faustinus, the holy martyrs Agathopodes, a deacon, and Theodulus, a lector, who, for the confession of the Catholic faith, had stones tied to their necks and were drowned in the sea... At Constantinople, the monk St. Plato. For many years he combated with dauntless courage the heretics bent on destroying sacred images... In Palestine, the anchorite St. Zosimus, who took care of the funeral of St. Mary of Egypt... At Palermo, St. Benedict the Black, so-named because he was the son of Christian African

slaves. He was a confessor of the Order of Friars Minor, and although illiterate, was outstanding for his miracles and virtues.

5th Day of the 4th Month

In Africa, during the persecution of the Arian king Genseric, the holy martyrs who were murdered in the church on Resurrection day. The lector, while singing “Alleluia” at the stand, was pierced through the throat by an arrow... The same day, the martyr St. Zeno, who was covered with pitch, cast into the fire, and wounded by the thrust of a spear, thus gaining the crown of martyrdom... On the island of Lesbos, the martyrdom of five holy virgins, who were slain by the sword... At Thessalonica, the virgin St. Irene, who was imprisoned for hiding the sacred books, contrary to the order of Diocletian. She was pierced with an arrow, then burned to death by order of the governor Dulcetius, under whom her sisters Agape and Chionia had previously suffered.

6th Day of the 4th Month

At Milan, the passion of St. Peter, a martyr belonging to the Order of Preachers, who was slain by the heretics for his Catholic faith. His feast, however, is kept on the 29th day of the 4th month... In Moravia, the birthday of St. Methodius, bishop and confessor. Together with his brother, the bishop St. Cyril, whose birthday was the 14th day of the 2nd month, he converted many of the Slavic races and their rulers to the faith of Christ. Their feast is celebrated on the 7th day of the 7th month... In Macedonia, the holy martyrs Timothy and Diogenes... In Persia, one hundred and twenty holy martyrs... At Ascalon in Palestine, the passion of St. Platonides and two other martyrs... At Carthage, St. Marcellinus, who was slain by the heretics for defending the Catholic faith... In Denmark, St. William, an abbot renowned for his saintly life and miracles.

7th Day of the 4th Month

In Africa, the birthday of the holy martyrs Epiphanius, a bishop, Donatus, Rufinus, and thirteen others... At Alexandria, St. Peleusius, priest and martyr... At Sinope, in Pontus, two hundred holy martyrs... In Cilicia, under the prefect Maximian, St.

Calliopius, martyr. After undergoing other torments, he was fastened to a cross with his head downward, and thus gained the noble crown of martyrdom... At Nicomedia, St. Cyriacus and ten other martyrs... At Verona, St. Saturninus, bishop and confessor... At Rome, St. Hegesippus, who lived close to the time of the apostles. He came to Rome while Anicetus was Pope, and remained until the time of Eleutherius. He wrote a history of the Church, from the Passion of our Lord to his own time, in a simple style, to make clear the character of those whose life he imitated... In Syria, in the time of Valens, St. Aphraates, an anchorite, who defended the Catholic faith against the Arians by the power of miracles.

8th Day of the 4th Month

The commemoration of Saints Herodian, Asyncritus, and Phlegon who are mentioned by blessed Paul the apostle in his Letter to the Romans... At Alexandria, in the time of Emperor Maximian Galerius, the martyr St. Aedesius, brother of the blessed Apphian. Because he publicly reproved the wicked judge who delivered to corruptors virgins consecrated to God, he was arrested by the soldiers, exposed to the most severe torments, and thrown into the sea for the sake of Christ our Lord... In Africa, the holy martyrs Januarius, Maxima, and Macaria... At Carthage, the martyr St. Concessa... At Corinth, Bishop St. Denis, who instructed not only the people of his own city and province by the learning and grace with which he preached the word of God, but also the bishops of other cities and provinces by the letters he wrote to them. His devotion to the Roman Pontiffs was such that he was accustomed to read their letters publicly in the church on the Lord's Day. He lived in the time of Marcus Antoninus Verus and Lucius Aurelius Commodus... At Tours in France, the holy bishop Perpetuus, a man of great sanctity... At Ferentino in Campania, Bishop St. Redemptus, who was mentioned by Pope St. Gregory... At Como, St. Amantius, bishop and confessor.

9th Day of the 4th Month

In Judea, St. Mary Cleophas, sister-in-law of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, and whom St. John the Evangelist says stood at her side beneath the Cross of Jesus, and Ss. Joanna and Susanna... At Antioch, St. Prochorus who was one of the first seven deacons. Renowned for faith and miracles, he

received the crown of martyrdom... At Rome, the birthday of the holy martyrs Demetrius, Concessus, Hilary, and their companions... At Caesarea in Cappadocia, St. Eupychius, martyr, who was persecuted under Julian the Apostate for having overthrown the temple of Fortune... At Sirmio, seven holy virgins and martyrs, who purchased everlasting life together at the price of their own blood... At Amida in Mesopotamia, St. Acatius, bishop, who even melted down and sold the sacred vessels in order to ransom captives... At Rouen, St. Hugh, bishop and confessor... In the city of Die, in France, St. Marcellus, bishop, celebrated for miracles... At Mons in Hainaut, blessed Waltrude, renowned for holiness of life and miracles... At Rome, the transferring of the body of St. Monica, mother of the bishop St. Augustine. It was brought from Ostia to Rome and buried in the Church of St. Augustine.

10th Day of the 4th Month

At Babylon, the prophet Ezechiel, who was put to death by a judge of the people of Israel because he reproved him for worshiping idols. He was buried in the sepulchre of Sem and Arphaxad, ancestors of Abraham. Many people were in the habit of going to his tomb to pray... At Rome, the birthday of many holy martyrs, whom Pope St. Alexander baptized while he was in prison. The prefect Aurelian had them all put in an old ship, taken to the deep sea, and drowned with stones tied to their necks... At Alexandria, during the persecution of Maximian, the holy martyrs Apollonius, a priest, and five others who were drowned in the sea... In Africa, under Emperor Decius and the prefect Fortunian, the holy martyrs Terence, Africanus, Pompey, and their companions, who were scourged, racked and subjected to other torments. Their martyrdom ended by beheading... At Ghent in Flanders, St. Macanus, bishop of Antioch, celebrated for virtues and miracles.

11th Day of the 4th Month

At Rome, Pope St. Leo I, confessor and doctor of the Church, surnamed the Great because of his extraordinary merits. During his pontificate the holy Council of Chalcedon was held which condemned Eutyches through his legates, and whose decrees were afterwards given the seal of his authority. After

meriting the gratitude of the Church of God and the whole flock of Christ by the many decrees which he issued and by the many excellent works which he wrote, this good and zealous shepherd rested in peace. Mention is made of him on the 10th day of the 11th month... At Pergamum in Asia, the faithful witness, St. Antipas, who was mentioned by St. John in the Apocalypse. Under Emperor Domitian, he was enclosed in an ox made of brass that had been heated to redness, and thus completed his martyrdom... At Salona in Dalmatia, the holy martyrs Domnio, a bishop, and eight soldiers... At Gortina in Crete, during the reign of Marcus Antoninus Verus and Lucius Aurelius Commodus, St. Philip, a bishop well known for his life and his teaching. He had defended the Church entrusted to his care against the fury of the heathen and the snares of the heretics... At Nicomedia, the priest St. Eustorgius... At Spoleto, St. Isaac, monk and confessor, whose virtues are recorded by Pope St. Gregory.

12th Day of the 4th Month

At Verona, the passion of Bishop St. Zeno, who governed that Church with great fortitude amid the storms of persecution, and was crowned with martyrdom in the time of Gallienus... In Cappadocia, in the reign of Emperor Valens, during the persecution raised against the Christians by Atanaric, king of the Goths, St. Sabas, who was himself a Goth, was cast into a river after undergoing cruel torments. Many orthodox Goths, as St. Augustine relates, received at that time the crown of martyrdom... At Braga in Portugal, the martyr St. Victor. Although only a catechumen, he refused to adore an idol, and confessed Jesus Christ with great constancy. After suffering many tortures, he was beheaded, and thus merited to be baptized in his own blood... At Fermo in Piceno, St. Vissia, virgin and martyr... At Rome, on the Aurelian Way, the birthday of Pope St. Julius, who vigorously defended the Catholic faith against the Arians. After a life of brilliant accomplishments, he rested in peace, famed for his sanctity... At the town of Gap in France, St. Constantine, bishop and confessor... At Pavia, Bishop St. Damian.

13th Day of the 4th Month

At Seville in Spain, St. Hermenegild, son of Leovigild, Arian king of the Visigoths, who was

imprisoned for the confession of the Catholic faith. By order of his wicked father he was beheaded because he had refused to receive communion from an Arian bishop on the feast of the Resurrection. Thus exchanging an earthly for a heavenly kingdom, he entered the abode of the saints, both as a king and as a martyr... At Pergamum in Asia, during the persecution of Marcus Antoninus Verus and Lucius Aurelius Commodus, the birthday of the holy martyrs Carpus, bishop of Thyatira, the deacon Papyrus, and his sister Agathonica, an excellent woman, Agathodorus, their servant, and many others. After many torments they received their crowns of martyrdom for their worthy confessions... At Silistria in Bulgaria, the passion of Saints Maximus, Quintilian, and Dadas, during the persecution of Diocletian... At Ravenna, St. Ursus, bishop and confessor.

14th Day of the 4th Month

At Rome, on the Appian Way, the birthday of the holy martyrs Tiburtius, Valerian, and Maximus, who suffered in the time of Emperor Alexander and the prefect Almachius. The first two were converted to Christ by the exhortations of blessed Cecilia, and baptized by Pope St. Urban. They were beaten with clubs, then beheaded for the sake of the true faith. Maximus, who had been the prefect's chamberlain, was touched by their constancy, and confirmed by the vision of an angel, believed in Christ, and was scourged with leaded whips until he died... At Teramo, St. Proculus, bishop and martyr... Also St. Ardalion, an actor. One day in the theater, while scoffing at the holy rites of the Christian religion, he was suddenly converted and bore testimony to it, not only by his words, but also with his blood... At Teramo, St. Domnina, virgin and martyr, who received the crown with her virgin companions... At Alexandria, St. Thomais, martyr. Because she would not consent to the impure wishes of her father-in-law, she was struck with a sword, dividing her body from head to foot... At Lyons, St. Lambert, bishop and confessor... At Alexandria, St. Fronto, an abbot whose life was graced by sanctity and his miracles... At Rome, St. Abundius, sacristan of the church of St. Peter.

15th Day of the 4th Month

At Rome, the Saints Basilissa and Anastasia, noble women who were disciples of the apostles. Because they persevered courageously in the profession of their faith during the time of Emperor Nero, they had their tongues and feet cut off, were put to the sword, and thus obtained the crown of martyrdom... The same day, the holy martyrs Maro, Eutyches, and Victorinus, who, along with blessed Flavia Domitilla, had been banished to the island of Pontia for the confession of Christ. Being recalled in the reign of Nerva, and having converted many to the faith, they were put to death in different ways by the judge Valerian, during the persecution of Trajan... In Persia, in the reign of Emperor Decius, the holy martyrs Maximus and Olympias, who were beaten with rods and whips, and struck on their heads with clubs until they breathed no more... At Ferentino in Campania, the martyr St. Eutychius... At Myra in Lycia, St. Crescens, who was martyred by fire... In Thrace, the holy martyrs Theodorus and Pausilippus, who suffered under Emperor Hadrian.

16th Day of the 4th Month

At Corinth, the birthday of the holy martyrs Callistus and Charistus, with seven others, who were all cast into the sea... At Saragossa in Spain, the birthday of eighteen holy martyrs, Optatus, Lupercus, Successus, Martial, Urban, Julia, Quintilian, Publius, Fronto, Felix, Cecilian, Eventius, Primitivus, Apodemius, and four others who were called Saturninus. They were all tortured and slain together under Dacian, governor of Spain... In the same city, the Saints Caius and Crementius, who twice confessed the faith of Christ, and persevering in it, drank of the chalice of martyrdom... In the same place, the martyr St. Lambert... Also at Saragossa, St. Encratis, virgin and martyr, whose body was lacerated, her breasts cut away, and her bowels torn out. Still alive after these torments, she was confined in prison until her body, covered with wounds, began to decompose... At Palentia, St. Turibius, bishop of Astorga. With the aid of Pope St. Leo, he drove out of Spain completely the Priscillian heresy. He went to rest in the Lord with a great renown for miracles... At Braga in Portugal, the bishop St. Fructuosus... At Scicy, in the district of Coutances in France, the death of St. Paternus, bishop of Avranches and confessor... In Belgium,

near Valenciennes, St. Drogo, confessor... In the city of Nevers, St. Mary Bernard Soubirous of the Congregation of the Sisters of Charity, also called the Christian Institute. She was favored with frequent apparitions and conversations at Lourdes with Mary Immaculate, the Mother of God.... At Siena in Tuscany, blessed Joachim of the Order of Servites of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

17th Day of the 4th Month

At Rome, St. Anicetus, pope and martyr, who received the palm of martyrdom in the persecution of Marcus Aurelius Antoninus and Lucius Verus... At Cordova in Spain, the holy martyrs Elias, a priest, and the monks Paul and Isidore, who were slain in the Arab persecution for the profession of the Christian faith... At Antioch, the holy martyrs Peter, a deacon, and Hermogenes, who was his servant... In Africa, the birthday of blessed Mappalicus, martyr. St. Cyprian relates in his Epistle to the Martyrs and Confessors that he, along with many others, was crowned with martyrdom... In the same place, the holy martyrs Fortunatus and Marcian... At Vienne in France, Bishop St. Pantagathus... At Tortona, St. Innocent, bishop and confessor... In the monastery of Chaise-Dieu, in the diocese of Clermont, St. Robert, confessor, the founder and first abbot of the monastery.

18th Day of the 4th Month

On Mount Senario in Tuscany, St. Amadeo, confessor, one of the seven founders of the Order of Servites of the Blessed Virgin Mary, famous for his ardent love for God. His feast, together with that of his companions, is kept on the 12th day of the 2nd month... At Rome, blessed Apollonius, a senator under Emperor Commodus and the prefect Perennius. He was denounced as a Christian by one of his slaves, and being commanded to give an account of his faith, he composed an able work which he read in the Senate. He was nevertheless beheaded for Christ by their sentence... At Messina in Sicily, the birthday of the holy martyrs Eleutherius, bishop of Illyria, and Anthia, his mother. He was famous for holiness of life and the power of miracles. During the reign of Hadrian, he was placed on a bed of red-hot iron, on a gridiron, in a vessel filled with boiling oil, pitch, and resin, and also cast to the lions; but remaining unhurt through

all of this, they finally cut his throat with a sword. His mother suffered the same torments... At Cordova, St. Perfectus, priest and martyr, who was slain with the sword by the Moors, because he argued against the sect of Mohammed and firmly insisted on the Catholic faith... At Messina in Sicily, St. Corebus, the prefect, who was converted to the faith by St. Eleutherius, and died by the sword... At Brescia, the martyr St. Calocerus, who was converted to Christ by Saints Faustinus and Jovita, and who gloriously triumphed in the test of his confession, in the time of Hadrian... At Milan, St. Galdini, cardinal bishop of that city, who at the very end of a sermon against heretics, gave up his soul to God.

19th Day of the 4th Month

At Corinth, the birthday of St. Timon, one of the first seven deacons, who was first a teacher at Berea. Afterwards, while preaching the word of the Lord at Corinth, he was delivered to the flames by the Jews and the Greeks; but remaining uninjured, he ended his martyrdom by crucifixion... At Canterbury in England, St. Elphege, bishop and martyr... At Melitine in Armenia, the holy martyrs, Hermogenes, Caius, Expeditus, Aristonicus, Rufus, and Galatas, all crowned on the same day... At Collioure in Spain, the martyr St. Vincent... On the same day, the holy martyrs Socrates and Denis, who were killed with spears... At Jerusalem, the martyr St. Paphnutius... At Antioch in Pisidia, St. George, a bishop, who died in exile for the veneration of sacred images... In the monastery of Lobbes, the bishop St. Ursmar... At Florence, St. Crescent, confessor, a disciple of the blessed Bishop Zenobius.

20th Day of the 4th Month

At Rome, the holy martyrs Sulpicius and Servilian, who were converted to the faith of Christ by the speeches and the miracles of the holy virgin Domitilla. Because they refused to sacrifice to the idols, they were beheaded by Anian, prefect of the city, in the persecution of Trajan... At Nicomedia, the holy martyrs Victor, Zoticus, Zeno, Acindynus, Caesareus, Severian, Chrysophorus, Theonas, and Antonine. They were converted to Christ by the miracles and the martyrdom of St. George, and because of their own dauntless confession of the faith, they were tortured in various ways under

Diocletian, and thus completed their martyrdom... At Embrun in France, St. Marcellin, first bishop of that city. By divine inspiration he came from Africa with his holy companions Vincent and Domninus, and converted the greater portion of the inhabitants of the Maritime Alps by his preaching, and by the wonderful prodigies which he still continues to work... At Auxerre, the priest St. Marcian.

21st Day of the 4th Month

In Persia, the birthday of St. Simeon, bishop of Seleucia and Ctesiphon. He was arrested by order of Sapor, king of Persia, loaded with irons, and presented to the iniquitous tribunals. As he refused to adore the sun, and openly and constantly bore testimony to Jesus Christ, he was confined for a long time in a dungeon with one hundred other confessors, some of whom were bishops, others priests, others clerics of various ranks. Afterwards, Usthazanes, the king's foster-father, who had been converted from apostasy by Simeon, endured martyrdom with great constancy. The day after, which was the anniversary of our Lord's Passion, the companions of Simeon whom he had feelingly exhorted, were beheaded before his eyes, after which he met the same fate. With him suffered also several distinguished men: Abdechalas and Ananias, his priests, with Pusicius, the head of the royal workmen. This last having encouraged Ananias, who seemed to falter, died a cruel death, having his tongue drawn out through a perforation made in his neck. After him, his daughter, who was a consecrated virgin, was put to death... At Alexandria, the holy martyrs Arator, a priest, Fortunatus, Felix, Silvius, and Vitalis, who all died in prison... At Nicomedia, the holy martyrs Apollo, Isacius, and Codratus, who suffered under Diocletian. The last of these was slain by the sword, and a few days later the other two died from starvation in prison, meriting also the crown of martyrdom.

22nd Day of the 4th Month

At Rome, on the Appian Way, the birthday of St. Soter, pope and martyr... In the same city, Pope St. Caius, who was crowned with martyrdom under Emperor Diocletian... At Smyrna, the Saints Apelles and Lucius, who were among the first disciples of Christ... The same day, many holy martyrs who, the

year following the death of St. Simeon, and on the anniversary of the Passion of our Lord, were put to the sword for the name of Christ throughout Persia, under King Sapor. Among those who then suffered for the faith were the eunuch Azades, a favorite of the king; Milles, a bishop renowned for sanctity and miracles; Bishop Acepsimas with one of his priests named James; also Aithalas and Joseph, priests; Azadan and Abdiesus, deacons, and many other clerics; Mareas and Bicor, bishops, with twenty other bishops, and nearly two hundred and fifty clerics; many monks and consecrated virgins, among whom was the sister of St. Simeon, called Tarbula, with her maid, who were both killed in a most cruel manner by being tied to stakes and sawn asunder... Also in Persia, Saints Parmenius, Helimenas, and Chrysotelus, priests; Lucas and Mucius, deacons, whose triumph is related in the Acts of Saints Abdon and Sennen... At Lyons in France, in the persecution of Antoninus Verus, St. Epipodius, who was arrested with his companion Alexander, and after undergoing severe torments, completed his martyrdom by being beheaded... At Constantinople, Pope St. Agapitus I, whose sanctity was praised by St. Gregory the Great. His body was afterwards taken to Rome and buried in the Vatican... At Sens, St. Leo, bishop and confessor... At Anastasiopolis in Galatia, St. Theodore, a bishop well known for his miracles.

23rd Day of the 4th Month

The birthday of St. George, whose illustrious martyrdom is honored by the Church of God among the triumphs of the other martyrs... At Danzig in Prussia, the birthday of St. Adalbert, bishop of Prague, and martyr, who preached the Gospel to the Poles and the Hungarians... At Valence in France, the holy martyrs Felix, a priest, Fortunatus and Achilleus, deacons, who were sent there to preach the word of God by blessed Irenaeus, bishop of Lyons. They converted the greater portion of that city to the faith of Christ. These martyrs were cast into prison by the commander Cornelius, were for a long time scourged, had their legs crushed, were bound to wheels in motion, and stifled with smoke while stretched on the rack, and finally died by the sword... At Milan, St. Marolus, bishop and confessor... At Toul in France, St. Gerard, bishop of that city.

24th Day of the 4th Month

At Rome, St. Sabas, a military officer, who bravely confessed Christ before the judge when he was accused of visiting the Christians kept in prison. For this he was burned with torches and thrown into a caldron of boiling pitch, out of which he came uninjured. Seventy men were converted to Christ at the sight of this miracle, and as they all remained unshaken in the confession of the faith, they were put to the sword. Sabas, however, completed his martyrdom by being cast into the river... At Lyons in France, during the persecution of Verus, the birthday of St. Alexander, martyr. After being imprisoned, he was so lacerated by the cruelty of those who scourged him, that his ribs and the interior of his body were exposed to view. Then he was fastened to the gibbet of the cross, on which he yielded up his blessed soul. Thirty-four others who suffered with him are commemorated on other days... At Nicomedia, during the persecution of Diocletian, the holy martyrs Eusebius, Neon, Leontius, Longinus, and four others, all of whom were slain with the sword after enduring great torments... In England, the death of St. Mellitus, bishop. He was sent there by St. Gregory, and he converted to the faith the East Saxons and their king... At Elvira in Spain, St. Gregory, bishop and confessor... At Brescia, St. Honorius, bishop... In Iona, an island of Scotland, St. Egbert, priest and monk, a man of admirable humility and continency... At Rheims in France, the holy virgins Bona and Doda... At Milan, the Conversion of St. Augustine, bishop, confessor, and doctor of the Church, whom the bishop St. Ambrose had instructed in the truth of the Catholic faith, and baptized on this day.

25th Day of the 4th Month

At Alexandria, the birthday of St. Mark the Evangelist, disciple and interpreter of the apostle St. Peter. He wrote his gospel at the request of the faithful at Rome, and taking it with him, proceeded to Egypt and founded a church at Alexandria, where he was the first to preach Christ. Afterwards, being arrested for the faith, he was bound, dragged over stones, and endured great afflictions. Finally he was confined to prison, where, being comforted by the visit of an angel, and even by an apparition of our Lord Himself, he was called to the heavenly

kingdom in the eighth year of the reign of Nero... Also at Alexandria, Bishop St. Anian, disciple of blessed Mark, and his successor in the episcopate. With a great renown for virtue, he rested in the Lord... At Antioch, St. Stephen, bishop and martyr, who suffered a great deal from the heretics opposed to the Council of Chalcedon, and was cast into the river Orontes, in the time of Emperor Zeno... At Syracuse in Sicily, the holy martyrs Evodius, Hermogenes, and Callista... At Lobbes in Belgium, the birthday of St. Ermin, bishop and confessor... At Antioch, the deacons Saints Philo and Agathopodes, who were praised in the letters of blessed Ignatius, bishop and martyr.

26th Day of the 4th Month

St. Marcellinus, pope and martyr, whose birthday is commemorated on the 25th day of the 10th month... At Amasea in Pontus, St. Basileus, bishop and martyr, whose illustrious martyrdom occurred under Emperor Licinius. His body was thrown into the sea, but was found by Elpidiphorus, through the revelation of an angel, and was honorably buried... At Braga in Portugal, St. Peter, martyr, the first bishop of that city... At Vienne in France, St. Clarence, bishop and confessor... At Verona, St. Lucidius, bishop... In the monastery of Centula in France, St. Richarius, priest and confessor... At Troyes in France, St. Exuperantia, virgin.

27th Day of the 4th Month

At Beraea, St. Sospater, disciple of the blessed apostle Paul... At Nicomedia, during the persecution of Diocletian, the birthday of St. Anthimus, bishop and martyr, who obtained the glory of martyrdom by being beheaded for the faith. Nearly all his numerous flock followed him. The judge ordered some to be beheaded, others to be burned alive, others to be put in boats and sunk in the sea... At Tarsus in Cilicia, the Saints Castor and Stephen, martyrs... At Bologna, St. Tertullian, bishop and confessor... At Brescia, St. Theophilus, bishop... At Constantinople, the abbot St. John, who valiantly defended the veneration of sacred images, under Leo the Isaurian... At Lucca in Italy, blessed Zita, a virgin renowned for virtues and miracles.

28th Day of the 4th Month

At Ravenna, the birthday of St. Vitalis, martyr, father of the Saints Gervase and Protase. When he had taken up and reverently buried the body of blessed Ursicinus, he was arrested by the governor Paulinus, and after being racked and thrown into a deep pit, was covered with earth and stones, and by this kind of martyrdom went to Christ... At Milan, the martyr St. Valeria, who was the wife of St. Vitalis and the mother of Saints Gervase and Protase... At Atino in Campania, St. Mark, who was made bishop by the blessed apostle Peter. He was the first to preach the Gospel to the Equicoli, and received the crown of martyrdom in the persecution of Domitian, under the governor Maximus... At Broussa in Bithynia, the holy martyrs Patrick, a bishop, Acatius, Menander, and Polyaenus... On the same day, the holy martyrs Aphrodisius, Caralippus, Agapius, and Eusebius... In Hungary, St. Pollio, martyr, under Emperor Diocletian... At Alexandria, the martyrdom of the virgin St. Theodora. For refusing to sacrifice to idols, she was sent to a place of debauchery; but one of the brethren, named Didymus, through the admirable providence of God, delivered her by quickly exchanging garments with her. He was afterwards beheaded and crowned with her in the persecution of Diocletian, under the governor Eustratius... At Corfinio in Peligno, St. Pamphilus, bishop of Valva, illustrious for his charity towards the poor and the gift of miracles. His body was buried at Solmona.

29th Day of the 4th Month

At Paphos in Cyprus, St. Tychicus, a disciple of the blessed apostle Paul, who called him in his Epistles, "most dear brother," "faithful minister," and "fellow-servant in the Lord"... At Pisa in Tuscany, the martyr St. Torpes, who filled a high office in the court of Nero, and was one of those of whom the apostle wrote from Rome to the Philippians: "All the saints salute you, especially those that are of the house of Caesar." For the faith of Christ, he was, by order of Satellicus, beaten, cruelly scourged, and delivered to the beasts to be devoured, but remained uninjured. He completed his martyrdom by being beheaded... At Cirta in Numidia, the birthday of the

holy martyrs Agapius and Secundinus, bishops, who, after a long exile in that city, added to the glory of their priesthood the crown of martyrdom. They suffered in the persecution of Valerian, during which the enraged Gentiles made every effort to shake the faith of the just. In their company suffered Aemilian, a soldier, Tertulla and Antonia, consecrated virgins, and a woman with her twin children... In the island of Codyra, the seven former thieves who were converted to Christ by St. Jason, and gained everlasting life by martyrdom... At Naples in Campania, Bishop St. Severus, who, among other prodigies, raised for a short time a dead man from the grave in order to convict of falsehood the lying creditor of a widow and her children... At Brescia, St. Paulinus, bishop and confessor... In the monastery of Cluny, Abbot St. Hugh... In the monastery of Molesmes in France, St. Robert, the first abbot of the Cistercians.

30th Day of the 4th Month

At Saintes in France, blessed Eutropius, bishop and martyr, who was consecrated bishop and sent to France by St. Clement. After preaching for many years, he had his skull crushed for bearing testimony to Christ, and thus gained a victory by his death... At Cordova in Spain, the holy martyrs Amator, a priest, Peter, a monk, and Louis... At Novara, the martyrdom of the holy priest Laurence, and some boys whom he was teaching... At Alexandria, the holy martyrs Aphrodisius, a priest, and thirty others... At Lambesa in Numidia, the birthday of the holy martyrs Marian, a lector, and James, a deacon. The former, after having successfully endured many trials for the confession of Christ in the persecution of Decius, was again arrested with his noble companion, and both were subjected to severe and cruel torments, during which they were twice miraculously comforted by heaven, but finally fell by the sword along with many others... At Ephesus, the martyr St. Maximus, who received his crown during the persecution of Decius... At Ferno in Piceno, St. Sophia, virgin and martyr... At Evorea in Epirus, St. Donatus, a bishop, who was eminent for sanctity in the time of the Holy Emperor St. Theodosius... At London in England, St. Erkenwald, a bishop celebrated for many miracles.

FIFTH MONTH

1st Day of the 5th Month

The birthday of the blessed apostles Philip and James. Philip, after having converted nearly all of Scythia to the faith of Christ, went to Hieropolis, a city in Asia, where he was fastened to a cross and stoned, and thus ended his life gloriously. James the Less, who is the cousin of our Lord, was the first bishop of Jerusalem. Being hurled down from a pinnacle of the temple, his legs were broken, and being struck on the head with a dyer's staff, he expired and was buried near the temple... In Egypt, St. Jeremias, prophet, who was stoned to death by the people at Taphnas, where he was buried. The faithful were accustomed to pray at his grave, and to take away from it dust to heal those who were stung by serpents... In France, in the Province of Vivarias, blessed Andeol, subdeacon, who was sent from the East into Gaul with others by St. Polycarp to preach the word of God. Under Emperor Severus he was scourged with thorny sticks, and having his head split with a wooden sword into four parts, in the shape of a cross, he completed his martyrdom... At Huesca in Spain, the holy martyrs Orentius and Patience... In the town of Columna, in the province of Orleans in France, the martyrdom of St. Sigismund, king of Burgundy. He met death by being drowned in a well, and was afterwards famous for his miracles. His venerable body was later recovered and taken to the monastery of Agaune in the diocese of Sitten where it was honorably entombed... At Auxerre, St. Amator, bishop and confessor... at Auch, Bishop St. Orientius... At Llanelwy in England, Bishop St. Asaph, in whose memory the See was later named... At Bergamo, St. Grata, widow.

2nd Day of the 5th Month

At Alexandria, the birthday of St. Athanasius, bishop of that city, confessor and doctor of the Church, most celebrated for sanctity and learning. Although almost all of the Eastern world had formed a conspiracy to persecute him, he courageously defended the Catholic faith, from the reign of the Holy Roman Emperor St. Constantine the Great to that of Valens. Underhanded attacks from a multitude of Arian bishops forced him to wander as

an exile over the whole earth without finding a place of security. At length, however, he was restored to his church, and after overcoming many trials, and winning many crowns by his patience, he departed for heaven in the forty-sixth year of his priesthood, in the time of the emperors Valentinian and Valens... At Rome, the holy martyrs Saturninus, Neopolus, Germanus, and Celestine, who after much suffering were thrown into prison, where they found rest in the Lord... The same day, St. Vindemial, bishop and martyr, who with the holy bishops Eugene and Longinus, combated the Arians by his teaching and miracles, and was beheaded by order of King Huneric... At Seville in Spain, St. Felix, deacon and martyr... At Attalia in Pamphylia, the holy martyrs Exuperius and Zoe, his wife, with their sons, Cyriacus and Theodulus. They were the slaves of a man named Paganus. During the reign of Emperor Hadrian, because of their outspoken profession of the Christian faith, their master ordered them to be scourged and severely tortured. They were finally cast into an oven, and in this way gave up their souls to God.

3rd Day of the 5th Month

At Jerusalem, in the time of the holy Roman Emperor St. Constantine the Great, the finding of the holy Cross of our Lord by the emperor's mother, St. Helena... At Rome, on the Via Nomentana, the holy martyrs Pope Alexander and the priests Eventius and Theodulus. Alexander was bound, imprisoned, racked, lacerated with hooks, burned, and had all his limbs pierced with pointed instruments, and finally met death, under Emperor Hadrian and the judge Aurelian. Eventius and Theodulus after a long imprisonment were exposed to flames and then beheaded... At Narni, St. Juvenal, bishop and confessor... On Mount Senario in Tuscany, Saints Sosteneo and Ugoccio, confessors, of the seven founders of the Order of Servites of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Responding to a voice from heaven, they departed this life on the same day and at the same hour, while reciting the angelical salutation. Their feast is observed with the rest of their companions on the 12th day of the 2nd month... At Constantinople, the holy martyrs Alexander, soldier, and Antonina, virgin. In the persecution of Maximian, under the governor Festus, Antonina, having been condemned to remain in a place of debauchery, was delivered by Alexander, who

secretly exchanged garments with her, and took her place. They were tortured together, both had their hands cut off, were cast into the fire, and received their crowns at the end of their heroic combat for the faith... In Thebais, the holy martyrs Timothy and his wife Maura. The Arian prefect caused them to be tortured, and then fastened to a cross, on which they remained alive for nine days, encouraging each other to persevere in the faith, until they completed their martyrdom... At Aphrodisia in Caria, the holy martyrs Diodorus and Rodopian, who were stoned to death by their fellow citizens, in the persecution of Diocletian.

4th Day of the 5th Month

At Ostia, the birthday of St. Monica, mother of blessed Augustine. He has left us in the ninth book of his Confessions a beautiful sketch of her life... At the metal mines of Phennes in Palestine, the birthday of blessed Silvanus, bishop of Gaza, who was crowned with martyrdom with many of his clerics by the command of Caesar Galerius Maximian, in the persecution of Diocletian... At Jerusalem, in the reign of Julian the Apostate, St. Cyriacus, bishop, who was murdered while visiting the holy places... At Camerinum, St. Porphyry, priest and martyr. Because he converted many to the faith (among them Venantius), he was beheaded during the reign of Emperor Decius and the governor Antiochus... Also in the mines of Phennes, thirty-nine holy martyrs, who were condemned to work there, to be branded with hot irons, to undergo other torments and finally all to be beheaded at the same time... At Lorch in Austria, under Emperor Diocletian and the governor Aquilinus, the martyr St. Florian, who was thrown into the River Enns, with a stone tied about his neck... At Cologne, the martyr St. Paulinus... At Tarsus, St. Pelagia, virgin, who endured martyrdom under Diocletian by being shut up inside an ox made of brass that had been heated to redness... At Nicomedia, the birthday of St. Antonia, martyr, who was cruelly tortured, subjected to various torments, suspended by one arm for three days, kept two years in prison, and finally delivered to the flames for the confession of Christ by the governor Priscillian... At Milan, St. Venerius, bishop... In the province of Perigord, St. Sacerdos, bishop of Limoges... At Hildesheim in Saxony, St. Godard, bishop and confessor... At Auxerre, St. Curcodomus, deacon.

5th Day of the 5th Month

At Rome, the martyr St. Silvanus... Also at Rome, St. Crescentia, martyr... At Alexandria, St. Euthymius, deacon, who died in prison for the sake of Christ... At Auxerre, the martyrdom of St. Jovinian, lector... At Thessalonica, the birthday of the holy martyrs Irenaeus, Peregrinus, and Irene, who were burned alive... At Jerusalem, St. Maximus, bishop, whom Maximian Galerius Caesar condemned to the mines, after having plucked out one of his eyes and branded him on the foot with a hot iron. He was afterwards freed, and allowed to return to rule the church at Jerusalem, where he died in peace, renowned for the glory of his confession... At Edessa in Syria, St. Eulogius, bishop and confessor... At Arles in France, the bishop St. Hilary, noted for his learning and sanctity... At Vienne in France, the bishop St. Nicetus, a man venerable for his piety... At Bologna, St. Theodore, a bishop who was eminent for merits... At Milan, the bishop St. Geruntius... Also, St. Sacerdos, bishop of Saguntum.

6th Day of the 5th Month

At Rome, the Apostle and Evangelist St. John before the Latin Gate. He was bound and brought to Rome from Ephesus by the order of Domitian, and the Senate condemned him to be taken to that gate and placed in a cauldron of boiling oil, from which he came out more healthy and vigorous than before... At Cyrene in Africa, Bishop St. Lucius, who is mentioned by St. Luke in the Acts of the Apostles... At Antioch, St. Evodius, who, as the blessed Ignatius wrote to the people of Antioch, was consecrated first bishop of that city by the apostle St. Peter, and ended his life by a glorious martyrdom... In Africa, the holy martyrs Heliodorus and Venustus and seventy-five others... In Cyprus, St. Theodotus, bishop of Cyrenia, who having undergone grievous afflictions under Emperor Licinius, at length yielded his soul to God when peace was restored to the Church... At Carrhae in Mesopotamia, St. Protogenes, bishop and confessor... In England, St. Eadbert, bishop of Lindisfarne, famed for his teachings and his piety... At Rome, the virgin St. Benedicta... At Salerno, the translation of St. Matthew, apostle and evangelist. His revered body, previously transferred from Ethiopia to various countries, was finally taken to Salerno, and with

great pomp was there placed in a church dedicated to his name.

7th Day of the 5th Month

St. Stanislaus, bishop of Cracow and martyr, who received the crown of martyrdom on the day following this... At Terracina in Campania, the birthday of blessed Flavia Domitilla, virgin and martyr, niece of the consul Flavius Clemens. She received the religious veil at the hands of St. Clement, and in the persecution of Domitian was exiled with many others to the island of Pontia, where she endured a long martyrdom for Christ. Taken afterwards to Terracina, she converted many to the faith of Christ by her teaching and miracles. The judge ordered the room in which she was with the virgins Euphrosina and Theodora, to be set on fire, and she thus completed her glorious martyrdom. She is also mentioned with the holy martyrs Nereus and Achilleus, on the 12th day of this month... On the same day, St. Juvenal, martyr... At Nicomedia, the holy martyrs Flavius, Augustus, and Augustine, all brothers... In the same city, St. Quadratus, martyr, who was frequently tortured in the persecution of Decius, and at last beheaded... At York in England, St. John, bishop, renowned for a saintly life and miracles... At Pavia, Bishop St. Peter... At Rome, the translation of the body of St. Stephen, the first martyr, which was brought from Constantinople to Rome, and laid in the sepulchre of the martyr St. Laurence in the Agro Verano, where it is honored with great devotion by the pious faithful.

8th Day of the 5th Month

On Mount Gargano, the commemoration of the blessed archangel Michael. This festival is kept in memory of the day when, under his invocation, there was consecrated a church, unpretending in its exterior, but endowed with celestial virtue... At Cracow in Poland, the birthday of St. Stanislaus, bishop and martyr, who was slain by the wicked King Boleslaus. His feast was celebrated yesterday... At Milan, the birthday of the holy martyr Victor, formerly a Moor. He became a Christian in his youth and served in the imperial army. When Maximian wished to force him to offer sacrifice to idols, he persevered with the greatest fortitude in the confession of the Lord. He was first beaten with rods, but by God's protection without

feeling any pain. Following this, melted lead was poured over him, which did him no injury whatever. The career of his glorious martyrdom was finally ended by his being beheaded... At Constantinople, in the persecution of Diocletian and Maximian, the centurion St. Acatius, who, being denounced as a Christian by the tribune Firmus, and cruelly tortured at Perinthus by the judge Bibian, was finally condemned to death at Byzantium by the proconsul Flaccinus. His body was afterwards miraculously brought to the shore of Squillace in Calabria, where it is preserved with honor... At Rome, Pope St. Boniface IV, who dedicated the Pantheon to the honor of our Lady and the martyrs... Also at Rome, St. Benedict I, pope and confessor... At Vienne, St. Denis, bishop and confessor... At Auxerre, St. Helladius, bishop... At Ruremonde in Holland, St. Wiro, bishop of Scotland.

9th Day of the 5th Month

At Rome, St. Hermas, mentioned by the apostle St. Paul in the Epistle to the Romans. Generously sacrificing himself, he became an offering acceptable to God, and outstanding for his virtues he took his departure for the heavenly kingdom... At Cagli, on the Flaminian Way, the passion of St. Gerontius, bishop of Cervia... In Persia, three hundred and ten holy martyrs... In the town of Windisch in France, the death of St. Beatus, confessor... At Constantinople, the translation of the apostle St. Andrew and the evangelist St. Luke, out of Achaia, and of Timothy, disciple of the blessed apostle Paul, from Ephesus. The body of St. Andrew, long after, was conveyed to Amalfi, where it is honored by the pious gatherings of the faithful. From his tomb there continually flows a liquid which heals diseases... At Ban in Apulia, the translation also of St. Nicholas, bishop and confessor, from Myra, a city of Lycia.

10th Day of the 5th Month

At Rome, on the Via Latina, the birthday of the holy martyrs Gordian and Epimachus. In the time of Julian the Apostate, the former was a long time scourged and finally beheaded for confessing the name of Christ. He was buried at night by the Christians, in a crypt to which, shortly before, the remains of the blessed martyr Epimachus had been transferred from Alexandria, where he had been

martyred for the faith of Christ on the 12th day of the 12th month... In the land of Hus, the holy prophet Job, a man of wonderful patience... At Rome, the blessed priest and martyr Caleposius, who was killed with the sword by order of Emperor Alexander. His body was dragged through the city and thrown into the Tiber. It was afterwards found and buried by Pope Callistus. The consul Palmatius was also beheaded with his wife, his sons, and forty-two of both sexes belonging to his household; likewise, the senator Simplicius with his wife, and sixty-eight of his house; Felix also with his wife Blanda. The heads of all these martyrs were exposed over different gates of the city in order to terrify the Christians... Also at Rome, on the Via Latina, the birthday of the holy martyrs Quartus and Quintus, whose bodies were translated to Capua... At Lentini in Sicily, the holy martyrs Alphius, Philadelphus, and Cyrinus... At Smyrna, St. Dioscorides, martyr... At Taranto, St. Cataldus, a bishop renowned for miracles... At Madrid, St. Isidore the Husbandman... At Milan, the finding of the bodies of the holy martyrs Nazarius and Celsus. The blessed Bishop Ambrose found the body of St. Nazarius covered with blood still fresh, and transferred it to the Basilica of the Apostles, together with the body of the blessed Celsus, a youth whom Nazarius had taken care of, and whom Anolinus, in the persecution of Nero, had ordered to be slain with the sword on the 28th day of the 7th month, on which day their martyrdom is commemorated.

11th Day of the 5th Month

At Rome, on the Salarian Way, the birthday of blessed Anthimus, priest, who, after having distinguished himself by his virtues and preaching, was cast into the Tiber during the persecution of Diocletian. He was rescued by an angel and restored to his oratory. Afterwards he was beheaded, and went victoriously to heaven... In the same place, St. Evelius, martyr, who belonged to the household of Nero. By witnessing the martyrdom of St. Torpes, he also believed in Christ, and for Him was beheaded... Also at Rome, on the Salarian Way, the holy martyrs Maximus, Bassus, and Fabius, who were put to death during the reign of Diocletian... At Osimo in Piceno, the holy martyrs Sisinius, a deacon, Diocletius and Florentius, disciples of the priest St. Antimus, whose martyrdom was completed under Diocletian by their being stoned... At Camerino, the

holy martyrs Anastasius and his companions, who were killed in the persecution of Decius, under the governor Antiochus... At Varennes in France, St. Gangulphus, martyr... At Vienne in France, St. Mamertus, bishop, who, to avert an impending calamity, instituted in that city the three days' Litanies immediately before the Ascension of our Lord. This rite was afterwards received and approved by the Catholic Church... At Souvigny in France, the death of St. Maieul, abbot of Cluny, whose life was distinguished for merits and sanctity... At San Severino in Piceno, St. Illuminatus, confessor.

12th Day of the 5th Month

At Rome, on the Ardeatine Road, the holy martyrs Nereus and Achilleus, brothers, who underwent a long exile for Christ in the island of Pontia with Flavia Domitilla, whose chamberlains they were. Afterwards they endured a most severe scourging. Finally, as the judge, Minutius Rufus, endeavored by using the rack and fire to force them to offer sacrifices, they said that having been baptized by the blessed apostle Peter, they could by no means sacrifice to idols. They were beheaded, and their revered remains, with those of Flavia Domitilla, were transferred the day before this, from the sacristy of St. Adrian to the church in which they had been kept in the first place, and which was now repaired... In the same place, on the Aurelian Way, the holy martyr Pancratius who at fourteen years of age endured martyrdom by being beheaded under Diocletian... At Rome, St. Denis, uncle of the martyr St. Pancratius... At Constantinople, St. Germanus, a bishop distinguished by his virtues and learning, who faithfully opposed Leo the Isaurian for publishing an edict against sacred images... At Treves, St. Modoaldus, bishop... At Agrigone in Sicily, St. Philip, a priest who was sent to that island by the Roman Pontiff, and converted to Christ a great portion of it. His sanctity is particularly manifested by the deliverance of persons possessed.

13th Day of the 5th Month

At Rome, in the time of Emperor Phocas, the dedication of the church of St. Mary of the Martyrs, formerly a temple of all the pagan gods, called the Pantheon, which was purified and dedicated by the blessed Pope Boniface IV to the honor of the

Blessed Mary ever Virgin, and of all the martyrs... At Constantinople, under Emperor Diocletian and the proconsul Laudicius, the blessed Mucius, priest and martyr, who endured many tribulations and torments for the confession of Christ at Amphipolis, and then being taken to Byzantium, suffered death... At Alexandria, the commemoration of many holy martyrs, who were put to death for the Catholic faith by the Arians in the church of St. Theonas... At Heraclea in Thrace, St. Glyceria, a Roman martyr who suffered many severe torments under Emperor Antonius and the governor Sabinus. By the help of God having escaped them all unharmed, she was finally thrown to the wild beasts, and when the first one had bitten her body, she rendered her soul to God... At Utrecht, St. Servatius, bishop of Tongres, whose grave, as a public sign of his merit, was free from snow during winter (though everything around was covered with it), until the inhabitants built a church over it.

14th Day of the 5th Month

At Tarsus in Cilicia, the birthday of the holy martyr Boniface, who suffered under Diocletian and Maximian. His body was subsequently taken to Rome and buried on the Via Latina... In France, St. Pontius, martyr. Having by his preaching and his zeal converted to the faith of Christ the two Caesars Philippi, he obtained the palm of martyrdom under the emperors Valerian and Gallienus... In Syria, the holy martyrs Victor and Corona, under Emperor Antoninus. Victor was subjected to diverse and horrible torments by the judge Sebastian. Just then, as Corona, the wife of a certain soldier, was proclaiming him happy for his constancy in his sufferings, she saw two crowns falling from heaven, one for Victor, the other for herself. She related this to all present, and was torn to pieces between two trees, while Victor was beheaded... In Sardinia, the holy martyrs Justa, Justina, and Henedina... At Ferentino in Tuscany, Bishop St. Boniface, who was renowned for sanctity and miracles from his childhood as is told by the blessed Pope Gregory.

15th Day of the 5th Month

At Gheel in Brabant, St. Dymphna, virgin and martyr, daughter of a king of Ireland. By order of her father, she was beheaded for the faith of Christ and the preservation of her virginity... In Spain, the

Saints Torquatus, Ctesiphon, Secundus, Indaletius, Cecilius, Hesychius, and Euphrasius, who were consecrated bishops at Rome by the holy apostles, and sent to Spain to preach the word of God. When they had evangelized various cities, and brought innumerable multitudes under the yoke of Christ, they rested in peace in different places in that country: Torquatus at Cadiz, Ctesiphon at Vierco, Secundus at Avila, Indaletius at Portilla, Cecilius at Elvira, Hesychius at Gibraltar, and Euphrasius at Anduxar... At Fausina in Sardinia, in the time of Diocletian and the governor Barbarus, Bishop St. Simplicius, who was pierced with a lance and thus gained martyrdom... At Evora in Portugal, St. Mancius, martyr... In the island of Chio, the birthday of blessed Isidore, martyr, in whose church is a well into which he was thrown. By drinking of the water of this well, the sick are frequently cured... At Lampasum in the Hellespont, the martyrdom of the Saints Peter, Andrew, Paul, and Dionysia... In Auvengne, the holy martyrs Cassius, Victorinus, Maximus, and their companions.

16th Day of the 5th Month

At Gubbio, St. Ubaldu, bishop and confessor renowned for his miracles... At Auxerre, the passion of St. Peregrinus, first bishop of that city. He was sent into France with other clerics by the blessed Pope Sixtus II, and having accomplished his work of preaching the Gospel, he was condemned to capital punishment and merited for himself an everlasting crown... In Persia, the holy martyrs Audas, a bishop, seven priests, nine deacons, and seven virgins, who endured various kinds of torments under King Isdegerdes, and thus gloriously completed their martyrdom... At Prague in Bohemia, St. John Nepomucen, a canon of the cathedral, who, being tempted in vain to betray the secret of confession, was cast into the River Moldau, and thus won the palm of martyrdom... In Isaunia, the birthday of the holy martyrs Aquilinus and Victorian... At Uzalis in Africa, the holy martyrs Felix and Gennadius... In Palestine, the martyrdom of the holy monks massacred by the Saracens in the monastery of St. Sabbas... At Amiens in France, St. Honoratus, bishop... At Le Mans in France, St. Domnolus, bishop... At Mirandola in Aemilia, St. Possidius, bishop of Calamae, and disciple of St. Augustine, of whose glorious life he wrote a history... In the monastery of Enachduin in Ireland, the death of St.

Brendan, abbot of Clonfert... At Treves in France, St. Fidolus, confessor... At Fréjus in France, St. Maxima, virgin, who died in peace with a reputation for many virtues.

17th Day of the 5th Month

At Noyon in France, the holy martyrs Heradius, Paul, and Aquilinus, with two others... At Chalcedon, the holy martyrs Solochan and his companions, who were the soldiers of Emperor Maximian... At Alexandria, the holy martyrs Adrion, Victor, and Basilla... Also St. Restituta, virgin and martyr, who was subjected to various kinds of tortures in Africa by the judge Proculus, in the reign of Valerian, and then put in a boat filled with pitch and oakum, to be burned to death on the sea. But the flame turned on those who kindled it, and the saint yielded her soul to God in prayer. Her body was, by Divine Providence, carried in the boat to the island of Ischia, near Naples, where it was received by the Christians with great veneration. A church was afterwards erected in her honor at Naples by the Holy Roman Emperor St. Constantine the Great.

18th Day of the 5th Month

At Camerino, the holy martyr Venantius, who, at fifteen years of age, along with ten others, ended a glorious ordeal by being beheaded under Emperor Decius and the governor Antiochus... The birthday of St. John I, pope and martyr who was called to Ravenna by the Arian king of Italy, Theodoric, and died there after being in prison a long time for the true faith. His feast, however, is celebrated on the 27th day of the 5th month, the day on which his revered body was taken to Rome and buried in the basilica of St. Peter, prince of the apostles... At Spoleto, St. Felix, a bishop who obtained the palm of martyrdom under Emperor Maximian... At Heraclea in Egypt, Bishop St. Potamon, first a confessor under Maximian Galerius, and afterwards a martyr under Emperor Constantius, and the Arian governor Philagrius. Some of the Church Fathers have sung the praises of this holy man... In Egypt, St. Dioscorus, a lector, who was subjected by the governor to many and diverse torments, such as the tearing off of his nails and the burning of his sides with torches; but a light from heaven having prostrated the executioners, the saint's martyrdom

was finally ended by having red-hot metal plates applied to his body... At Ancyra in Galatia, the martyr St. Theodotus, and the holy virgins Thecusa, his aunt, Alexandra, Claudia, Faina, Euphrasia, Matrona, and Julitta. They were at first taken to a place of debauchery but the power of God preserved them from evil, and they later had stones fastened to their necks and were plunged into a lake. For gathering the remains and burying them honorably, Theodotus was arrested by the governor, and after having been horribly lacerated, was put to the sword, and thus received the crown of martyrdom... At Upsal in Sweden, St. Eric, king and martyr.

19th Day of the 5th Month

At Rome, the saintly virgin Pudentiana, who, after numberless tribulations, after burying with respect many martyrs, and distributing all her goods to the poor for Christ's sake, departed from this world to go to heaven... In the same city, St. Pudens, senator, father of the virgins Pudentiana and Praxedes. He was clothed with Christ in baptism by the apostles, and preserved the robe of innocence unspotted until he received the crown of life... Also at Rome, on the Appian Way, the birthday of the Saints Calocerus and Parthenius, eunuchs. The former was chamberlain of the wife of Emperor Decius, and the latter chief officer in another department. Because they refused to offer sacrifice to idols they were tortured in many cruel ways, and finally when their necks were broken with burning cudgels they gave up their souls to God... At Nicomedia, the martyr St. Philoterus, son of the proconsul Pacian, who after suffering much under Emperor Diocletian, received the crown of martyrdom... In the same city, six holy virgins and martyrs. The principal one, named Cyriaca, having boldly reproved Maximian for his impiety, was severely scourged and lacerated, and then consumed by fire... At Canterbury in England, St. Dunstan, bishop.

20th Day of the 5th Month

At Rome, St. Plautilla, wife of a consul, sister of the consul Flavius Clemens, and mother of the holy virgin Flavia Domitilla, both martyrs. She was baptized by the apostle St. Peter, and after giving an example of all the virtues, she rested in peace... At Rome, on the Salarian Way, the birthday of St. Basilla, virgin, who was of a royal family and

betrothed to a nobleman. When she refused to marry him, he accused her of being a Christian. Emperor Gallienus gave orders that she should accept the person to whom she had been engaged, or die by the sword. Being informed of this, and answering that she had for her spouse the King of kings, she was pierced with a sword... At Nimes in France, St. Baudelius, martyr. Being arrested, but refusing to sacrifice to idols, and remaining immovable in the faith of Christ, despite blows and tortures, he gained the palm of martyrdom by his praiseworthy death... At Edessa near Aegea in Cilicia, the holy martyrs Thalalaeus, Asterius, Alexander, and their companions, who suffered under Emperor Numerian... In Thebais, St. Aquila, martyr to the faith, whose body was torn with iron combs... At Bourges in France, St. Austregisil, bishop and confessor... At Brescia, St. Anastasius, bishop... At Pavia, St. Theodore, bishop.

21st Day of the 5th Month

At Ancyrona, in modern-day Turkey, the death of the Holy Roman Emperor St. Constantine the Great. He was victorious at the Battle of the Milvian Bridge through power of the Sign of the Cross, was miraculously cured from leprosy and baptized by Pope St. Sylvester I, called together and presided over the Council of Nicaea, built many magnificent churches for the glory of God, and was the first to lay the foundation for Christianity being declared the official religion of the Roman Empire... At Rome, on the Via Lavicana, St. Helena, mother of the holy Roman Emperor St. Constantine the Great. She was converted to Christianity from Judaism when Pope St. Sylvester, after upholding the dogmas of the Holy Trinity and Incarnation, raised a bull from the dead that her former rabbis had killed through the power of the Devil. Afterwards, she travelled to the Holy Land and began the excavations that led to the finding of the true cross of Jesus Christ... At Alexandria, the commemoration of the holy martyrs Secundus, a priest, and others, whom the Arian bishop George ordered to be barbarously slain during the holy days of Pentecost, under Emperor Constantius... Also, St. Valens, bishop, who was put to death along with three children... In Morocco, the birthday of the holy martyrs Timothy, Polius, and Euty chius, deacons, who merited to be crowned together for spreading the word of God in that region... At Caesarea in Cappadocia, the birthday of

the holy martyrs Polyeuctus, Victorinus, and Donatus... At Cordova, the martyr St. Secundinus... The same day, the holy martyrs Synesius and Theopompus... At Caesarea Philippi, the holy martyrs Nicostratus and Antiochus, tribunes, with other soldiers... At Alexandria, the commemoration of the saintly bishops and priests who were banished by the Arians, and merited to be called holy confessors.

22nd Day of the 5th Month

At Rome, the holy martyrs Faustinus, Timothy, and Venustus... In Africa, the holy martyrs Castus and Aemilius, who met their martyrdom by fire. St. Cyprian says that they were overcome by the first trial, but that in the second God made them victorious, so that those who had first weakened in the face of the fire were made mightier than the flames... At Comana in Pontus, under Emperor Maximian and the governor Agrippa, the holy martyr Basiliscus, who was forced to wear iron shoes pierced with heated nails, and who endured many other trials. He was finally beheaded and thrown into the river which gained for him the crown of martyrdom... At Corsica, St. Julia, virgin, who won her crown by being crucified... In Spain, St. Quiteria, virgin and martyr... At Ravenna, St. Marcian, bishop and confessor... In the diocese of Auxerre, Abbot St. Romanus, who ministered to St. Benedict in his cave. Going later to France, he built a monastery there, and leaving many disciples and imitators of his sanctity, went to rest in the Lord... At Auxerre, St. Helen, virgin... At Cassia in Umbria, St. Rita, a widow and nun of the Order of the Hermits of St. Augustine, who, after the death of her husband, dedicated her life to Christ, her everlasting spouse.

23rd Day of the 5th Month

St. Bede the Venerable, priest, confessor, and doctor of the Church, who went to heaven on the 25th day of the 5th month... At Langres in France, the martyrdom of the holy bishop Desiderius, who visited the king to offer entreaties in behalf of his people who were mistreated by the Vandal army. He was immediately condemned to beheading, and willingly presenting his head to receive the blow of the sword; he died for the sheep committed to his charge and departed for heaven. With him suffered

many of his flock, who are buried in the same city... In Spain, the holy martyrs Epitacius, a bishop, and Basileus... In the territory of Lyons, St. Desiderius, bishop of Vienne, who was crowned with martyrdom by being stoned at the order of King Theodoric... In Africa, the holy martyrs Quintian, Lucius, and Julian, who merited everlasting crowns by their sufferings, during the persecution of the Vandals... In Cappadocia, the commemoration of the holy martyrs who died by having their legs crushed in the persecution of Maximian Galerius... Also, in Mesopotamia, those martyrs who, at the same time, were suspended in the air with their heads downward, suffocated with smoke, and consumed by a slow fire, thus fulfilling their martyrdom... At Synnada in Phrygia, St. Michael, bishop, who represented Byzantium in diplomatic missions to the Holy Roman Emperor St. Charlemagne. The Iconoclast Emperor Leo the Armenian exiled him to an island where he died... The same day, St. Mercurialis, bishop of Forli, a zealous opponent of paganism and Arianism who attended the Council of Rimini... At Naples in Campania, St. Euphebius, bishop... At Norcia, Saints Eutychius and Florentius, monks, mentioned by the blessed Pope Gregory the Great.

24th Day of the 5th Month

At Antioch, the birthday of St. Manahan, foster-brother of Herod the Tetrarch. He was a doctor and prophet under the grace of the New Testament, and his remains now lie in the city of Antioch... Also, blessed Joanna, wife of Chuza, Herod's steward, mentioned by the evangelist St. Luke... At Porto, the birthday of St. Vincent, martyr... At Nantes in Brittany, in the time of Emperor Diocletian, the blessed martyrs Donatian and Rogatian, brothers, who, because of their constancy in the faith, were sent to prison, stretched on the rack, and lacerated. Finally, they were pierced through with a soldier's lance, and then beheaded... In Istria, the holy martyrs Zoellus, Servilius, Felix, Silvanus, and Diocles... Also, the holy martyrs Meletius, who was a military officer, and two hundred and fifty-two of his companions, who achieved their martyrdom by various kinds of deaths... Also, the holy martyrs Susanna, Marciana, and Palladia, wives of the soldiers just mentioned, who were put to death with their young children... At Milan, St. Robustian, martyr... At Brescia, St. Afra, martyr, who suffered

under Emperor Hadrian... At Bologna, the translation of the body of St. Dominic, confessor.

25th Day of the 5th Month

At Rome, on the Via Nomentana, the birthday of blessed Urban, pope and martyr, by whose exhortation and teaching many persons, among whom were Tiburtius and Valerian, received the faith of Christ and suffered martyrdom for it. He himself endured many afflictions for the Church of God, and was crowned with martyrdom by being beheaded in the persecution of Alexander Severus... At Silistria in Bulgaria, the birthday of the holy martyrs Pasirates, Valentio, and two others crowned with them... At Milan, Bishop St. Denis, who for the Catholic faith was exiled into Cappadocia by the Arian emperor Constantius, where he yielded his soul to God in a manner almost like that of the martyrs. His revered body was sent to blessed Bishop Ambrose, at Milan, by Bishop Aurelius... At Florence, the birthday of St. Zenobius, bishop of that city, renowned for the sanctity of his life and his glorious miracles... In England, St. Aldhelm, bishop of Sherburn... In the territory of Troyes, St. Leo, confessor... At Veroli in Campania, the translation of the relics of St. Mary, mother of the Apostles James and John, whose revered body is noted for many miracles.

26th Day of the 5th Month

At Rome, St. Eleutherius, pope and martyr, who converted to the Christian faith many noble Romans. He sent Saints Damian and Fugatius to England, and they baptized King Lucius, his wife, and almost all his people... At Canterbury in England, St. Augustine, bishop, who was sent there with others by blessed Pope Gregory, and who preached the Gospel of Christ to the English nation. Celebrated for virtues and miracles, he went peacefully to his rest in the Lord. The 28th day of the 5th month is observed as his feast... At Athens, during the persecution of Hadrian, the birthday of blessed Quadratus, a disciple of the apostles, who collected by his zealous work the faithful who had dispersed through terror, and presented to the emperor a book which was an excellent apology of the Christian religion, worthy of an apostle... At Rome, the holy martyrs Simitrius, priest, and twenty-two others who suffered under Antoninus Pius... At Vienne, St. Zacharas, bishop

and martyr, who suffered under Trajan... In Africa, St. Quadratus, martyr, on whose feast day St. Augustine preached a sermon... At Todi in Umbria, the birthday of the holy martyrs Felicissimus, Heraclius, and Paulinus... In the territory of Auxerre, the passion of St. Priscus, martyr, along with a great multitude of other Christians.

27th Day of the 5th Month

St. John I, pope and martyr. His birthday is observed on the 18th day of the 5th month, but his feast is celebrated today because of the translation of his revered body... At Silistria in Bulgaria, during the reign of Emperor Alexander, the martyrdom of blessed Julius, a veteran soldier in retirement, who was arrested by the officials and presented to the governor Maximus. Having denounced the idols in his presence, and confessed the name of Christ with utmost constancy, he was condemned to capital punishment... In the district of Arras, St. Ralph, martyr... At Sora, in the time of Emperor Aurelian and the proconsul Agathius, St. Restituta, virgin and martyr, who overcame in a trial for the faith the violence of the demons, the affections of her family, and the cruelty of the executioners. Being finally beheaded with other Christians, she obtained the honor of martyrdom... At Orange in France, St. Eutropius, a bishop illustrious for virtues and miracles.

28th Day of the 5th Month

St. Augustine, bishop of Canterbury and confessor, whose birthday is mentioned on the 26th day of the 5th month... In Sardinia, the holy martyrs Aemilius, Felix, Priamus, and Lucian, who gained their crowns after being in the combat for Christ... At Chartres in France, under Emperor Domitian, St. Caraunus, martyr, who was beheaded, and thus acquired the glory of martyrdom... Also the martyrdom of the Saints Crescens, Dioscorides, Paul, and Helladius... At Thecua in Palestine, the saintly monks who became martyrs by being killed by the Saracens, in the time of Theodosius the Younger. Their venerable remains were gathered by the inhabitants and preserved with greatest reverence... At Corinth, St. Helconides, martyr who was first subjected to torments in the reign of Emperor Gordian, under the governor Perennius, and then again tortured under his successor Justin, but was delivered by an angel. Her

breasts were cut away, she was exposed to wild beasts and to fire, and finally her martyrdom was fulfilled by beheading... At Paris, St. Germanus, bishop and confessor, whose fame for holiness, merit, and miracles has been handed down to us by the writings of Bishop Fortunatus... At Milan, St. Senator bishop, who was very well known for his virtues and his learning... At Urgel in Spain, Bishop St. Justus... At Florence, St. Podius, bishop and confessor... At Novara, St. Bernard of Mentone, confessor. On Mount Jou of the Alps in Switzerland he founded the famous monastery and hospice. He is considered the heavenly patron not only of those who live in or travel across the Alps, but of all mountain climbers.

29th Day of the 5th Month

At Rome, on the Via Aurelia, the birthday of St. Restitutus, martyr... At Iconium in Lycaonia, in the time of Emperor Aurelian, the martyrdom of the Saints Conon and his son, a child twelve years of age, who were laid on a grate over burning coals sprinkled with oil, placed on the rack, and exposed to the fire. Finally their hands were crushed with a mallet, and they breathed their last... In the district of Trent, in the time of Emperor Honorius, the birthday of the holy martyrs Sisinius, Martyrius, and Alexander, who were persecuted by the heathens of Anaunia, and obtained the crown of martyrdom... At Camerino, the passion of fifteen hundred and twenty-five holy martyrs... At Caesarea Philippi, the holy martyrs Theodosia, mother of the martyr St. Procopius, and twelve other noblewomen, whose lives were ended by their being beheaded in the persecution of Diocletian... At Treves, blessed Maximinus, bishop and confessor, who received with honor the patriarch St. Athanasius when he was banished by the Arian persecutors... At Verona, St. Maximus, bishop... At Arcano in Lazio, St. Eleutherius, confessor.

30th Day of the 5th Month

Pope St. Felix I, martyr, whose birthday is commemorated on the 30th day of the 12th month... At Torres in Sardinia, the holy martyrs Gabinus and Crispulus... At Antioch, Saints Sycus and Palatinus, who endured many torments for the name of Christ... At Ravenna, St. Exuperantius, bishop and confessor... At Pavia, St. Anastasius, bishop... At

Rouen, St. Joan of Arc, virgin, called the Maid of Orleans. After fighting heroically for her fatherland, she was at the end delivered into the hands of the enemies, condemned by an unjust judge, and burned at the stake.

31st Day of the 5th Month

The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mediatrix of All Graces... At Rome, St. Petronilla, virgin, disciple of the blessed apostle Peter. She refused to marry Flaccus, a nobleman, and was granted three days for deliberation. She spent these days in fasting and in prayer, and on 3rd Day, after having received Holy Communion, she yielded up her soul... At Aquileia, the holy martyrs Cantius, Cantian, and Cantianilla,

members of one family, which belonged to the illustrious line of the Anicii. For their attachment to the Christian faith, they were condemned to capital punishment with their tutor, Protus, in the time of Emperors Diocletian and Maximian... At Torres in Sardinia, St. Crescentian, martyr... At Comana in Pontus during the reign of Emperor Antoninus, St. Hermias, a soldier. Being miraculously delivered from many horrible torments, he converted his executioner to Christ, and made him partaker of the crown which he was first to receive by being beheaded... At Verona, St. Lupicinus, bishop... At Rome, St. Paschasius, deacon and confessor, who is mentioned by blessed Pope Gregory.

SIXTH MONTH

1st Day of the 6th Month

At Rome, St. Juventius, martyr... At Autun, the Saints Reverian, bishop, and Paul, a priest, along with ten others, who were crowned with martyrdom under Emperor Aurelian... In the persecution of Galerius Maximian, under Governor Firmilian, there suffered Valens, a deacon, and Paul, and nine others, whose commemoration occurs on other days... In Cappadocia, in the time of Emperor Alexander and the prefect Simplicius, the holy martyr Thespesius, who, after undergoing many torments, was beheaded... In Egypt, under Emperor Diocletian, the holy martyrs Ischyrius, a military officer, and five other soldiers, who were put to death in various ways for the faith of Christ... Also, St. Firmus, martyr, who was scourged most severely, struck with stones, and finally beheaded during the persecution of Maximian... At Perugia, the holy martyrs Felinus and Gratian, soldiers under Decius, who were tortured in several ways, and by a glorious death won the palm of martyrdom... At Bologna, St. Proculus, martyr, who suffered under Emperor Maximian... At Amelia in Umbria, in the reign of Diocletian, St. Secundus, martyr, who fulfilled his martyrdom when thrown into the Tiber... At Tiferno in Umbria, St. Crescentian, a Roman soldier, crowned with martyrdom under the same emperor... In the monastery of Lerins, the abbot St. Caprasius... At Burgos in Spain, in the monastery of Onia, St. Eneco, Benedictine abbot, made illustrious by his sanctity and miracles... At Montefalco in Umbria, St. Fortunatus, a priest renowned for his virtues and his miracles.

2nd Day of the 6th Month

At Rome, the birthday of the holy martyr Marcellinus, priest, and Peter, exorcist, who instructed in the faith many persons kept in prison. Under Diocletian, they were loaded with chains, and, after enduring many torments, were beheaded by Judge Serenus, in a place which was then called the Black Forest, but which was in their honor afterwards known as the White Forest. Their bodies were buried in a crypt near St. Tiburtius, and Pope St. Damasus composed an epitaph in verse for their tomb... In Campania, during the reign of Decius, St.

Erasmus, bishop and martyr, who was first scourged with leaded whips and then severely beaten with rods. He also had resin, brimstone, lead, pitch, wax, and oil poured over him, without receiving any injury. Afterwards, under Maximian, he was again subjected to various and most horrible tortures at Mola, but still was preserved from death by the power of God in order to confirm others in the faith. Finally, celebrated for his sufferings, and called by God, he closed his life by a peaceful and holy death. His body was afterwards transferred to Gaeta... At Lyons, many holy martyrs (Photinus, a bishop, Sanctus, a deacon, Vetius, Epagathus, Maturus, Ponticus, Biblis, Attalus, Alexander, and Blandina, with many others), whose many valiant trials in the time of Marcus Aurelius Antoninus and Lucius Verus are recorded in a letter from the church at Lyons to the churches of Asia and Phrygia. St. Blandina, one of these martyrs, was weaker by reason of her sex, more infirm in body, and of a lower station in life, and yet she encountered longer and more terrible trials than the rest. But remaining unshaken, she was put to the sword, and followed those whom she had exhorted to win the palm of martyrdom... In the island of Marmara, in the Sea of Marmara, St. Nicephorus, bishop of Constantinople. In defense of the traditions of the Fathers and of the veneration of sacred images, he set himself firmly against the Iconoclast emperor Leo the Armenian, by whom he was sent into exile. There he underwent a long martyrdom of fourteen years and then departed for the kingdom of God... At Rome, Pope St. Eugene I, confessor... At Trani in Apulia, St. Nicholas Peregrinus, confessor.

3rd Day of the 6th Month

At Arezzo in Tuscany, during the persecution of Decius, under Governor Tiburtius, the holy martyrs Pergentinus and Laurentinus, brothers, who being as yet children, were put to the sword after they had endured cruel torments and performed many miracles... At Constantinople, the holy martyrs Lucillian and four boys, Claudius, Hypatius, Paul, and Denis. Lucillian, formerly a pagan priest, but now a Christian, was cast with them into a furnace after undergoing many torments, but the flames were extinguished by the rain and all escaped injury. Finally their lives were ended under the governor Silvanus, Lucillian by crucifixion, the children by beheading... At Cordova in Spain, blessed Isaac, a

monk who was slain by the sword for the faith of Christ... At Constantinople, St. Paula, virgin and martyr, who was arrested while gathering the blood of the martyrs just mentioned. She was beaten with rods and thrown into the fire, but was delivered from it. She was at length beheaded in the same place where St. Lucillian had been crucified... At Carthage, St. Caecilius, the priest who converted St. Cyprian to the faith of Christ... In the diocese of Orleans, St. Lifard, priest and confessor... At Lucca in Tuscany, St. Davinus, confessor... At Anagni, St. Olive, virgin... At Paris, St. Clotilde, queen, by whose prayers her husband, King Clovis, was converted to the faith of Christ.

4th Day of the 6th Month

At Rome, the holy martyrs Aretius and Dacian... At Sissek in Illyria, in the time of Governor Galerius, St. Quirinus, bishop. For the faith of Christ he was thrown into a river with a millstone tied to his neck. But the stone floated, and he for a long time exhorted the Christians who were present not to be terrified by his punishment, nor to waver in the faith, and then obtained of God by his prayers that he should be drowned in order to attain the glory of martyrdom... At Milan, in the reign of Emperor Nero, St. Clateus, bishop of Brescia and martyr. By order of the prefect of the city he was arrested, and when he would not deny Christ he was cruelly scourged and beheaded... In Hungary, the holy martyrs Rutilus and his companions... At Tivoli, St. Quirinus, martyr... At Arras in France, St. Saturnina, virgin and martyr... At Constantinople, St. Metrophanes, bishop and renowned confessor... At Milevi in Numidia, St. Optatus, bishop, celebrated for his learning and holiness. St. Augustine praised him highly... At Verona, St. Alexander, bishop.

5th Day of the 6th Month

In Friesland, St. Boniface, bishop of Mainz, and martyr. He went from England to Rome, and was then sent by Pope Gregory II to Germany to preach the faith of Christ to the people of that country. After converting large multitudes to the Christian religion, especially in Friesland, he merited the title Apostle of the Germans. His martyrdom was fulfilled by being put to the sword by the furious heathens, along with his fellow bishop Eobanus and some other

servants of God... At Tyre, St. Dorotheus, a priest, who suffered greatly under Diocletian, but survived until the reign of Julian, under whom his venerable age of one hundred and seven years was crowned with martyrdom... In Egypt, the birthday of the holy martyrs Marcian, Nicanor, Apollonius, and others, who suffered a glorious martyrdom in the persecution of Galerius Maximian... At Perugia, the holy martyrs Florentius, Julian, Cyriacus, Marcellinus, and Faustinus, who were beheaded in the persecution of Decius... At Cordova in Spain, blessed Sancho, a youth brought up in the royal court, who did not hesitate to undergo martyrdom for the faith of Christ during the persecution by the Arabs... At Caesarea in Palestine, the martyrdom of the Saints Zenaides, Cyria, Valeria, and Marcia, who joyfully attained martyrdom through many torments.

6th Day of the 6th Month

At Caesarea in Palestine, the birthday of blessed Philip, one of the first seven deacons. He was renowned for miracles and prodigies. He converted Samaria to the faith of Christ, baptized the eunuch of Candace, queen of Ethiopia, and finally rested in peace at Caesarea. Near him are buried three of his daughters, virgins and prophetesses. His fourth daughter died at Ephesus, filled with the Holy Spirit... At Magdeburg, St. Norbert, bishop of that city, confessor. He was the founder of the Premonstratensian Order, also known as the Norbertines... At Rome, St. Artemius, with his wife Candida and his daughter Paulina. Artemius became a believer through the preaching and miracles of St. Peter the Exorcist, who was baptized with all his household by the priest St. Marcellinus. By order of Judge Serenus, he was scourged with leaded whips, and then slain with the sword. His wife and daughter were forced into a pit and covered with stones and earth... In the district of Bologna, St. Alexander, bishop of Fiesole and martyr. While returning from the town of Pavia, where he had defended the title to the goods of his church before the Lombard king against those taking them away, he was seized by the usurpers, cast into the Rhine river, and drowned... At Tarsus in Cilicia, in the time of Emperors Diocletian and Maximian, and the governor Simplicius, twenty holy martyrs, who, through various torments to their bodies, glorified God... At Noyon in France, the holy martyrs Amantius, Alexander, and their companions... At Milan, the

death of St. Eustorgius II, bishop and confessor... At Verona, the bishop St. John... At Besancon, France, the bishop St. Claudius.

7th Day of the 6th Month

At Constantinople, the birthday of St. Paul, bishop of that city. For the Catholic faith, he was often driven out of his see by the Arians, but restored to it by the Roman Pontiff, St. Julius I. Finally the Arian emperor Constantius banished him to Cuculum, a small town of Cappadocia. There, by the intrigue of the Arians, he was barbarously strangled, and thus departed for the heavenly kingdom. His body was taken to Constantinople with the greatest honor during the reign of the Holy Emperor St. Theodosius... At Cordova in Spain, the holy martyrs Peter, a priest, Wallabonsus, a deacon, Sabinianus, Wistremund, Habentius, and Jeremias, all of whom were monks. Their throats were cut at the time of the Arab persecution because they had confessed Christ... At Hermopolis in Egypt, St. Licarion, martyr, who had his body lacerated, was scourged with heated iron rods, and endured other horrible torments, after which his martyrdom was completed by beheading... In England, St. Robert, an abbot of the Cistercian Order.

8th Day of the 6th Month

At Aix in France, St. Maximin, first bishop of that city, who was a disciple of the Lord... On the same day, St. Calliopa, martyr, who for the faith of Christ received the palm of martyrdom. Her breasts had been cut away, her flesh burned, she was rolled on broken pottery, and was at last beheaded... At York in England, St. William, archbishop and confessor, who, among other miracles wrought at his tomb, raised three persons from the dead... At Soissons in France, the birthday of St. Medard, bishop of Noyon, whose life and precious death are commended by glorious miracles... At Rouen, St. Gildard, bishop, twin brother of St. Dedard. They were consecrated bishops at the same time and were taken from this life on the same day, entering heaven together... At Sens, the bishop St. Heraclius... At Metz, the bishop St. Clodulph... In Piceno, St. Severin, bishop of Septempeda... At Camerino, St. Victorinus, confessor, the twin brother of St. Severin, bishop of Septempeda... In Sardinia, St. Sallustian, confessor.

9th Day of the 6th Month

At Nomento in the Sabine Hills, the birthday of the holy martyrs Primus and Felician, under the emperors Diocletian and Maximian. These glorious martyrs lived long in the service of the Lord, and endured sometimes together, sometimes separately, various cruel torments. They were finally beheaded by Promotus, governor of Nomento, and thus happily ended their trial. Their bodies were afterwards translated to Rome and honorably buried in the Church of St. Stephen the Protomartyr on the Caelian Hill... At Agen in France, the passion of St. Vincent, deacon and martyr. For the faith of Christ, he was cruelly scourged and then beheaded... At Antioch, St. Pelagia, virgin and martyr, who has been eulogized by St. Ambrose... At Syracuse in Sicily, Bishop St. Maximian, who is frequently mentioned by Pope St. Gregory... At Andria in Apulia, St. Richard, first bishop of that city, who is famed for his miracles... In the island of Iona in Scotland, St. Columba, priest and confessor... At Edessa in Syria, St. Julian, a monk whose memorable deeds have been related by the deacon St. Ephrem.

10th Day of the 6th Month

St. Margaret, widow, queen of Scotland, who slept in the Lord on the 16th day of the 11th month... At Rome, on the Salarian Way, the martyrdom of blessed Getulius, a very learned nobleman, and his companions Caerealis, Amantius, and Primitivus. By order of Emperor Hadrian they were arrested by the ex-consul Licinius, scourged, thrown into prison, and then delivered to the flames. But the fire did not injure them, and their heads were crushed with clubs, thus ending their martyrdom. Their bodies were taken by Symphorosa, wife of blessed Getulius, and reverently interred in a tomb on her own estate... Also at Rome, on the Aurelian Way, the birthday of the Saints Basilides, Tripos, Mandal, and twenty other martyrs, under Emperor Aurelian and Plato, the governor of the city... At Naples in Campania, St. Maximus, bishop and martyr. For having vigorously defended the Nicene Creed he was exiled by Emperor Constantius, where he died worn out by his trials... At Prusias in Bithynia, St. Timothy, bishop and martyr. He was beheaded during the reign of Julian the Apostate because he refused to deny Christ... At Cologne, St. Maurinus,

abbot and martyr... At Nicomedia, the martyr St. Zachary... In Spain, the holy martyrs Crispulus and Restitutus... In Africa, the holy martyrs Aresius, Rogatus, and fifteen others... At Petra in Africa, St. Asterius, a bishop who suffered greatly for the Catholic faith at the hands of the Arians. He was banished to Africa by Emperor Constantius, and there died as a glorious confessor... At Auxerre, St. Censurius, bishop.

11th Day of the 6th Month

At Salamina in Cyprus, the birthday of the apostle St. Barnabas, a native of that place. He was ordained by the disciples as Apostle of the Gentiles with St. Paul, and traveled with him over many regions, exercising the function committed to him of preaching the Gospel. At last he went back to Cyprus, where he ennobled his apostolate by a glorious martyrdom. His body was found by his own revelation, in the time of Emperor Zeno, together with a copy of St. Matthew's Gospel written with his own hand... At Aquileia, the martyrdom of the Saints Felix and Fortunatus, brothers. In the persecution of Diocletian and Maximian, they were placed on the rack, and had flaming torches held against their sides. These were extinguished by the power of God, and boiling oil was poured over them. As they persevered in confessing Christ, they were beheaded... At Bremen, the birthday of St. Rembert, bishop of Hamburg and Bremen.

12th Day of the 6th Month

At Rome, in the Vatican basilica, Pope St. Leo III, to whom God miraculously restored his eyes and his tongue after they had been torn out by impious men... At Rome, on the Aurelian Way, during the persecution of Decius and under the prefect Aurelius, the birthday of the holy martyrs Basilides, Cyrinus, Nabor, and Nazarius, all soldiers who were cast into prison for the confession of the Christian name, scourged with knotted whips, and finally beheaded... At Nicaea in Bithynia, St. Antonina, martyr. She was scourged by order of the governor Priscillian during the same persecution, then racked, lacerated, exposed to the fire, and finally put to the sword... In Thrace, St. Olympius, a bishop, who was driven out of his diocese by the Arians, and died a confessor... In Cilicia, Bishop St. Amphion, a

celebrated confessor of the time of Galerius Maximian.

13th Day of the 6th Month

At Padua, St. Anthony, a native of Portugal, priest of the Order of Friars Minor and confessor, illustrious for the sanctity of his life, his miracles, and his preaching... At Rome, on the Ardeatine Way, the birthday of St. Felicula, virgin and martyr, who was delivered to the judge for refusing to marry Flaccus and to sacrifice to idols. As she persevered in the confession of Christ, he confined her in a dark dungeon without food, and afterwards caused her to be stretched on the rack until she expired. She was then thrown into a sewer, but St. Nicomedes the Priest recovered her body and buried it on this road... In Abruzzi, St. Peregrinus, bishop and martyr. For the Catholic faith he was thrown into the river Aterno by the Lombards... At Cordova in Spain, in the persecution of the Arabs, St. Fandila, a priest and monk, who underwent martyrdom by beheading for the faith of Christ... In Africa, the holy martyrs Fortunatus and Lucian... At Byblos in Phoenicia, St. Aquilina, virgin and martyr, at the age of twelve years, under Emperor Diocletian and the judge Volusian. For the confession of the faith she was beaten, scourged, pierced with heated stakes, and finally being struck with a sword, consecrated her virginity by martyrdom... In Cyprus, St. Triphyllius, bishop.

14th Day of the 6th Month

At Samaria in Palestine, the holy prophet Eliseus, whose grave makes the demons tremble. With him also rests the prophet Abdias... At Syracuse, St. Marcian, bishop, who was made bishop by blessed Peter, and killed by the Jews after he had preached the Gospel... At Cordova in Spain, the holy martyrs Anastasius, a priest, Felix, a monk, and Digna, virgin... At Soissons in France, the holy martyrs Valerius and Rufinus, who, after enduring many torments, were condemned to be beheaded by the governor Rictiovarus, in the persecution of Diocletian... At Constantinople, St. Methodius, bishop... At Vienne, St. Aetherius, bishop... At Rodez in France, St. Quinctian, bishop.

15th Day of the 6th Month

Near the river Silaro in Lucania, the birthday of the holy martyrs Vitus (a seven-year-old boy), Modestus (his tutor), and Crescentia (his nurse), who were brought there from Sicily in the reign of Domitian. They were plunged into a vessel of molten lead, exposed to the beasts, and stretched on the rack. After their tortures, an angel brought them back to their home where, due to their injuries, they came to the end of their glorious trials... At Silistria in Rumania, St. Hesychius, a soldier, who was arrested with blessed Julius, and under the governor Maximus followed him to the crown of martyrdom... At Zephirium in Cilicia, St. Dulas, martyr under the governor Maximus. For the name of Christ, he was scourged, laid on the gridiron, scalded with boiling oil, and after enduring other trials, received for his victory the palm of martyrdom... At Cordova in Spain, St. Benildes, martyr... At Palmyra in Syria, the holy martyrs Libya and Leonides, sisters, and Eutropia, a girl of twelve years, who won the crown of martyrdom by various torments... At Vallenciennes in France, the death of St. Landelin, abbot... In Auvergne in France, St. Abraham, confessor, illustrious by his holiness and miracles... At Pibrac in the diocese of Toulouse, St. Germaine Cousin, virgin. After a life of poverty, humility, and patient suffering amidst many trials as shepherdess of her flocks, she went to her heavenly spouse, and became renowned for numerous miracles after her death.

16th Day of the 6th Month

St. Lazarus, the beggar... At Mainz, the passion of the Saints Aureus and Justina, his sister, and other martyrs who were massacred by the Huns, at that time devastating Germany, while they were in church at Mass... At Besancon in France, the holy martyrs Ferreol, a priest, and Ferrution, a deacon, who were sent by the blessed bishop Irenaeus to preach the word of God, and after being exposed to various torments under judge Claudius, were put to the sword... At Tarsus in Cilicia, in the reign of Emperor Diocletian, the holy martyrs Cyricus and Julitta, his mother. Cyricus, a child of three years, seeing his mother cruelly scourged with whips in the presence of the governor Alexander, and crying bitterly, was killed by being dashed against the steps of the tribunal. Julitta, after being subjected to severe

lashings and grievous torments, closed the course of her martyrdom by beheading... At Amathus in Cyprus, St. Tychon, a bishop in the time of Theodosius the Younger... At Lyons, the death of blessed Aurelian, bishop of Arles... At Nantes in Brittany, St. Similian, bishop and confessor... At Meissen in Germany, St. Benno, bishop... In the monastery of Aywieres in Brabant, St. Lutgard, virgin.

17th Day of the 6th Month

At Rome, during the persecution of Diocletian, the birthday of two hundred and sixty-two holy martyrs, who were put to death for the faith of Christ, and buried on the old Salarian Way, at the foot of Cucumer Hill... At Besancon in France, St. Antidius, bishop and martyr, who was slain by the Vandals for the faith of Christ... At Apollonia in Macedonia, the holy martyrs Isaurus, a deacon, Innocent, Felix, Jeremias, and Peregrinus, all of them Athenians who were tortured in various ways by the tribune Tripontius, and beheaded... At Terracina in Campania, St. Montanus, a soldier, who received the crown of martyrdom after suffering many torments, in the time of Emperor Hadrian and the governor Leontius... At Venafrò in Campania, the holy martyrs Nicander and Marcian, who were beheaded in the persecution of Maximian... At Chalcedon, the holy martyrs Manuel, Sabel, and Ismael, whom the king of Persia sent as ambassadors to Julian the Apostate to obtain peace. Having firmly refused to worship idols when commanded by the emperor, they were put to the sword... At Amelia in Umbria, Bishop St. Himerius, whose body was translated to Cremona... In the territory of Bourges, St. Gundulphus, bishop... At Orleans, St. Avitus, priest and confessor... In Phrygia, St. Hypatius, confessor... At Pisa in Tuscany, St. Rainerius, confessor.

18th Day of the 6th Month

At Edessa in Mesopotamia, St. Ephraem, deacon of the church of Edessa in the time of Emperor Valens and confessor. After suffering many trials for the faith of Christ and gaining great renown for holiness and learning, he went to rest in the Lord... At Rome, on the Ardeatine Way, in the persecution of Diocletian, the birthday of the saintly brothers Mark and Marcellian, martyrs, who were arrested by the

judge Fabian, tied to a stake, and had sharp nails driven into their feet. Because they would not cease praising the name of Christ they were pierced through the sides with lances, and thus went to the kingdom of heaven with the glory of martyrdom... At Malaga in Spain, the holy martyrs Cyriacus and the virgin Paula, who were overwhelmed with stones, and yielded up their souls to God... At Tripoli in Phoenicia, in the time of the governor Adrian, St. Leontius, a soldier, who attained the crown of martyrdom through bitter torments together with the tribune Hypatius and Theodulus, whom he had converted to Christ... The same day, St. Aetherius, martyr, in the persecution of Diocletian. After enduring fire and other torments, he was put to death with the sword... At Alexandria, the passion of St. Marina, virgin... At Bordeaux, St. Amandus, bishop and confessor... At Sacca in Sicily, St. Calogerus, hermit, whose holiness is shown especially in the deliverance of possessed persons... At Schongau in Germany, St. Elizabeth, virgin, celebrated for her observance of the monastic life.

19th Day of the 6th Month

At Milan, the holy martyrs Gervase and Protase, brothers. The former, by order of the judge Astasius, was scourged with leaded whips for so long that he expired. The latter, after being scourged with rods, was beheaded. Through divine revelation their bodies were found by St. Ambrose. They were partly covered with blood, and as free from corruption as if they had been put to death that very day. When the translation took place, a blind man recovered his sight by touching their relics, and many persons possessed by demons were delivered... At the monastery in the valley of Castro in Piceno, the birthday of St. Romuald, anchorite, a native of Ravenna. He was the founder of the Camaldolese monks, and he restored and greatly extended monastic discipline, which was much relaxed in Italy. His feast is observed on the 7th day of the 2nd month, on which day his sacred relics were transferred to Fabriano... At Arezzo in Tuscany, the holy martyrs Gaudentius, bishop, and Culmatius, deacon, who were murdered by the furious heathen, during the reign of Valentinian... Also, St. Boniface, martyr, a disciple of blessed Romuald, who was sent to preach the Gospel in Russia. Having passed through fire uninjured, and baptized the king and his people, he was killed by the enraged brother of the

king, and thus gained the palm of martyrdom which he ardently desired... At Ravenna, St. Ursicinus, martyr, who remained constant through many torments in the confession of the Lord. At the order of the judge Paulinus he completed his martyrdom by being beheaded... At Sozopolis, under the governor Domitian, during the persecution of Trajan, St. Zosimus, martyr, who suffered bitter tortures, was beheaded, and thus triumphantly went to heaven.

20th Day of the 6th Month

On the island of Pontia, the birthday of St. Silverius, pope and martyr. For refusing to reinstate the heretical bishop Anthimus who had been deposed by his predecessor Agapitus, he was banished to the isle of Pontia by Belisarius, prompted by the wicked empress Theodora. He died there, consumed by many tribulations for the Catholic faith... At Rome, the death of St. Novatus, son of the blessed senator Pudens, and brother of the saintly priest Timothy and the holy virgins of Christ, Pudentiana and Praxedes, who had been instructed in the faith by the apostles. Their house was converted into a church, and bore the title of the Shepherd... At Tomis in Pontus, the holy martyrs Paul and Cyriacus... At Petra in Palestine, St. Macarius, a bishop, who suffered many things from the Arians, and was banished to Africa where he rested in the Lord.

21st Day of the 6th Month

The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary to St. Elizabeth... At Rome, St. Demetria, virgin, daughter of the holy martyrs Flavian and Dafrosa, and the sister of St. Bibiana, virgin and martyr. She was crowned with martyrdom under Julian the Apostate... The same day, St. Eusebius, bishop of Samosata. In the time of the Arian emperor Constantius, he disguised himself in military dress and visited the churches of God to confirm them in the faith. He was banished into Thrace by Valens, but when peace was restored to the Church in the reign of the Holy Emperor St. Theodosius, he was recalled. When he again visited the churches, an Arian woman threw a tile down upon him, which fractured his skull and made him a martyr... At Iconium in Lycaonia, St. Terence, bishop and martyr... At Syracuse in Sicily, the birthday of the holy martyrs Rufinus and Martia... In Africa, the

holy martyrs Cyriacus and Apollinaris... At Mainz, St. Alban, martyr, who was made worthy of the crown of life, after long labors and severe combats... At Pavia, St. Ursiscenus, bishop and confessor... At Tongres, St. Martin, bishop... In the parts of Evreux, St. Leutfrid, abbot.

22nd Day of the 6th Month

At Nola in Campania, the birthday of blessed Paulinus, bishop and confessor, who, although a most noble and wealthy man, made himself poor and humble for Christ; and what is still more admirable, became a slave to liberate a widow's son who had been carried to Africa by the Vandals when they devastated Campania. He was celebrated, not only for his learning and great holiness of life, but also for his power over demons. His great merit has been extolled by Church Fathers in their writings. His body was translated to Benevento, and later to Rome, but was taken back to Nola at the beginning of the 20th Century... On Mt. Ararat, the martyrdom of ten thousand holy martyrs, who were crucified... At Verulam in England, in the time of Diocletian, St. Alban, martyr, who gave himself up in order to save a cleric whom he had harbored. After being scourged and subjected to bitter torments, he was sentenced to capital punishment. With him also suffered one of the soldiers who led him to execution, for he was converted to Christ on the way and merited to be baptized in his own blood... At Samaria, fourteen hundred and eighty holy martyrs, under Chosroes, king of Persia... The same day, St. Nicaeas, bishop of the town of Romatia, celebrated for his learning and holy life... At Naples in Campania, St. John, bishop, who was called to the kingdom of heaven by blessed Paulinus, bishop of Nola... In the monastery of Cluny, St. Consortia, virgin... At Rome, the translation of St. Flavius Clemens, exconsul and martyr, brother of St. Plautilla and uncle of St. Flavia Domitilla, virgin and martyr. He was put to death for the faith of Christ by Emperor Domitian. His body was found in the basilica of Pope St. Clement, and buried there with great pomp.

23rd Day of the 6th Month

The Vigil of St. John the Baptist... At Rome, in the reign of Julian the Apostate, St. John, a priest who was beheaded on the old Salarian Way before an

idol of the sun. His body was buried near those of other martyrs by the blessed priest Concordius... Also at Rome, St. Agrippina, virgin and martyr, under the emperor Valerian. Her body was taken to Sicily, where it works many miracles... At Sutri in Tuscany, St. Felix, priest. By the command of the prefect Turcius, he was struck on the mouth with a stone until he breathed no more... At Nicomedia, in the time of Diocletian, the commemoration of many holy martyrs who concealed themselves in mountains and caverns, but joyfully underwent martyrdom for the name of Christ... At Philadelphia in Arabia, the holy martyrs Zeno and his slave Zenas. When the latter kissed the chains of his master, begging to be a partner in torments, he was arrested by the soldiers, and received the crown of martyrdom with him... In England in the monastery of Ely, St. Audry, queen and virgin, who departed for heaven with a great renown for sanctity and miracles. Her body was found without corruption eleven years afterwards.

24th Day of the 6th Month

The Nativity of St. John the Baptist, precursor of our Lord, son of Zachary and Elizabeth, who, while yet in his mother's womb, was filled with the Holy Spirit... At Rome, in the time of Nero, the commemoration of many holy martyrs. Being falsely accused of having set fire to the city, they were cruelly put to death in various manners by the emperor's order. Some were covered with the skins of wild beasts and torn to pieces by dogs; others were fastened to crosses; others again were delivered to the flames to serve as torches in the night. All these were disciples of the apostles, and the first fruits of the martyrs which the Roman Church, a field so fertile in martyrs, offered to God even before the death of the apostles... In the same city, the holy martyrs Faustus and twenty-three others... At Mechlin in Brabant, the passion of St. Rumold, bishop of Dublin and martyr. He had been the son of the king of the Scots... At Satalis in Armenia, seven saintly brothers, all martyrs: Orentius, Heros, Pharnacius, Firminus, Firmus, Cyriacus and Longinus, who owe their martyrdom to Emperor Maximian. Because they were Christians, they were deprived of the military belt by his command, then separated from one another, hurried away to different places, and in the midst of painful trials found their repose in the Lord... In the diocese of

Paris, at Creteil, the martyrdom of the Saints Agoard and Aglibert, with a great multitude of others of both sexes... At Autun, the death of St. Simplicius, bishop and confessor... At Lobbes, St. Theodulphus, bishop.

25th Day of the 6th Month

In the territory of Gulletto near Nusco, St. William, confessor, founder of the hermits of Monte Vergine... At Rome, St. Lucy, virgin and martyr, with twenty-two others... At Alexandria, St. Gallicanus, exconsul and martyr who had been honored with a triumph, and was held in affection by the holy Roman Emperor St. Constantine. Converted by Saints John and Paul, he withdrew to Ostia with St. Hilarinus, and consecrated himself entirely to the duties of hospitality and to the service of the sick. The report of such an event spread throughout the whole world, and from all sides many people came to see a man who had been a senator and consul now washing the feet of the poor, preparing their table, serving them, carefully waiting on the infirm, and exercising other works of mercy. Driven from this place by Julian the Apostate, he repaired to Alexandria, where, for refusing to sacrifice to idols, at the command of the judge Raucian, he was put to the sword, and thus became a martyr of Christ... At Sibapolis in Syria, under the governor Lysimachus, in the persecution of Diocletian, St. Febronia, virgin and martyr. She was scourged and racked for defending her faith and her chastity, then torn with iron combs and exposed to fire. Finally her teeth were broken out, her breasts and feet cut away, and she was condemned to capital punishment, going to her Spouse adorned with sufferings as with so many jewels... At Reggio, St. Prosper of Aquitaine, bishop of that city, distinguished by his learning and piety. He valiantly combated the Pelagians in defense of the Catholic faith... At Turin, the birthday of St. Maximus, bishop and confessor, most celebrated for his sanctity and scholarship... In Holland, St. Adalbert, confessor, disciple of St. Willibrord, bishop.

26th Day of the 6th Month

At Rome on Mt. Coelius, the holy martyrs John and Paul, brothers. The former was steward, the other secretary of the virgin Constantia, daughter of the holy Roman Emperor St. Constantine. Afterwards,

under Julian the Apostate, they received the palm of martyrdom by being beheaded... At Trent, St. Vigilius, bishop, who, while he endeavored to root out the remains of idolatry, was overwhelmed with a shower of stones by cruel and barbarous men, and thus endured martyrdom for the name of Christ... At Valenciennes, the holy martyrs Salvius, bishop of Angouleme, and Superius... At Cordova in Spain, under the Saracen king Abderaliman, the birthday of St. Pelagius, a young man who gloriously completed his martyrdom for the faith by having his flesh torn to pieces with iron pincers... At Belley in France, St. Anthelmus, prior of the Grande Chartreuse, who became bishop of that city... In the country of Poitiers, St. Maxentius, priest and confessor, renowned for miracles... The same day, St. Perseveranda, virgin.

27th Day of the 6th Month

Our Lady of Perpetual Help... In Galatia, St. Crescens, disciple of the blessed apostle Paul. In passing through Gaul he converted many to the Christian faith by his preaching. Returning to the people for whom he had been especially made bishop, he confirmed the Galatians in the service of the Lord to the end of his life. He finally completed his martyrdom under Trajan... At Cordova in Spain, St. Zoilus and nineteen other martyrs... At Caesarea in Palestine, in the persecution of Diocletian, under the governor Urban, St. Anectus, martyr. For having exhorted others to suffer martyrdom, and having overthrown idols by his prayers, he was scourged by ten soldiers, had his hands and feet cut off, and merited the crown of martyrdom by beheading... At Constantinople, St. Sampson, a priest, who harbored the poor... In the town of Chinon in France, St. John, priest and confessor... At Grosswardein in Hungary, the holy king Ladislaus, greatly renowned for miracles even to this day.

28th Day of the 6th Month

Vigil of Saints Peter and Paul... At Lyons in France, St. Irenaeus, bishop and martyr. He was the disciple of blessed Polycarp, bishop of Smyrna, and lived near the time of the apostles. After having strenuously opposed the heretics by word and by writing, he was crowned with a glorious martyrdom along with almost all the people of his city, during the persecution of Severus... At Utrecht, St.

Benignus, bishop and martyr... At Alexandria, in the persecution of Severus, the holy martyrs Plutarch, Serenus, Heraclides, catechumen, Heron, a neophyte, another Serenus, Rhais, a catechumen, Potamioena and Marcella, her mother. Among them the virgin Potamioena is particularly distinguished. She first endured many very painful trials for the preservation of her virginity, and then cruel and unheard-of torments for the faith, after which both she and her mother were consumed with fire... Also during the persecution of Diocletian, St. Papius, martyr, who was scourged with knotted cords, cast into a cauldron of seething oil and grease, and after other horrible torments was beheaded, and thus won an everlasting crown... At Cordova in Spain, St. Argymirus, monk and martyr, who was slain for the faith of Christ during the persecution of the Arabs... At Rome, Pope St. Paul I, confessor.

29th Day of the 6th Month

At Rome, the birthday of the holy apostles Peter and Paul, who suffered martyrdom on the same day, under Emperor Nero. Within the city the former was crucified with his head downwards, and buried in the Vatican, near the Triumphal Way, where he is venerated by the whole world. The latter was put to the sword and buried on the Ostian Way, where he received similar honors... In Cyprus, St. Mary, mother of John, surnamed Mark... At Argenton in France, St. Marcellus, martyr, who was beheaded for the faith of Christ together with the soldier Anastasius... At Genoa, the birthday of St. Syrius, bishop... At Narni, St. Cassius, bishop of that city. St. Gregory the Great relates that he permitted scarcely any day of his life to pass without offering

the Victim of propitiation to Almighty God. It was in character with his life for he distributed in alms all he possessed, and his devotion was such that abundant tears flowed from his eyes during the holy Sacrifice. At last, coming to Rome on the birthday of the apostles, as was his yearly custom, after having solemnly celebrated Mass and given the Lord's Body and Blood and the kiss of peace to all, he departed for heaven... In the territory of Sens, St. Benedicta, virgin.

30th Day of the 6th Month

The commemoration of the holy apostle Paul... At Rome, St. Lucina, a disciple of the apostles, who relieved the necessities of the saints with her goods, visited the Christians detained in prison, buried the martyrs, and was laid by their side in a crypt which she herself had constructed... In the same city, St. Aemiliana, martyr... The same day, the saints Caius, a priest, and Leo, a subdeacon... At Alexandria, the passion of St. Basilides, under Emperor Severus. He protected the saintly virgin Potamioena from the insults of shameless men when he was leading her to her execution. He was rewarded for his considerate action, for at the end of three days she appeared to him, placed a crown on his head, not only converting him to Christ, but by her prayers making him, after a short combat, a glorious martyr... At Limoges in France, St. Martial, bishop, and two priests Alpinian and Austriclinian, whose lives were distinguished for miracles... In the territory of Vivers, St. Ostian, priest and confessor... At Salanica, in the district of Vicenza, St. Theobald, priest and hermit, one of the counts of Champagne.

SEVENTH MONTH

1st Day of the 7th Month

The feast of the most Precious Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ... The Octave Day of St. John the Baptist... On Mt. Hor, the death of St. Aaron, the first priest of the Levitical order... At Vienne in France, St. Martin, a bishop who was a disciple of the apostles... At Sinuessa in Campania, the holy martyrs Castus and Secundinus, bishops... In England, the holy martyrs Julius and Aaron, who suffered after St. Alban in the persecution of Diocletian. In the same country a great number were tortured at that time in different ways and barbarously lacerated, ended their combat, and attained to the joys of the heavenly city... In Auvergne in France, St. Gall, bishop... In the diocese of Lyons, the death of St. Domitian, abbot, who was first to lead the life of a monk in that district. After having called together many servants of God to that place, and having gained great renown for virtues and miracles, he was summoned to his fathers at an advanced age... At Angouleme, St. Eparchius, abbot... In the diocese of Rheims, St. Theodoric, priest and disciple of the blessed Bishop Remigius.

2nd Day of the 7th Month

At Rome, on the Aurelian Way, the birthday of the holy martyrs Processus and Martinian, who were baptized by the blessed apostle Peter in the Mamertine Prison. After being struck on the mouth, racked, scourged with knotted ropes and whips strung with pieces of metal; after being beaten with rods and exposed to the flames, they were beheaded in the days of Nero, thus obtaining the crown of martyrdom... Also at Rome, three holy soldiers, who were converted to Christ by the martyrdom of the blessed apostle Paul, and with him merited to be made partakers of heavenly glory... The same day, the holy martyrs Ariston, Crescentian, Eutychian, Urbanus, Vitalis, Justus, Felicissimus, Felix, Marcia, and Symphorosa, all of whom were crowned with martyrdom when the persecution of Emperor Diocletian was raging... At Winchester in England, St. Swithin, bishop, whose sanctity was verified by the gift of miracles... At Bamberg, the holy bishop Otho, who preached the Gospel to the people of

Pomerania, and converted them to the faith... At Tours, the death of St. Monegundes, a pious woman.

3rd Day of the 7th Month

At Rome, the birthday of Pope St. Leo II, confessor, who passed to heaven filled with merits during the first year of his pontificate... At Chiusi in Tuscany, in the reign of Emperor Aurelian, the holy martyrs Irenaeus, a deacon, and Mustiola, a matron, who were subjected to various atrocious tortures and merited the crown of martyrdom... At Alexandria, the holy martyrs Trypho and twelve others... At Constantinople, the holy martyrs Eulogius and his companions... At Caesarea in Cappadocia, St. Hyacinth, chamberlain of the emperor Trajan. Accused of being a Christian, he was scourged and thrown into prison where he died of hunger... The same day, the holy martyrs Mark and Mucian, who were put to the sword for Christ. A small boy who cried out to them not to sacrifice to idols was then whipped, but confessing Christ still more vehemently, he was put to death with a man named Paul, who had also exhorted the martyrs... At Altino, St. Heliodorus, a bishop distinguished for holiness and learning... At Ravenna, St. Dathus, bishop and confessor... At Edessa in Mesopotamia, the translation of the apostle St. Thomas from India. His relics were afterwards taken to Ortona.

4th Day of the 7th Month

The holy prophets Osee and Aggaeus... St. Elizabeth, widow, queen of Portugal... In the diocese of Bourges, St. Laurian, bishop of Seville and martyr, whose head was taken to Seville in Spain... In Africa, the birthday of St. Jucundian, a martyr who was drowned in the sea for Christ... At Sirmium, Saints Innocent and Sebastia, with thirty other martyrs... At Madaurus in Africa, the martyr Namphanion and his companions, whom he strengthened for the combat and led to the crown of martyrdom... At Cyrene in Lybia, the holy bishop Theodore. In the persecution of Diocletian, under the governor Dignian, he was scourged with leaded whips and had his tongue cut out. Finally, however, he died a confessor... At Tours in France, the translation of St. Martin, bishop and confessor, and the dedication of his basilica, consecrated on the same day that he had been raised to the episcopate some years previously.

5th Day of the 7th Month

At San Severino in Piceno, St. Philomena, virgin... At Rome, St. Zoe, martyr, wife of the blessed martyr Nicostratus. While praying at the tomb of the apostle St. Peter, during the time of Diocletian, she was seized by the persecutors, cast into a dark dungeon, then hanged on a tree by her neck and hair, and suffocated by loathsome smoke, finally yielding up her soul in the confession of the Lord... At Jerusalem, St. Athanasius, a deacon, who was apprehended by the heretics for defending the Council of Chalcedon, and after experiencing all kinds of torments, was finally put to the sword... In Syria, the birthday of St. Domitius, martyr, who confers many favors on the people of that country by his miracles... In Sicily, the holy martyrs Agatho and Triphina... At Tomis in Scythia, the holy martyrs Marinus, Theodotus, and Sedopha... At Cyrene in Lybia, St. Cyrilla, a martyr, in the persecution of Diocletian. She held burning coals with incense on her hand for a long time, lest by shaking off the coals she should seem to offer incense to the idols. She was afterwards cruelly scourged, and went to her Spouse adorned with her own blood... At Treves, St. Nimerian, bishop and confessor.

6th Day of the 7th Month

The Octave of the holy apostles Peter and Paul... In Jerusalem, the holy prophet Isaías. During the reign of King Manasses he was put to death by being sawn in two and was buried beneath the oak of Rogel, near a running stream... At Fiesole in Tuscany, St. Romulus, bishop and martyr, disciple of the blessed apostle Peter, who commissioned him to preach the Gospel. After announcing Christ in many parts of Italy, he returned to Fiesole, and was crowned with martyrdom along with other Christians in the reign of Domitian... At Rome, the birthday of St. Tranquillinus, martyr, father of Saints Mark and Marcellian, who had been converted to Christ by the preaching of the martyr St. Sebastian. Baptized by the blessed priest Polycarp, he was ordained priest by Pope St. Caius. As he prayed at the tomb of blessed Paul on the octave of the apostles, he was arrested and stoned to death by the pagans, and thus completed his martyrdom... In Campania, St. Dominica, virgin and martyr, in the time of Emperor Diocletian. For having destroyed idols, she was

condemned to the beasts, but being left uninjured by them, she was beheaded and departed for heaven. Her body is kept with great veneration at Tropea in Calabria... The same day, St. Lucia, martyr, a native of Campania. Being arrested and severely tortured by the lieutenant-governor Rictiovarus, she converted him to Christ. To them were added Antoninus, Severinus, Diodorus, Dion, and seventeen others who shared their suffering and their crowns... In the vicinity of Treves, St. Goar, priest and confessor... St. Maria Goretti was born in 1890 in Corinaldo, Italy. At the age of nine, she was martyred in defense of her chastity.

7th Day of the 7th Month

The holy bishops Cyril and Methodius, whose respective birthdays are on the 14th day of the 2nd month and the 6th day of the 4th month... At Rome, the holy martyrs Claudius, a notary, Nicostratus, an assistant prefect, Castorius, Victorinus, and Symphorian, who had been brought to the faith of Christ by St. Sebastian, and baptized by the blessed priest Polycarp. While they were engaged in searching for the bodies of the holy martyrs, the judge Fabian had them arrested, and for ten days he tried to shake their constancy by threats and flatteries, but being utterly unable to succeed, he ordered them to be thrice tortured, then thrown into the sea... At Durazzo in Macedonia, the holy martyrs Peregrinus, Lucian, Poinpeius, Hesychius, Papius, Saturninus, and Germanus, all natives of Italy. In the persecution of Trajan they took refuge in the town of Durazzo where they saw the saintly bishop Astius hanging on a cross for the faith of Christ. They then publicly declared themselves to be Christians, when, by order of the governor, they were arrested and cast into the sea... At Brescia, St. Apollonius, bishop and confessor... At Eichstadt in Germany, St. Willibald, the first bishop of that city. He was the son of St. Richard, king of England, and brother of St. Walburga, virgin. He labored with St. Boniface in preaching the Gospel and converted many nations to Christ... In Auvergne, St. Illidius, bishop... At Urgal in Spain, St. Odo, bishop... In England, St. Hedda, bishop of the West Saxons... At Faremoutier, in the neighborhood of Meaux, St. Ethelburga, virgin, daughter of an English king.

8th Day of the 7th Month

In Asia Minor, the Ss. Aquilla and his wife Priscilla, of whom mention is made in the Acts of the Apostles... At Wurtzburg in Germany, St. Kilian, bishop, who was commissioned by the Roman Pontiff to preach the Gospel. After having converted many to Christ, he was put to death along with his companions Colman, a priest, and Totnan, a deacon... At Porto, fifty holy martyrs, all soldiers, who were led to the faith by the martyrdom of St. Bonosa, and baptized by the blessed Pope Felix. They were put to death in the persecution of Aurelian... In Palestine, in the reign of Diocletian, St. Procopius, martyr, who was brought from Scythopolis to Caesarea, and upon his first resolute answer was beheaded by the judge Fabian... At Constantinople, the holy Abrahamite monks, who resisted Emperor Theophilus by defending the veneration of sacred images, and suffered martyrdom... At Spina Lamberti in Emilia, Pope St. Adrian III, famous for his zeal in reconciling the Eastern to the Roman Church, and renowned for miracles. His body was taken to the monastery of Nonantola and buried with honors in the Church of St. Sylvester... At Treves, St. Auspicius, bishop and confessor... At Rome, blessed Eugene II, pope. Having gained a great reputation for sanctity and prudence in his government of the monastery of Saints Vincent and Anastasius, he was raised to the Sovereign Pontificate and ruled the Catholic Church in much holiness.

9th Day of the 7th Month

The Archangels Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael... At Rome, at the Ever-flowing Spring, the birthday of St. Zeno and ten thousand two hundred and three other martyrs... At Gortyna in Crete, in the persecution of Decius, under the governor Lucius, Bishop St. Cyril. When he was thrown into the flames his bonds were burned, but he was not injured. The judge, struck with awe at so great a miracle, set him at liberty, but as the saint began again immediately to preach with zeal the faith of Christ, he was beheaded... In the town of Thora, on Lake Velino in Italy, the martyrdom of the Saints Anatolia and Audax, under Emperor Decius. Anatolia, a virgin consecrated to Christ, cured many persons afflicted with various infirmities throughout the province of Piceno, and made them believe in

Christ. By order of the judge Faustinian she was condemned to different kinds of punishment. She was cured of the sting of a serpent to which she had been exposed, a miracle that converted Audax to the faith. At last, praying with outstretched hands, she was pierced with a sword. Audax was sent to prison, and without delay sentenced to capital punishment, thus obtaining the crown of martyrdom... At Alexandria, the holy martyrs Patermuthius, Copres, and Alexander, who were put to death under Julian the Apostate... At Martula in Umbria, St. Briccius, bishop. Under the judge Marcian, after having suffered much for the confession of our Lord, and having converted to Christ a great multitude of people, he rested in peace, a confessor.

10th Day of the 7th Month

At Rome, the martyrdom of the seven holy brothers, sons of the saintly martyr Felicitas. They are Januarius, Felix, Philip, Sylvanus, Alexander, Vitalis, and Martial. They died in the time of Emperor Antoninus, under Publius, prefect of the city. Januarius, after being scourged with rods and detained in prison, died from the blows inflicted with leaded whips. Felix and Philip were scourged to death. Sylvanus was thrown headlong from a great height. Alexander, Vitalis, and Martial were beheaded... Also at Rome, in the persecution of Valerian and Gallienus, the holy virgins and martyrs Rufina and Secunda, sisters. After being subjected to torments, and one having her head crushed with a sword, the other beheaded, they departed for heaven. Their bodies are kept with due honor in the Lateran basilica, near the baptistry... In Africa, the holy martyrs Januarius, Marinus, Nabor and Felix, all of whom were beheaded... At Nicopolis in Armenia, the holy martyrs Leontius, Mauritius, Daniel, and their companions, who were tortured in different ways, and being lastly cast into the fire, ended their long martyrdom in the time of Emperor Licinius and the governor Lysias... In Pisidia, the holy martyrs Bianor and Silvanus, who merited an immortal crown by being beheaded, after enduring most bitter torments for the name of Christ... At Iconium, St. Apollonius, martyr, whose glorious martyrdom was fulfilled by death on the cross... At Ghent, St. Amelberga, virgin.

11th Day of the 7th Month

At Rome, Pope St. Pius I, who was crowned with martyrdom in the persecution of Marcus Aurelius Antoninus... At Bergamo, St. John, a bishop, who was killed by the Arians for defending the Catholic faith... At Sida in Pamphylia, St. Cindeus, priest, in the time of Emperor Diocletian and the governor Stratonicus. After suffering many torments, he was thrown into the fire, but was not injured by it. He later yielded up his soul in prayer... At Cordova in Spain, St. Abundius, a priest, crowned with martyrdom while preaching against the sect of Mohammed... At Nicopolis in Armenia, the birthday of the holy martyrs Januarius and Pelagia, who for four days were racked, torn with iron claws and pieces of earthenware, and thus achieved their martyrdom... In the territory of Sens, St. Sidronius, martyr... At Iconium, St. Marcian, martyr. He obtained the palm of martyrdom by many torments, under the governor Perennius... At Brescia, the holy martyrs Savinus and Cyprian... In the territory of Poitiers, St. Sabinus, confessor.

12th Day of the 7th Month

In the monastery of Passignano, near Florence, Abbot St. John Gaulbert, founder of the Order of Vallombrosa. He condemned nepotism and all simoniacal actions and was known for the pureness and meekness of his faith... At Milan, the holy martyrs Nabor and Felix, who suffered in the persecution of Maximian. Their bodies were brought into the city by blessed Savina, and were honorably buried there... In Cyprus, St. Jason, one of the first disciples of Christ... At Lucca in Tuscany, blessed Paulinus, who was consecrated first bishop of that city by St. Peter. Under Nero he completed his martyrdom along with many others at the foot of Mt. Pisa, but only after many trials... At Aquileia, the birthday of St. Hermagoras, disciple of the blessed evangelist Mark, and first bishop of that city. When performing miraculous cures, or while preaching, frequently bringing souls to repentance, he suffered many torments. Finally by capital punishment he merited an immortal triumph along with his deacon Fortunatus... The same day, the Saints Proclus and Hilarion, who won the palm of martyrdom after most bitter torments, in the time of Emperor Trajan and the governor Maximus... At Toledo in Spain, St. Marciana, virgin and martyr. For the faith of

Christ, she was cast to the beasts, torn to pieces by a bull, and was thus crowned with martyrdom... At Lentini, St. Epiphana, who, after her breasts were cut away, died in the time of Emperor Diocletian and the governor Tertillus... At Lyons, St. Viventius, bishop... At Bologna, St. Papernian, bishop.

13th Day of the 7th Month

At Rome, the birthday of St. Cletus, also known as Anacletus, the pope who governed the Church the second after the apostle St. Peter, and was crowned with martyrdom in the persecution of Domitian... In Palestine, the holy prophets Joel and Esdras... In Macedonia, blessed Silas, one of the first Christians. The apostles sent him with Paul and Barnabas to the churches of the gentiles. Filled with the grace of God, he zealously discharged the office of preaching, and after glorifying Christ by his sufferings, rested in peace... Also, St. Serapion, martyr, who obtained the crown of martyrdom by fire, in the time of Emperor Severus and the governor Aquila... In the island of Chio, in the time of Emperor Decius and the governor Numerian, the martyr St. Myrope. She went to the Lord after being beaten with clubs... In Africa, the holy confessors Eugene, the faithful and virtuous bishop of Carthage, and all the clergy of that Church, to the number of about five hundred or more, among whom were many small children who performed the office of lector. In the persecution of the Vandals, under the Arian king Hunneric, they were subjected to scourging and starvation, and driven into a most painful banishment which they bore with joy for God's sake. In their number were also two distinguished persons, the archdeacon Salutaris, and Muritta, occupying the second rank among the ministers of the Church. Both had three times confessed the faith, and were illustrious by their sturdy perseverance in Christianity... In Brittany, St. Turian, bishop and confessor, a man of admirable simplicity and innocence.

14th Day of the 7th Month

At Rome, St. Justus, a soldier under the tribune Claudius. When a miraculous cross appeared to him he believed in Christ, was baptized, and gave away his goods to the poor. Afterwards arrested by the prefect Magnetius, he was scourged with rods, had a heated helmet put on his head, and was thrown into

the fire, but received no injury, not even to a hair of his head. In the end he yielded up his soul confessing the Lord... At Sinope in Pontus, the martyr St. Phocas, bishop of that city. Under Emperor Trajan, after having been imprisoned, bound, struck with the sword, and exposed to the fire for Christ, he departed to heaven. His remains were brought to Vienne in France, and deposited in the Church of the Holy Apostles... At Carthage, St. Cyrus, bishop, on whose festival St. Augustine spoke of him to his people... At Como, St. Felix, first bishop of that city... At Brescia, St. Optatian, bishop... At Deventer in Belgium, St. Marcellinus, priest and confessor.

15th Day of the 7th Month

Old Testament women: Eve, Sara (wife of Abraham), Rebecca, Rachel, Lia, Bala, Zelpha, Prophetess Mariam (sister of Moses & Aaron), Rahab, Ruth, Judith, Susanna, Sara (wife of Tobias), Queen Esther & Prophetess Holda... At Pavia, St. Felix, bishop and martyr... At Porto, the birthday of the holy martyrs Eutropius, and the sisters Zosima and Bonosa... At Carthage, blessed Catulinus, deacon, whose glories were proclaimed by St. Augustine in a sermon to his people... Also the Saints Januarius, Florentius, Julia, and Justa, martyrs, who were entombed in the Church of St. Faustus... At Alexandria, the holy martyrs Philip, Zeno, Narseus, and ten children... In the island of Tenedos, St. Abudemius, a martyr, who suffered under Diocletian... At Sebaste, St. Antiochus, a physician, who was beheaded under the governor Adrian. On seeing milk flowing from his wounds instead of blood, Cyriacus, his executioner, was converted to Christ and endured martyrdom... At Nisibis in Mesopotamia, the birthday of St. James, bishop of that city, a man celebrated for great holiness, miracles, and learning. He was one of those who confessed the faith during the persecution of Galerius Maximian, and later condemned the perverse heresy of Arius in the Council Nicaea by opposing to it the doctrine of consubstantiality. It was also owing to his prayers, and those of the bishop Alexander, that Arius received at Constantinople the suitable punishment of his iniquity, his bowels gushing out... At Naples in Campania, St. Athanasius, bishop of that city, who suffered a great deal from his wicked nephew Sergius, by whom he was driven from his diocese.

Overcome with afflictions, he departed for heaven at Veroli, in the time of Charles the Bald... At Palermo, the finding of the body of St. Rosalia, virgin of that city.

16th Day of the 7th Month

At Sebaste in Armenia, the holy martyrs Athenogenes, bishop, and ten of his disciples, in the time of Emperor Diocletian... At Treves, St. Valentine, bishop and martyr... At Cordova in Spain, St. Sisenand, cleric and martyr, who was strangled by the Saracens for the faith of Christ... The same day, the birthday of St. Faustus, a martyr, under Decius. He lived five days fastened to a cross, and being then pierced with arrows, he went to heaven... At Saintes in France, the holy martyrs Raineld, virgin, and her companions who were slain by barbarians for the Christian faith... At Bergamo, St. Domnio, martyr... At Antioch, the birthday of blessed Eustace, bishop and confessor, celebrated for learning and sanctity. Under the Arian emperor Constantius, for the defense of the Catholic faith, he was banished to Trajanopolis in Thrace, where he rested in the Lord... At Capua, St. Vitalian, bishop and confessor... The translation of St. Hilarmus, a monk, to Ostia. He was arrested with St. Donatus in the persecution of Julian. Because he refused to sacrifice to idols, he was finally scourged at Arezzo in Tuscany, and underwent martyrdom on the 7th day of the 8th month.

17th Day of the 7th Month

At Carthage, the birthday of the holy Scillitan martyrs Speratus, Narzales, Cythinus, Venturius, Felix, Acyllinus, Laetantius, Januaria, Generosa, Vestina, Donata, and Secunda. By order of the prefect Saturninus, after their first confession of the faith, they were sent to prison, nailed to a cross, and finally beheaded. The relics of Speratus, with the bones of blessed Cyprian and the head of the martyr, St. Pantaleon, were carried from Africa into France and honorably buried in the basilica of St. John the Baptist at Lyons... At Amastris in Paphlagonia, St. Hyacinth, martyr, who died in prison after much suffering, under the prefect Castritius... At Tivoli, St. Generosus, martyr... At Constantinople, St. Theodota, martyr, under Leo the Iconoclast... At Rome, the death of Pope St. Leo IV... At Pavia, St. Ennodius, bishop and confessor... At Auxerre, St.

Theodosius, bishop... At Milan, the virgin saint Marcellina, sister of the blessed bishop Ambrose, who received the religious veil in the basilica of St. Peter at Rome. Her sanctity is attested to by St. Ambrose in his writings... At Venice, the translation of St. Marina, virgin.

18th Day of the 7th Month

At Tivoli, in the time of Emperor Hadrian, St. Symphorosa, wife of the martyr St. Getulius, with her seven sons, Crescens, Julian, Nemesius, Primitivus, Justin, Stacteus, and Eugene. The mother, because of her invincible constancy, was first beaten a long time, then suspended by her hair, and lastly thrown into the river with a stone tied to her body. Her sons were stretched by pulleys attached to stakes, and completed their martyrdom in divers ways. Afterwards, their bodies were taken to Rome, and later were found in the sacristy of St. Angelo in Piscina... At Utrecht, St. Frederick, bishop and martyr... At Silistria in Bulgaria, St. Emilian, martyr, who was cast into a furnace, in the time of Julian the Apostate, under the governor Capitolinus, and received the palm of martyrdom... At Carthage, St. Gundenes, virgin. By order of the proconsul Ruffinus, she was at four different times stretched on the rack for the faith of Christ, horribly lacerated with iron hooks, confined for a long time in a filthy prison, and finally put to the sword... In Spanish Galicia, St. Marina, virgin and martyr... At Milan, in the reign of Maximian, the holy bishop Maternus. For the faith of Christ and the Church entrusted to him, he was thrown into prison and frequently scourged. Finally he went to his rest in the Lord with a great renown for his repeated confession of the faith... At Brescia, the birthday of St. Philastrius, bishop of that city, who both by word and writing opposed the heretics, especially the Arians, from whom he suffered greatly. Finally he died in peace, a confessor renowned for miracles... At Segni, St. Bruno, bishop and confessor... At Forlimpopoli in Emilia, St. Ruffillus, bishop of that city.

19th Day of the 7th Month

At Colossae in Phrygia, the birthday of St. Epaphras, whom the apostle St. Paul calls his fellow-prisoner. By the same apostle he was consecrated bishop of Colossae, where, becoming renowned for his virtues,

he received the palm of martyrdom for defending courageously the flock committed to his charge. His body lies at Rome in the basilica of St. Mary Major... At Treves, St. Martin, bishop and martyr... At Seville in Spain, the martyrdom of the holy virgins Justa and Rufina. Arrested by the governor Diogenian, they were stretched on the rack and lacerated with iron claws, then imprisoned and subjected to starvation and various tortures. Justa died in prison, but Rufina's neck was broken for the confession of the Lord... At Cordova in Spain, St. Aura, virgin, the sister, of the holy martyrs Adolphus and John. A Mohammedan had persuaded her to apostatize for a while, but repenting of what she had done, in the second trial overcame the enemy by the shedding of her blood... At Rome, Pope St. Symmachus, who for a long time had much to bear from a faction of schismatics. At last, distinguished by holiness, he went to God... At Verona, St. Felix, bishop.

20th Day of the 7th Month

In Judea, the birthday of blessed Joseph, surnamed the Just, whom the apostles selected with blessed Matthias for the apostleship to replace the traitor Judas. The lot having fallen upon Matthias, Joseph, notwithstanding, continued to preach and to advance in virtue, and after having sustained from the Jews many persecutions for the faith of Christ, he happily completed his life. It is related of him that having drunk poison, he received no injury from it, because of his confidence in the Lord... At Antioch, the passion of St. Margaret, virgin and martyr... On Mount Carmel, the holy prophet Elias... At Cordova in Spain, St. Paul, deacon and martyr. For rebuking Mohammedan princes for their impiety and cruelty, and preaching Christ with constancy, he was put to death and went to his reward in heaven... At Damascus, the holy martyrs Sabinus, Julian, Maximus, Macrobius, Cassia, and Paul, with ten others... In Portugal, St. Wilgefortis, virgin and martyr, who merited the crown of martyrdom on a cross in defense of the faith and her chastity... The same day, the birthday of St. Flavian II, bishop of Antioch, and St. Elias, bishop of Jerusalem. They were driven into exile by Emperor Anastasius for their defense of the Council of Chalcedon, and there they went victoriously to the Lord... At Boulogne, in France, the abbot St. Wulmar, a man of admirable sanctity... At Treves, St. Severa, virgin.

21st Day of the 7th Month

At Rome, the holy virgin Praxedes, who was brought up in all chastity and in the knowledge of the divine law. Diligently attending to watching, prayer, and fasting, she rested in Christ, and was buried near her sister Pudenciana on the Salarian Way... At Babylon, the holy prophet Daniel... At Comana in Armenia, the holy bishop and martyr Zoticus, who was crowned under Severus... At Marseilles, the birthday of St. Victor, a soldier. Because he refused to serve in the army and sacrifice to idols, he was thrust into prison, where he was visited by an angel. He was subjected to various torments, and finally being crushed under a millstone, he ended his martyrdom. With him also suffered three soldiers, Alexander, Felician, and Longinus... At Troyes in France, the martyrdom of the saints Claudius, Justus, Jucundinus, and five companions, in the time of Emperor Aurelian... In the same place, St. Julia, virgin and martyr... At Strasbourg, St. Arbogastus, a bishop, renowned for miracles.

22nd Day of the 7th Month

At Ephesus, the birthday of St. Mary Magdalene, out of whom our Lord expelled seven demons, and who deserved to be the first to see the Saviour after He had risen from the dead... At Philippi in Macedonia, St. Syntyche, mentioned by the blessed apostle Paul... At Ancyra in Galatia, the birthday of the martyr St. Plato. Under the lieutenant-governor Agrippinus, he was scourged, lacerated with iron hooks, and subjected to other most atrocious torments, and finally being beheaded, he rendered his invincible soul to God. The Acts of the Second Council of Nicaea bear witness to his miracles in helping captives... In Cyprus, St. Theophilus, a praetor, who was apprehended by the Arabs, and as he could not be induced either by gifts or by threats to deny Christ, was put to the sword... At Antioch, the holy bishop Cyril, who was distinguished for learning and holiness... At Menat, in the territory of Auvergne, St. Meneleus, abbot... In the monastery of Fontanelle in France, Abbot St. Wandrille, famous for his miracles. His body was afterwards translated to the monastery of Blandin, in Flanders... At Scythopolis in Palestine, St. Joseph, formerly a Rabbinical scholar, who, after his

conversion, was raised to the rank of count by the Holy Roman Emperor St. Constantine the Great.

23rd Day of the 7th Month

At Ravenna, the birthday of the holy bishop Apollinaris, who was consecrated at Rome by the apostle Peter, and sent to Ravenna, where he endured many different tribulations for the faith of Christ. He afterwards preached the Gospel in Emilia, where he converted many from the worship of idols. Finally, returning to Ravenna, he completed his confession of Christ by a glorious martyrdom under Vespasian Caesar... At Le Mans in France, St. Liborius, bishop and confessor... At Rome, St. Rasyphus, martyr... In the same city, the martyrdom of St. Primitiva, virgin and martyr... Also the holy martyrs Apollonius and Eugene... The same day, the birthday of the holy martyrs Trophimus and Theophilus, who received their crown of martyrdom by being beaten with stones, scorched with fire, and finally struck with the sword, in the time of Emperor Diocletian... In Bulgaria, many holy martyrs, whom the impious Emperor Nicephorus, while devastating the churches of God, put to death in various ways: by the sword, by hanging, arrows, long imprisonment, and by starvation... At Rome, the saintly virgins Romula, Redempta, and Herundo, mentioned by Pope St. Gregory in his writings.

24th Day of the 7th Month

At Tiro in Tuscany, on Lake Bolsena, St. Christina, virgin and martyr. Because she believed in Christ, and broke up her father's gold and silver idols to give them to the poor, she was cruelly scourged at his command, subjected to other most severe torments, and thrown with a heavy stone into the lake from which she was drawn out by an angel. Then under another judge, who succeeded her father, she bore courageously still more bitter tortures. Finally, after she had been shut up by the governor Julian in a burning furnace for five days without any injury, after being cured of the sting of serpents, she ended her martyrdom by having her tongue cut out, and being pierced with arrows... At Rome, on the Tiburtine Way, St. Vincent, martyr... At Amiterno in Abruzzi, the martyrdom of eighty-three holy soldiers... At Merida in Spain, St. Victor, a soldier who, with his two brothers, Stercatius and Antinogenes, by divers torments fulfilled his

martyrdom in the persecution of Diocletian... Also, the holy martyrs Meneus and Capito... In Lycia, the holy martyrs Niceta and Aquilina, who were converted to Christ by the preaching of the blessed martyr Christopher, and gained the palm of martyrdom by being beheaded... At Sens, St. Ursicinus, bishop and confessor.

25th Day of the 7th Month

St. James the Apostle, brother of the blessed evangelist John, who was killed by the sword by Herod Agrippa at about the feast of the Resurrection. He was the first of the apostles to receive the crown of martyrdom. His sacred bones were on this day carried from Jerusalem to Spain, and placed in the remote province of Galicia, where they are devoutly honored by the far-famed piety of the inhabitants, and the frequent concourse of Christians, who visit them through piety and in fulfillment of vows... In Lycia, in the time of Decius, St. Christopher, martyr. Being scourged with iron rods, cast into the flames, from which he was saved by the power of Christ, and finally transfixed with arrows and beheaded, he completed his martyrdom... At Barcelona in Spain, during the persecution of Diocletian and under the governor Dacian, the birthday of the holy martyr Cucuphas. After overcoming many torments, he was struck with the sword, and thus went triumphantly to heaven... In Palestine, St. Paul, a martyr in the persecution of Maximian Galerius, under the governor Firmilian. He was condemned to death, but having obtained a short period for prayer, he besought God with all his heart, first for his own countrymen, then for the Jews and the Gentiles, that they might embrace the true faith, next for the multitude of the spectators, and finally for the judge who had condemned him and the executioner who was to strike him; after which he received the crown of martyrdom by beheading... At Forcono in Abruzzi, the holy martyrs Florentius and Felix, natives of Siponte... At Cordova, St. Theodemir, monk and martyr... In Palestine, St. Valentina, a virgin, who was led to an altar to offer sacrifice, but overturning it with her foot, she was cruelly tortured, and being cast into the fire with another virgin, her companion, she went to her Spouse... At Treves, St. Magnericus, bishop and confessor.

26th Day of the 7th Month

The departure from this life of St. Anne, mother of the Immaculate Virgin Mary, the Mother of God... At Philippi in Macedonia, the birthday of St. Erastus, who was appointed bishop of that place by the blessed apostle Paul, and was there crowned with martyrdom... At Rome, on the Latin Way, the holy martyrs Symphronius, Olympius, Theodulus, and Exuperia, who were burned alive, and thus obtained the palm of martyrdom... At Porto, St. Hyacinth, martyr, who was first thrown into the fire, and then cast into a stream without being injured. Afterwards, under Emperor Trajan, being struck with the sword by the exconsul Leontius, his martyrdom was fulfilled. His body was buried by the matron Julia on her own estate near Rome... At Verona, St. Valens, bishop and confessor... At Rome, St. Pastor, a priest in whose name a title exists in the church of St. Pudentiana, on the Viminal Hill... In the monastery of St. Benedict, near Mantua, St. Simeon, monk, who was renowned for many miracles and at an advanced age rested in the Lord.

27th Day of the 7th Month

At Nicomedia, the martyrdom of St. Pantaleon, a physician. For the faith of Christ he was apprehended by Emperor Maximian, subjected to the torture and burned with torches, during which torments he was comforted by an apparition of our Lord. He ended his martyrdom by a stroke of the sword... Also at Nicomedia, St. Hermolaus, priest by whose instructions blessed Pantaleon was converted to the faith... At Bisceglia in Apulia, the holy martyrs Maur, a bishop, Pantaleon, and Sergius, who suffered under Trajan... Also, the Saints Hermippus and Hermocrates, brothers. After many sufferings borne for the confession of Christ, they were condemned to death by the same Maximian... At Cordova in Spain, during the Arab persecution, the holy martyrs George, a deacon, Aurelius and his wife, Natalia, Felix and his wife, Liliosa... At Nola, the holy martyrs Felix, Julia, and Jucunda... In the country of the Homerites in Arabia, the commemoration of the holy martyrs, who were delivered to the flames for the faith of Christ under the tyrant Dunaan... At Rome, Pope St. Celestine I, who had condemned Nestorius, bishop of Constantinople, and put Pelagius to flight. By his command the holy universal Council of Ephesus was

also held against the same Nestorius... At Auxerre, the death of blessed Aetherius, bishop and confessor... At Constantinople, blessed Anthusa, virgin. After being scourged and banished by Constantine Copronymus for the veneration of holy images, she rested in the Lord.

28th Day of the 7th Month

At Milan, the birthday of the holy martyrs Nazarius and a boy named Celsus. While the persecution excited by Nero was raging, they were beheaded by Anolinus, after long sufferings and afflictions endured in prison... At Rome, the martyrdom of St. Victor, pope and martyr... Also at Rome, St. Innocent, pope and confessor, who passed to the Lord on the 12th day of the 3rd month... In Thebais in Egypt, the commemoration of many holy martyrs who suffered in the persecution of Decius and Valerian. At this time, when Christians sought death by the sword for the name of Christ, the crafty enemy devised certain slow torments to put them to death, wishing to kill their souls much more than their bodies. One of these Christians, after suffering the torture of the rack, of hot metal plates and of seething oil, was smeared with honey and exposed, in the broiling heat of the sun, with his hands tied behind him, to the stings of wasps and flies. Another, bound and placed among flowers, being approached by a shameless woman for the purpose of exciting his passions, bit through his tongue and spat it in her face... At Ancyra in Galatia, the holy martyr Eustathius. After various torments he was plunged into a river, but being delivered by an angel, was finally called to his everlasting reward by a dove coming from heaven... At Miletus, in the time of Emperor Licinius, the holy martyr Acatius, who completed his martyrdom by having his head struck off, after having undergone different torments and having been thrown into a furnace, from which through the assistance of God he came out uninjured... In Brittany, St. Sampson, bishop and confessor... At Lyons in France, St. Peregrinus, priest, whose happiness in heaven is testified by glorious miracles.

29th Day of the 7th Month

At Bethany, St. Lazarius and his sisters St. Martha and St. Mary of Bethany... At Rome, on the Aurelian Way, St. Felix II, pope and martyr. Being

expelled from his See by the Arian emperor Constantius for defending the Catholic faith, and being put to the sword privately at Cera in Tuscany, he died gloriously. His body was taken away from that place by clerics, and buried on the Aurelian Way. It was afterwards brought to the Church of the Ss. Cosmas and Damian, where it was found beneath the altar with the relics of the holy martyrs Mark, Marcellian, and Tranquillinus, and with the latter was put back in the same place on the 31st day of the 7th month. In the same altar were also found the bodies of the holy martyrs Abundius, a priest, and Abundantius, a deacon, which were shortly after transferred to the Church of the Holy Name of Jesus, on the eve of their feast... Also at Rome, on the Via Portuensis, the holy martyrs Simplicius, Faustinus, and Beatrice, in the time of Emperor Diocletian. The first two, after being subjected to many different torments, were condemned to suffer death; Beatrice, their sister, was smothered in prison for the confession of Christ... At Rome likewise the holy martyrs Lucilla and Flora, virgins, Eugenius, Antoninus, Theodore, and eighteen companions, who underwent martyrdom in the reign of Emperor Gallienus... Again at Rome, St. Serapia, virgin. Under Emperor Hadrian, she was delivered to two lustful young men, and as she could not be corrupted, nor afterwards burned with lighted torches, she was beaten with rods, and finally beheaded by order of the judge Berillus. She was buried by blessed Sabina in her own tomb, near the field of Vindician. But the commemoration of her martyrdom is celebrated more solemnly on the 3rd day of the 9th month, when their common tomb was finished and adorned, and dedicated as a place of prayer... At Gangra in Paphlagonia, St. Callinicus, martyr, who was scourged with iron rods, and given over to other torments. Being finally cast into a furnace, he gave up his soul to God... In Norway, St. Olaf, king and martyr... At Troyes in France, St. Lupus, bishop and confessor, who went with blessed Germanus to England to command the Pelagian heresy, and by diligent prayer defended the city of Troyes from the wrath of Attila, who was devastating all France. At length, having religiously discharged the functions of the priesthood for fifty-two years, he rested in peace... At St. Brieuc in France, St. William, bishop and confessor... Also, the death of blessed Prosper, bishop of Orleans... At Todi, St. Faustinus, confessor... At Mamia, St. Serafina... At Rome, blessed Pope Urban II, who

aroused the faithful, signed with the sign of the cross, to recover the holy places of Palestine from the power of the infidels.

30th Day of the 7th Month

At Rome, in the reign of Decius, the holy Persian martyrs Abdon and Sennen, who were bound with chains, brought to Rome, scourged with leaded whips for the faith of Christ, and then put to the sword... At Assisi in Umbria, St. Rufinus, martyr... At Tuberbum Lucernarium in Africa, the holy virgins and martyrs Maxima, Donatilla, and Secunda. The first two, in the persecution of Valerian and Gallienus, were forced to drink vinegar and gall, then scourged most severely, stretched on the rack, burned on the gridiron, rubbed over with lime, and afterwards exposed to the beasts with the virgin Secunda, twelve years old. But being untouched by them, they were finally beheaded... At Caesarea in Cappadocia, St. Julitta, martyr. As she sought through the courts the restitution of goods seized by a man of influence, the latter objected that, being a Christian, her cause could not be pleaded. The judge commanded her to offer sacrifice to the idols, that she might be heard. She refused with great constancy, and being thrown into the fire, yielded

her spirit to God. Her body remained uninjured by the flames... At Auxerre, St. Ursus, bishop and confessor.

31st Day of the 7th Month

At Milan, during the persecution of Antoninus, St. Calimerius, bishop and martyr, who was arrested, covered with wounds, and his throat transfixing with a sword. He completed his martyrdom by being cast into a well... At Caesarea in Mauretania, the martyrdom of the blessed martyr Fabius. Because he refused to carry the pagan banners of the governor of the province, he was thrown into prison for some days, and as he persisted twice in confessing Christ when brought before the judge, he was condemned to death... At Synnada in Phrygia Pacatiana, the holy martyrs Democritus, Secundus, and Denis... In Syria, three hundred and fifty monks, who became martyrs by being slain by the heretics for defending the Council of Chalcedon... At Ravenna, the death of St. Germanus, bishop of Auxerre, a man most renowned for his birth, faith, learning, and glorious miracles, who freed England completely from the heretical doctrines of the Pelagians... At Tagaste in Africa, St. Firmus, bishop, illustrious by a glorious confession of the faith.

EIGHTH MONTH

1st Day of the 8th Month

The veneration of St. Peter's Chains when he was in a Roman prison... At Vercelli, St. Eusebius, bishop and martyr... At Rome, on the Latin Way, the holy martyrs Bonus, a priest, Faustus, and Maur, with nine others... Also at Rome, the holy virgins Faith, Hope, and Charity, children of St. Sophia, who won the crown of martyrdom under Emperor Hadrian... At Philadelphia in Arabia, the holy martyrs Cyril, Aquila, Peter, Domitian, Rufus, and Menander, crowned on the same day... At Perge in Pamphylia, the holy martyrs Leontius, Attius, Alexander, and six peasants, who were beheaded in the persecution of Diocletian, under the governor Flavian... At Gerona in Spain, the birthday of the holy martyr Felix. After enduring various torments, by order of Dacian he was cut with knives until he gave his undaunted soul to Christ... In the diocese of Paris, St. Justin, martyr... At Vienne in France, St. Verus, bishop... At Winchester in England, St. Ethelwold, bishop... In the country of Lisieux, St. Nemesius, confessor.

2nd Day of the 8th Month

At Antioch, the martyrdom of the seven holy brothers and their mother, mentioned in the Biblical book of the Machabees, who suffered under King Antiochus Epiphanes. Their relics were transferred to Rome, and placed in the church of St. Peter in Chains... At Nicaea in Bithynia, the martyrdom of St. Theodota with her three sons. The eldest named Evodius, confessing Christ with confidence, was first beaten with rods by order of Nicetius, exconsul of Bithynia, and then the mother, with all her sons, was consumed by fire... In Africa, St. Rutilius, martyr. He had frequently secured safety from the perils of persecution by flight, and sometimes even by means of money, but at last, being unexpectedly apprehended, he was led to the governor and subjected to many tortures. Afterwards he was cast into the fire, and thus merited the glorious crown of martyrdom... At Padua, St. Maximus, bishop of that city, who ended his blessed life in peace, with a reputation for miracles.

3rd Day of the 8th Month

At Jerusalem, the finding of the body of blessed Stephen, first martyr, and of the Saints Gamaliel, Nicodemus, and Abibo, through a divine revelation made to the priest Lucian, in the time of Emperor Honorius... At Philippi in Macedonia, St. Lydia, a dealer in purple, who was the first to believe in the Gospel when the apostle St. Paul preached in that city, as is related by St. Luke in the Acts of the Apostles... At Naples in Campania, St. Aspren, bishop, who was cured of a sickness by the apostle St. Peter, and after being baptized, was made bishop of that city... At Constantinople, the birthday of St. Hermellus, martyr... Among the Indians, bordering on Persia, the martyrdom of holy monks and other Christians who were put to death after suffering diverse torments, during the persecution of the Church of God by King Abenner... At Autun, the death of St. Euphronius, bishop and confessor... At Beroea in Syria, the holy women Marana and Cyra.

4th Day of the 8th Month

St. Dominic, confessor, founder of the Order of Friars Preachers, who on 6th Day of this month rested in peace... At Thessalonica, the birthday of blessed Aristarchus, disciple and inseparable companion of the apostle St. Paul, who writes to the Colossians: "My fellow-prisoner Aristarchus salutes you." He was consecrated bishop of the Thessalonians by the same apostle, and after long sufferings under Nero, crowned by Christ, rested in peace... At Rome, St. Perpetua, who was baptized by the blessed apostle Peter. She converted to the faith her son Nazarius and her husband Africanus, buried the remains of many holy martyrs, and finally went to our Lord endowed with an abundance of merit... At Rome, on the Latin Way, the martyrdom of blessed Tertullinus, priest and martyr, in the time of Emperor Valerian. After being cruelly beaten with rods, after having his sides burned, his mouth smashed; after being stretched on the rack and his limbs crushed, he completed his martyrdom by being beheaded... At Constantinople, the holy martyr Eleutherius, of the senatorial rank, who was put to the sword for Christ in the persecution of Maximian... In Persia, in the time of King Sapor, the holy martyr Ia and her companions, who, with nine thousand Christian captives, underwent martyrdom after having been subjected to various

torments... At Verona, St. Agabius, bishop and confessor... At Tours, St. Euphronius, bishop... At Cologne, the commemoration of St. Protase, martyr. In company with his brother Gervase, he suffered at Milan on the 19th day of the 6th month.

5th Day of the 8th Month

At Rome, on the Esquiline, the Dedication of the Church of St. Mary of the Snows... At Chalons in France, St. Memmius, a Roman citizen, who was consecrated bishop of that city by St. Peter the Apostle, and brought to the truth of the Gospel the people committed to his care... At Rome, during the persecution of Diocletian, the martyrdom of twenty-three holy martyrs, who were beheaded on the Salarian Way, and buried at the foot of Cucumer Hill... At Ascoli in Piceno, St. Emygdus, bishop and martyr, who was consecrated bishop by Pope St. Marcellus, and sent thither to preach the Gospel. He received the crown of martyrdom for the confession of Christ under Emperor Diocletian... At Antioch, St. Eusignius, a soldier, who, at the age of one hundred and ten years, because he reproached Julian the Apostate for forsaking the faith of the Holy Roman Emperor St. Constantine the Great, under whom he had served, and for having degenerated from his ancestors' piety, was beheaded at his command... Also the holy martyrs Cantidius, Cantidian, and Sobel, Egyptians... At Augsburg, the birthday of St. Afra, martyr, who, being a pagan, was converted to Christ by the teaching of St. Narcissus the bishop, and being baptized with all her household, was given over to the flames for the sake of Christ. Seven days later her mother Hilaria and three handmaids were also crowned by enduring the same kind of torment... At Autun, blessed Cassian, bishop... At Teano in Campania, St. Paris, bishop... In England, St. Oswald, king.

6th Day of the 8th Month

On Mount Thabor, the Transfiguration of our Lord Jesus Christ... At Rome, on the Appian Way, in the cemetery of Callistus, the birthday of blessed Sixtus II, pope and martyr, who received the crown of martyrdom in the persecution of Valerian by being put to the sword... Also, the holy martyrs Felicissimus and Agapitus, deacons of blessed Sixtus; Januarius, Magnus, Vincent, and Stephen, subdeacons, all of whom were beheaded with him

and buried in the cemetery of Praetextatus. With them suffered also blessed Quartus, as is related by St. Cyprian... At Bologna, the birthday of St. Dominic, confessor, founder of the Order of Friars Preachers, most renowned for sanctity and learning. He preserved his chastity unsullied to the end of his life, and by his great merits raised three persons from the dead. After having repressed heresies by his preaching, and instructed many in the religious and godly life, he rested in peace. His feast is celebrated on the 4th day of the 8th month... At Burgos in Spain, in the monastery of St. Peter of Cardegna, of the Order of St. Benedict, two hundred monks, with their abbot Stephen, who were put to death for the faith of Christ by the Saracens, and buried in the monastery by Christians... At Alcala in Spain, the holy martyrs Justus and Pastor, brothers. While they were yet schoolboys, they threw aside their books in school, and spontaneously ran to martyrdom. By order of the governor Dacian, they were arrested, beaten with rods, and as they exhorted each other to constancy, were led out of the city, and had their throats cut by the executioner... At Rome, St. Hormisdas, pope and confessor... At Amida, St. James, a hermit renowned for miracles.

7th Day of the 8th Month

At Arezzo in Tuscany, the birthday of St. Donatus, bishop and martyr, who among other miraculous deeds by his prayers (as is related by blessed Pope Gregory) made whole again a sacred chalice which had been broken by pagans. Being apprehended by the imperial officer Quadratian, during the persecution of Julian the Apostate, and refusing to sacrifice to idols, he was struck with the sword, and thus fulfilled his martyrdom. With him suffered also the blessed monk Hilarinus, whose feast is celebrated on the 16th day of the 7th month, at which time his body was taken to Ostia... At Rome, the holy martyrs Peter and Julian, with eighteen others... At Milan, St. Faustus, a soldier, who obtained the palm of martyrdom after many trials in the time of Aurelius Commodus... At Como, the passion of the holy martyrs Carpophorus, Exanthus, Cassius, Severinus, Secundus, and Licinius, who were beheaded for the confession of Christ... At Nisibis in Mesopotamia, St. Dometius, a Persian monk, who was stoned to death with two of his disciples at the time of Julian the Apostate... At Rouen, the holy bishop St. Victricius. While he was

yet a soldier under Julian, he threw away his military belt for Christ, and after being subjected by the tribune to many torments, was condemned to death. But the executioner sent to slay him being struck blind, and the confessor's chains being loosened, he made his escape. Afterwards being made bishop, by preaching the word of God, he brought to the faith of Christ the barbarous people of Belgic Gaul, and finally died in peace, a confessor... At Chalons in France, St. Donatian, bishop... At Messina in Sicily, St. Albert, confessor of the Carmelite Order, renowned for miracles.

8th Day of the 8th Month

The holy martyrs Cyriacus, deacon, Largus, and Smaragdus, with twenty others who suffered on the 16th day of the 3rd Month, during the persecution of Diocletian and Maximian. Their bodies were buried on the Salarian Way by the priest John, but were on this day translated by Pope St. Marcellus to the estate of Lucina, on the Ostian Way. Afterwards they were brought to the city and placed in the church of St. Mary in Via Lata... At Anzarba in Cilicia, St. Marinus, an old man who was scourged, racked, and lacerated, and who died by being exposed to wild beasts, in the time of Emperor Diocletian and the governor Lysias... Also, the holy martyrs Eleutherius and Leonides, who underwent martyrdom by fire... In Persia, St. Hormisdas, a martyr, under King Sapor... At Cyzicum, on the Hellespont, St. Aemilian, bishop, who ended his life in exile after having suffered much from Emperor Leo for the veneration of holy images... In Crete, St. Myron, a bishop renowned for miracles... At Vienne in France, St. Severus, priest and confessor, who undertook a painful journey from India in order to preach the Gospel in that city, and converted a great number of pagans to the faith of Christ by his works and miracles.

9th Day of the 8th Month

At Rome, St. Romanus, a soldier, who was moved by the torments of blessed Lawrence to ask for baptism from him. He was immediately prosecuted, scourged, and finally beheaded... In Tuscany, the birthday of the holy martyrs Secundian, Marcellian, and Verian. In the time of Decius, they were scourged by the exconsul Promotus, then racked and torn with iron hooks. Being burned with fire applied

to their sides, they merited the triumphant palm of martyrdom by being beheaded... At Verona, the holy martyrs Firmus and Rusticus. When they refused to sacrifice to idols and remained constant in confessing Christ, after they had overcome many other torments, they were condemned to be scourged and beheaded by Anolinus, a judge, during the reign of Emperor Maximian... In Africa, the commemoration of many holy martyrs during the persecution of Valerian. Being exhorted by St. Numidicus, they obtained the palm of martyrdom by being cast into the fire, but Numidicus, although thrown into the flames with the others and overwhelmed with stones, was nevertheless taken out by his daughter. Found half dead, he was restored and deserved afterwards by his virtue to be made priest of the Church of Carthage by blessed Cyprian... At Constantinople, the holy martyrs Julian, Marcian, and eight others. For having set up the image of our Saviour on the brass gate, they were exposed to many torments, and then beheaded by order of the impious emperor Leo... At Chalons in France, St. Domitian, bishop and confessor.

10th Day of the 8th Month

At Rome, on the Tiburtine Way, the birthday of the blessed archdeacon Lawrence, a martyr during the persecution of Valerian. After much suffering from imprisonment, from scourging with whips set with iron or lead, from hot metal plates, he at last completed his martyrdom by being slowly consumed on an iron instrument made in the form of a gridiron. His body was buried by blessed Hippolytus and the priest Justin in the cemetery of Cyriaca, in the Agro Verano... In Spain, the apparition of the Blessed Virgin Mary under the title of Our Lady of Ransom, foundress of the Order for the Redemption of Captives. Her feast is celebrated on the 24th day of the 9th month... At Rome, the passion of one hundred and sixty-five holy martyrs, who were soldiers under Emperor Aurelian... At Alexandria, the commemoration of the holy martyrs who in the persecution of Valerian, under the governor Emilian, were long tormented with diverse and sharp tortures, and obtained the crown of martyrdom by various kinds of deaths... At Bergamo, St. Asteria, virgin and martyr, in the persecution of Emperors Diocletian and Maximian... At Carthage, the holy virgins and martyrs Bassa, Paula, and Agathonica... At Rome, the holy confessor Deusdedit, a laboring

man who gave to the poor what he had earned during the week.

11th Day of the 8th Month

At Rome, between the two laurels situated about three miles from the city, the birthday of St. Tiburtius, martyr, under the judge Fabian, in the persecution of Diocletian. After he had walked barefooted on burning coals and confessed Christ with increased constancy, he was put to the sword... Also at Rome, the holy virgin Susanna, a woman of noble race, and niece of the blessed Pontiff Caius. She merited the palm of martyrdom by being beheaded in the time of Diocletian... The martyrdom of St. Rufinus, Bishop of the Marsi, and his companions, under Emperor Maximinus... At Evreux in France, St. Thaurinus, bishop. Being made bishop of that city by blessed Pope Clement, he propagated the Christian faith by the preaching of the Gospel, and the many labors he sustained for it. Celebrated for glorious miracles, he fell asleep in the Lord... At Cambrai in France, St. Gaugericus, bishop and confessor... In the province of Valeria, St. Equitius, abbot, whose sanctity is attested by blessed Pope Gregory... At Todi, St. Digna, virgin.

12th Day of the 8th Month

The holy martyrs Porcarius, abbot of the monastery of Lerins, and five hundred monks, who were slain for the Catholic faith by barbarians, and were thus crowned with martyrdom... At Catania in Sicily, the birthday of St. Euplius, deacon, under Emperors Diocletian and Maximian. He was long tortured for the confession of the Lord, and finally obtained the palm of martyrdom by being put to the sword... At Augsburg, St. Hilaria, mother of the blessed martyr Afra. Because she watched at the tomb of her daughter she was cast into the fire for the faith of Christ, together with her maidservants Digna, Euprepia, and Eunomia. On the same day there suffered also in that city Quiriacus, Largius, Crecentian, Nimmia, and Juliana, with twenty others... In Syria, the holy martyrs Macarius and Julian... At Nicomedia, the holy martyrs Count Anicetus and his brother Photinus, along with many others, under Emperor Diocletian... At Faleria in Tuscany, the saints Gracilian and Felicissima, virgin, who, for the confession of the faith, first had their mouths bruised with stones, and being afterwards

struck with the sword, received the palm of martyrdom... At Milan, the death of St. Eusebius, bishop and confessor... At Brescia, St. Herculanius, bishop.

13th Day of the 8th Month

At Rome, blessed Hippolytus, martyr, who gloriously confessed the faith, under Emperor Valerian. After enduring other torments, he was tied by the feet to the necks of wild horses, and being cruelly dragged through briars and brambles, and having all his body lacerated, he yielded up his spirit. On the same day suffered also blessed Concordia, his nurse, who being scourged in his presence with leaded whips, went to our Lord; and nineteen others of his household, who were beheaded beyond the Tiburtine Gate, and buried with him in the Agro Verano... At Imola, the birthday of St. Cassian, martyr. As he refused to worship idols, the persecutor called the boys whom the saint had taught and who hated him, giving them leave to kill him. The torment suffered by the martyr was the more grievous, as the hands which inflicted it, by reason of weakness, rendered death long drawn-out... At Todi, St. Cassian, bishop and martyr, under Emperor Diocletian... At Burgos in Spain, Saints Centolla and Helena, martyrs... At Constantinople, St. Maximus, a monk distinguished for learning and for zeal for Catholic truth. Valiantly disputing the Monothelites, he had his hands and tongue torn from him by the heretical emperor Constans, and was banished to Chersonesus, where he breathed his last. At this time, two of his disciples, both named Anastasius, and many others endured divers torments and the hardships of exile... At Fritzlar in Germany, St. Wigbert, priest and confessor... At Poitiers, St. Radegund, queen, whose life was renowned for miracles and virtues.

14th Day of the 8th Month

The Vigil of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary... At Rome, the birthday of the blessed priest Eusebius of Rome, who for the defense of the Catholic faith was shut up in a room of his own house by the Arian emperor Constantius, where constantly persevering in prayer for seven months, he rested in peace. His body was removed by the priests Gregory and Orosius, and buried in the cemetery of Callistus, on the Appian Way... At

Apamea in Syria, St. Marcellus, bishop and martyr, who was killed by an enraged heathen for having pulled down a temple of Jupiter... At Todi, St. Callistus, bishop and martyr... In Illyria, St. Ursicius, a martyr, who was beheaded for Christ after suffering various torments under Emperor Maximian and the governor Aristides... In Africa, St. Demetrius, martyr... In the island of Aegina, St. Athanasia, widow, celebrated for monastical observance and the gift of miracles.

15th Day of the 8th Month

The Assumption of the most holy Virgin Mary, Mother of God... At Alba Regalis in Hungary, the death of St. Stephen, King of Hungary who was received into heaven by the Virgin Mother of God on the very day of her Assumption. His feast is kept on the 2nd day of the 9th month, on which day the strong city of Buda, by the aid of the holy king, was recovered by the Christian army... At Rome, on the Appian Way, St. Tarsicius, acolyte. The pagans accosted him as he was carrying the Blessed Sacrament and began to inquire what it was. But he judged it an unworthy thing to cast pearls before swine. They therefore beat him with sticks and stones until he expired. The sacrilegious searchers examined his body, but found no vestige of the Sacrament of Christ, either in his hands or in his clothes. The Christians took up the body of the martyr, and buried it reverently in the cemetery of Callistus... At Tagaste in Africa, St. Alipius, bishop, who was the disciple of blessed Augustine, and the companion of his conversion, his colleague in the pastoral charge, his valiant fellow-soldier in disputing heretics, and finally his partner in the glory of heaven... At Soissons in France, St. Arnulf, bishop and confessor.

16th Day of the 8th Month

St. Joachim, father of the most Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God. His birthday is noted on the 20th day of the 3rd month... At Rome, St. Titus, deacon, who, when the city was taken by the Goths, was put to death by a barbarous tribune while distributing money to the poor... At Nicaea in Bithynia, St. Diomedes, a physician who underwent martyrdom for the faith of Christ by being beheaded during the persecution of Diocletian... In Palestine, thirty-three holy martyrs... At Ferentino in Campania, St.

Ambrose, centurion. In the persecution of Diocletian he was subjected to different kinds of tortures, and finally passing through fire without injury, was cast into the waters and thus reached the place of everlasting rest... At Milan, the death of St. Simplician, bishop, renowned by the testimony given of him by St. Ambrose and St. Augustine... At Auxerre, St. Eleutherius, bishop... At Nicomedia, St. Arsacius, confessor. Under the persecution of Licinius he left the military service, and leading a solitary life, became so famous for working miracles that we read of his expelling the demons and killing a huge dragon by his prayers. Finally he foretold the destruction of the city, and gave up his soul to God in prayer... In France, near Montpellier in the province of Narbonne, the death of blessed Roch, confessor, who by the sign of the cross, delivered many cities of Italy from an epidemic... At Rome, St. Serena, who had been the wife of Emperor Diocletian.

17th Day of the 8th Month

The Octave of St. Lawrence, martyr... At Carthage in Africa, the holy martyrs Liberatus, abbot, Boniface, a deacon, Servus and Rusticus, sub-deacons, Rogatus and Septimus, monks, and Maximus, a young child. In the persecution of the Vandals, under King Hunneric, they were subjected to various and unheard-of torments for the confession of the Catholic faith and the defense of one baptism. Finally, being nailed to the wood with which they were to be burned, as the fire was always miraculously extinguished whenever kindled, they were struck with iron bars by order of the tyrant until their brains were dashed out. Thus they ended the glorious series of their combats, and were crowned by our Lord... In Achaia, St. Myron, priest and martyr, who was beheaded at Cyzicum after undergoing many torments, in the time of Emperor Decius and the governor Antipater... At Caesarea in Cappadocia, the birthday of St. Mamas, martyr, the son of Saints Theodotus and Rufina, martyrs, who, from childhood to old age, endured a long martyrdom, and at length ended it happily in the reign of Aurelian, under the governor Alexander... At Nicomedia, the holy martyrs Straton, Philip, and Eutychian, who were condemned to the beasts, but being uninjured by them, ended their martyrdom by fire... At Ptolemais in Palestine, the holy martyrs Paul and his sister Juliana, virgin, who suffered

under Aurelian. They were both punished with various cruel torments and were finally beheaded for their constancy in confessing the name of Christ... At Rome, Pope St. Eusebius... At Teramo, St. Anastasius, bishop and confessor.

18th Day of the 8th Month

At Palestrina, the birthday of the holy martyr Agapitus. Although only fifteen years of age, because he was fervent in the love of Christ, he was arrested by order of Emperor Aurelian, and scourged for a long time. Afterwards, under the prefect Antiochus, he endured more severe torments, and being delivered to the lions by the emperor's order without receiving any injury he was finally struck with the sword, and thus merited his crown... At Rome, during the persecution of Diocletian, the blessed John and Crispus, priests, who charitably buried the bodies of many saints; afterwards becoming partakers of their merits, they deserved the joys of everlasting life... In the same city, the holy martyrs Hermas, Serapion, and Polyaenus. Being dragged through narrow, stony, and rough places, they yielded up their souls to God... In Illyria, the holy martyrs Florus and Laurus, stonecutters, who, after the martyrdom of Proculus and Maximus, their employers, were subjected to many torments under the governor Licion, and plunged into a deep well... At Myra in Lycia, the holy martyrs Leo and Juliana... At Metz in France, St. Firmin, bishop and confessor.

19th Day of the 8th Month

At Rome, St. Julius, senator and martyr, who was delivered up to the judge Vitellius, and thrown into prison by him. By order of Emperor Commodus, he was beaten with rods until he expired. His body was buried in the cemetery of Caleposius on the Aurelian Way... At Anagni, St. Magnus, bishop and martyr, who was put to death in the persecution of Decius... In Cilicia, the birthday of St. Andrew, tribune, and his military companions, who were converted to Christianity through a miraculous victory they had gained over the Persians. Being accused on this account, they were massacred in the Mount Taurus pass, by the army of the governor Seleucus, under Emperor Maximian... In Palestine, St. Timothy, a martyr in the persecution of Diocletian, under the governor Urbanus. After overcoming many

torments, he was consumed with a slow fire. In the same country there suffered also Thecla and Agapius. The former, being exposed to the beasts, was torn to pieces by their teeth, and went to her Spouse; but Agapius, after enduring many torments, was reserved for greater trials... At Rome, St. Sixtus III, pope and confessor... In the neighborhood of Sisteron in France, blessed Donatus, priest and confessor. Being from his very infancy endowed with the grace of God in an extraordinary manner, he lived the life of an anchorite for many years, and after having been renowned for glorious miracles, went to Christ... In the territory of Bourges, St. Marianus, confessor. St. Gregory, bishop of Tours, has written of his virtues and miracles in a wonderful way... At Mantua, St. Rufinus, confessor.

20th Day of the 8th Month

The Old Testament Prophets Enoch, Samuel, Elias, Eliseius, Job, Ananias, Azarias, and Misael. The holy prophet Samuel's holy relics were taken to Constantinople by Emperor Arcadius and deposited near Septimum... On Mount Senario in Tuscany, the birthday of St. Manetto, confessor, one of the seven founders of the Order of the Servites of the Blessed Virgin Mary, who died as he was repeating a hymn to her. His feast, with that of his companions, is kept on the 12th day of the 2nd month... In the island of Cyprus, St. Lucius, senator, who was converted to the faith on seeing the constancy of Theodore, bishop of Cyrene, during his martyrdom. He also converted the governor Dignian, with whom he set out for Cyprus, where, seeing other Christians crowned for the confession of the Lord, he offered himself voluntarily, and merited the same crown of martyrdom by beheading... In Thrace, in the time of the governor Apellian, thirty-seven holy martyrs, who had their hands and feet cut off for the faith of Christ, and were cast into a burning furnace... Also, the holy martyrs Severus, and the centurion Memnon, who, suffering the same kind of death, went victoriously to heaven... At Cordova, during the persecution of the Arabs, the holy martyrs Leovigild and Christopher, monks, who were thrust into prison for the defense of the Christian faith, and soon after, being beheaded and cast into the fire, thus obtained the palm of martyrdom... In the island of Hermoutier, St. Philibert, abbot... At Rome, blessed Porphyry, a man of God, who instructed the holy martyr Agapitus in the faith and doctrine of

Christ... At Chinon, St. Maximus, confessor, disciple of the blessed bishop Martin.

21st Day of the 8th Month

At Rome, in the Agro Verano, St. Cyriaca, widow and martyr. In the persecution of Valerian, after devoting herself and all her goods in the service of the saints, she gave up her life by suffering martyrdom for Christ... In Gevaudan, St. Privatus, bishop and martyr, who suffered in the persecution of Valerian and Gallienus... At Salona in Dalmatia, St. Anastasius, a law officer, who was converted to the faith by seeing the fortitude with which blessed Agapitus bore his torments, and being put to death by order of Emperor Aurelian for confessing the name of Christ, went to our Lord, a martyr... In Sardinia, the birthday of the holy martyrs Luxorius, Cisellus, and Camerinus, who were put to the sword in the persecution of Diocletian, under the governor Delphius... On the same day, the holy martyrs Bonosus and Maximian... At Fundi in Campania, St. Paternus, a martyr, who came from Alexandria to Rome to visit the tomb of the apostles. Thence he retired to the neighborhood of Fundi, where, being seized by the tribune while he was burying the bodies of the martyrs, he died in captivity... At Edessa in Syria, during the persecution of Maximian, the holy martyrs Bassa, and her sons Theogonius, Agapius, and Fidelis, whom their pious mother exhorted to martyrdom and sent before her bearing their crowns. Being herself beheaded, she joyfully followed them and shared their victory... At Verona, St. Euprepus, bishop and confessor... Also, St. Quadratus, bishop... In Auvergne in France, St. Sidonius, bishop, noted for learning and holiness.

22nd Day of the 8th Month

The Immaculate Heart of Mary and the Octave Day of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary... At Rome, on the Ostian Way, the birthday of the holy martyr Timothy. After he had been arrested by Tarquin, prefect of the city, and kept for a long time in prison, because he refused to sacrifice to idols, he was scourged three times, subjected to the most severe torments, and finally beheaded... At Porto, St. Hippolytus, bishop, most renowned for learning. Having gloriously confessed the faith, in the time of Emperor Alexander, he was bound hand and foot, thrown into a deep ditch filled with water, and thus

received the palm of martyrdom. His body was buried by the Christians at that place... At Autun, St. Symphorian, a martyr, in the time of Emperor Aurelian. Refusing to offer sacrifice to the idols, he was first scourged, then confined to prison, and finally ended his martyrdom by being beheaded... At Rome, St. Antoninus, martyr, who, openly declaring himself a Christian, was condemned to capital punishment by the judge Vitellius, and buried on the Aurelian Way... At Tarsus in Cilicia, the commemoration of Saints Athanasius, bishop and martyr, Anthusa, a noble woman he had baptized, and two of her servants, Charisius and Neophytus, martyrs who suffered under Valerian... At Porto, the holy martyrs Martial, Saturninus, Epictetus, Maprilis, and Felix, with their companions... At Nicomedia, the passion of Saints Agathonicus, Zoticus, and their fellow-martyrs, under Emperor Maximian and the governor Eutholomius... At Rheims in France, the holy martyrs Maur and his companions... In Spain, the holy martyrs Fabrician and Philibert... At Pavia, St. Gunifort, martyr.

23rd Day of the 8th Month

The Vigil of St. Bartholomew, Apostle... At Ostia, the holy martyrs Quiriacus, bishop, Maximus, priest, Archelaus, deacon, and their companions, who suffered under prefect Ulpian, in the time of Alexander... At Antioch, the birthday of the holy martyrs Restitutus, Donatus, Valerian, and Fructuosa, with twelve others, who were crowned after having distinguished themselves by a glorious confession... At Aegaea in Cilicia, the holy martyrs Claudius, Asterius, and Neon, brothers, who were accused of being Christians by their stepmother, under Emperor Diocletian and the governor Lysias. After enduring bitter torments, they were fastened to a cross, and thus conquered and triumphed with Christ. After them suffered Donvina and Theonilla... At Rheims in France, the birthday of the Saints Timothy and Apollinaris, who merited to enter the heavenly kingdom by completing their martyrdom in that city... At Lyons, the holy martyrs Minercus and Eleazar, with his eight sons... Also St. Luppus, martyr, who, though a slave, enjoyed the liberty of Christ, and was likewise deemed worthy of the crown of martyrdom... At Jerusalem, St. Zachaeus, bishop, who governed the Church in that city the fourth after the blessed apostle James... At Alexandria, St. Theonas, bishop and confessor... At

Utica in Africa, blessed Victor, bishop... At Autun, St. Flavian, bishop.

24th Day of the 8th Month

The apostle St. Bartholomew, also known in the Gospel as Nathaniel, who preached the Gospel of Christ in India. Passing thence into the Greater Armenia where, after converting many to the faith, he was flayed alive by the barbarians, and having his head cut off by order of King Astyages, he fulfilled his martyrdom. His holy body was first carried to the island of Lipara, then to Benevento, and finally to Rome in the Island of the Tiber, where it is venerated by the pious faithful... At Nepi, St. Ptolemy, bishop, disciple of the blessed apostle Peter. Being sent by him to preach the Gospel in Tuscany, he died a glorious martyr of Christ in the city of Nepi... Also, St. Eutychius, disciple of the blessed evangelist John. He preached the Gospel in many countries, and was subjected to imprisonment, to stripes and fire, but finally he rested in peace... In the same place, St. Romanus, bishop of that city, who was the disciple of St. Ptolemy, and his companion in martyrdom... At Carthage, three hundred holy martyrs, in the time of Valerian and Gallienus. Among other torments inflicted on them, a pit filled with burning lime was prepared by order of the governor, who, live coals with incense being brought to him, said to the confessors: "Choose one of these two things: either offer incense to Jupiter upon these coals, or be thrown into the lime." Armed with faith, and confessing Christ to be the Son of God, they quickly threw themselves into the pit, and amid the vapors of the lime were reduced to dust. From this circumstance, this white-robed company of the blessed earned for itself the name of the White Mass... In Isauria, St. Tation, martyr, who received the crown of martyrdom by being beheaded in the persecution of Domitian, under the governor Urbanus... Also, St. George Limniota, monk. Because he reprehended the wicked emperor Leo for breaking holy images and burning the relics of the saints, he had his hands cut off and his head burned by order of the tyrant, and went to our Lord to receive the recompense of a martyr... At Ostia, on the Tiber, St. Aurea, virgin and martyr, who was plunged into the sea with a stone tied to her neck. Her body being driven to the shore was buried by blessed Nonnus... At Rouen, St. Owen, bishop and confessor... At Nevers in France, St. Patrick, abbot.

25th Day of the 8th Month

At Rome, in the time of Emperor Commodus, the holy martyrs Eusebius, Pontian, Vincent, and Peregrinus, who were first racked, distended by ropes, then beaten with rods and burned about their sides. As they continued faithfully to praise Christ, they were scourged with leaded whips until they expired... In the same city, the birthday of blessed Nemesius, deacon, and his daughter, the virgin Lucilla. As they could not be prevailed upon to abandon the faith of Christ, they were beheaded by order of Emperor Valerian. Their bodies were later entombed on the 31st day of the 10th month, by blessed Sixtus on the Appian Way. Their relics were later translated into the sacristy of Santa Maria Nova, together with the Saints Symphronius, Olympius, a tribune, Exuperia, his wife, and Theodulus, his son, who, being all converted by the exertions of Symphronius, and baptized had been crowned with martyrdom... Also at Rome, St. Genesius, martyr, who had embraced the profession of actor while he was a pagan. One day he was deriding the Christian mysteries in the theater in the presence of Emperor Diocletian; but by the inspiration of God he was suddenly converted to the faith and baptized. By command of the emperor he was forthwith most cruelly beaten with rods, then racked, and a long time lacerated with iron hooks, and burned with torches. As he remained firm in the faith of Christ, even saying: "There is no king besides Christ. Should you kill me a thousand times, you shall not be able to take Him from my lips or my heart," he was beheaded, and thus merited the palm of martyrdom... At Arles in France, another blessed Genesius, who, filling the office of notary, and refusing to record the impious edicts by which Christians were commanded to be punished, threw away his books publicly, and declared himself a Christian. He was seized and beheaded, and thus attained to the glory of martyrdom through baptism in his own blood... In Syria, St. Julian, martyr... At Tarragona in Spain, St. Maginus, martyr... At Italica in Spain, St. Gerontius, a bishop, who preached the Gospel in that country in apostolic times, and after many labors died in prison... At Constantinople, St. Mennas, bishop... At Utrecht, St. Gregory, bishop... At Monte Falisco in Tuscany, St. Thomas, bishop of the church of Hereford in England, and confessor... At Naples in Campania, St. Patricia, virgin.

26th Day of the 8th Month

At Rome, St. Zephyrinus; pope and martyr, whose birthday falls on the 20th day of the 12th month... At Rome, during the persecution of Valerian, the holy martyrs Irenaeus and Abundius, who were thrown into a sewer from which they had taken the body of blessed Concordia. Their bodies were drawn out by the priest Justin, and buried in a crypt near St. Lawrence... At Ventimiglia, a city of Liguria, St. Secundus, martyr, a distinguished man and officer in the Theban Legion... At Bergamo in Lombardy, St. Alexander, martyr, who was one of the same legion, and endured martyrdom, being beheaded for the constant confession of the name of our Lord Jesus Christ... Among the Marcians, the saints Simplicius, and his sons Constantius and Victorian, who were first tortured in different manners, and lastly, struck with the axe, obtained the crown of martyrdom, in the time of Emperor Antoninus... At Nicomedia, the martyrdom of St. Adrian, son of Emperor Probus. For reproaching Licinius because of the persecution of Christians, he was put to death by his order. His body was buried at Argyropolis by his uncle Domitius, bishop of Byzantium... In Spain, St. Victor, martyr, who merited the crown of martyrs by being slain by the Moors for the faith of Christ... At Capua, St. Rufinus, bishop and confessor... At Pistoia, St. Felix, priest and confessor.

27th Day of the 8th Month

At Potenza in Lucania, the passion of Saints Arontius, Honoratus, Fortunatus, and Sabinian. They were the sons of Saints Boniface and Thecla, and were condemned to death by the judge Valerian in the reign of Emperor Maximian. Their feast, together with that of the other twelve holy brethren, is celebrated on the 1st day of the 9th month... At Bergamo, St. Narnus, who was baptized by blessed Barnabas and consecrated by him first bishop of that city... At Capua, the birthday of St. Rufus, bishop and martyr, a patrician, who was baptized with all his family by blessed Apollinaris, disciple of St. Peter... In the same place, the holy martyrs Rufus and Carpophyorus, who suffered under Diocletian and Maximian... At Tomis in Pontus, the holy martyrs Marcellinus, a tribune, and Mannea, his wife, and his sons John, Serapion, and Peter... At Lentini in Sicily, St. Euthalia, virgin. Because she was a Christian she was put to the sword by her

brother Sermilian, and went to her Spouse... The same day, the martyrdom of St. Anthusa the Younger, who was made a martyr by being cast into a well for the faith of Christ... At Autun, St. Syagrius, bishop and confessor... At Pavia, St. John, bishop... At Lerida in Spain, St. Licerius, bishop... In Thebais, St. Poemon, abbot... At San Severino, in Piceno, St. Margaret, widow.

28th Day of the 8th Month

At Hippo in Africa, the birthday of St. Augustine, bishop and famous doctor of the Church. Converted and baptized by the blessed bishop Ambrose, he defended the Catholic faith with the greatest zeal against the Manicheans and other heretics, and after having sustained many other labors for the Church of God, he went to his reward in heaven. His relics, owing to the invasion of barbarians, were first brought from his own city into Sardinia, and afterwards taken by Luitprand, king of the Lombards, to Pavia, where they were deposited with due honors... At Rome, the birthday of St. Hermes, an illustrious man, who, as we read in the Acts of blessed Pope Alexander, was first confined in prison, and afterwards fulfilled his martyrdom by the sword, at the time of the judge Aurelian... At Venosa in Apulia, the passion of Saints Septiminus, Januarius, and Felix. During the reign of Emperor Maximian, the judge Valerian ordered these sons of Saints Boniface and Thecla to be beheaded. Their feast, however, is observed with that of the other twelve holy brethren on the 1st day of the 9th month... At Prinde in Auvergne, St. Julian, martyr, during the persecution of Diocletian. He was the companion of the blessed tribune Ferreol, and under a military garb he secretly served Christ until arrested by the soldiers, and killed in a barbarous manner by having his throat cut... At Constance in Germany, St. Pelagius, martyr, who received the crown of martyrdom under Emperor Numerian and the judge Evilasius... At Salerno, the holy martyrs Fortunatus, Caius, and Anthes, beheaded under Emperor Diocletian and the proconsul Leontius... At Constantinople, the holy bishop Alexander, an aged and celebrated man, through whose efficacious prayers Arius, by the judgment of God, burst asunder and his bowels were poured out... At Saintes, St. Vivian, bishop and confessor... Also, St. Moses, an Ethiopian, who gave up a life of robbery

and became a renowned anchorite. He converted many robbers, and led them to a monastery.

29th Day of the 8th Month

The beheading of St. John the Baptist, who was put to death by Herod around the feast of the Resurrection. However, his solemn commemoration takes place today, when his venerable head was found for the second time. It was afterwards solemnly carried to Rome, where it is kept in the church of St. Sylvester, near the Campus Martius, and honored by the people with the greatest devotion... At Rome, on Mount Aventine, the birthday of St. Sabina, martyr. Under Emperor Hadrian, she was struck with the sword, and thus obtained the palm of martyrdom... At Valiniano in Apulia, the passion of Saints Vitalis, Sator, and Repositus. They were the sons of Saints Boniface and Thecla, and were condemned to death by the judge Valerian in the reign of Emperor Maximian. Their feast along with that of the other twelve holy brethren is observed on the 1st day of the 9th month... At Rome, St. Candida, virgin and martyr, whose body was transferred to the Church of St. Praxedes by Pope Paschal I... At Constantinople, the holy martyrs Hypatius, an Asiatic bishop, and Andrew, a priest, who for the veneration of holy images, under Leo the Isaurian had their beards besmirched with pitch and set on fire, the skin of the heads torn off, and were beheaded... At Antioch, the birthday of the holy martyrs Nicaeas and Paul... At Metz in France, St. Adelphus, bishop and confessor... At Paris, the death of St. Merry, priest... At Perugia, St. Euthymius, a Roman, who fled from the persecution of Diocletian with his wife and his son Crescentius, and there rested in the Lord... In England, St. Sebba, king... At Smyrna, the birthday of St. Basilla, virgin... In the vicinity of Troyes, St. Sabina, a virgin, celebrated for virtues and miracles.

30th Day of the 8th Month

At Rome, on the Ostian Way, the martyrdom of the blessed priest Felix, under Emperors Diocletian and Maximian. After being racked he was sentenced to death, and as they led him to execution, he met a man who spontaneously declared himself a Christian, and was forthwith beheaded with him. The Christians, not knowing his name, called him

Adauctus, because he was added to St. Felix and shared his crown... Also at Rome, St. Gaudencia, virgin and martyr, with three others... At Colonia Suffetulana in Africa, sixty blessed martyrs, who were murdered by the furious heathen... At Bologna, St. Bononius, abbot... At Rome, St. Pammachius, priest, who was noteworthy for learning and sanctity... At Adrumetum, also in Africa, the Saints Boniface and Thecla, who were the parents of twelve blessed sons, all martyrs... At Thessalonica, St. Fantinus, confessor, who suffered much from the Saracens, and was driven from his monastery, in which he had lived in great abstinence. After having brought many to the way of salvation, he rested at last at an advanced age... In the diocese of Meaux, St. Fiacre, confessor... At Trevi in Lazio, St. Peter, confessor, who was distinguished for many virtues and miracles. He is honored in that place from which he departed for heaven.

31st Day of the 8th Month

In Tuscany, on Mount Senario, the birthday of St. Bonajuncta, confessor, one of the seven founders of the Order of Servites of the Blessed Virgin Mary, who gave up his soul into the hands of the Lord while he was preaching to his brethren on the Passion of our Saviour. His feast is kept with that of his companions on the 12th day of the 2nd month... At Treves, the birthday of St. Paulinus, a bishop, who was exiled for the Catholic faith by the Arian emperor Constantius, in the time of the Arian persecution. By having to change the place of his exile, which was beyond the limits of Christendom, he became wearied unto death, and finally, dying in Phrygia, received a crown from the Lord for his blessed martyrdom... At Transaco, in the Marches near Lake Fucino, the birthday of the holy martyrs Caesidius, priest, and his companions, who were crowned with martyrdom in the persecution of Maximinus... Also, the holy martyrs Robustian and Mark... At Caesarea in Cappadocia, the Saints Theodotus, Rufina, and Ammia. The first two were the parents of the martyr St. Mamas, who was born in prison, and whom Ammia brought up... At Auxerre, St. Optatus, bishop and confessor... In England, St. Aidan, bishop of Lindisfarne. When St. Cuthbert, then a shepherd, saw his soul going up to heaven, he left his sheep and became a monk. Mention is made of St. Cuthbert on the 20th day of the 3rd month... At Nosco, St. Amatus, bishop.

NINTH MONTH

1st Day of the 9th Month

In Palestine, the Saints Josue and Gedeon... At Jerusalem, blessed Anna, prophetess, whose sanctity is revealed in the Gospel... At Sentiano, in the district of Apulia, the passion of Saints Donatus and Felix who were the sons of Saints Boniface and Thecla. After they had endured various torments under the judge Valerian in the reign of Emperor Maximian, they were condemned to be beheaded on this day. Today also is kept the festival of the others of the twelve holy brethren, whose birthdays are noted in their proper place. The bodies of these twelve holy brethren were later translated to Benevento where they are honorably enshrined... At Capua, on the Via Aquaria, St. Priscus, martyr, who was formerly one of the disciples of Christ... At Todi in Umbria, St. Terentian, bishop and martyr. Under Emperor Hadrian, by order of the proconsul Laetian, he was racked, scourged with whips set with metal, and finally having had his tongue cut out, he ended his martyrdom by undergoing capital punishment... At Heraclea, under the tyrant Licinius, St. Ammon, deacon, and forty holy virgins whom he instructed in the faith and led with him to the glory of martyrdom... In Spain, the holy martyrs Vincent and Laetus... At Piombino in Tuscany, St. Regulus, martyr, who went thither from Africa, and consummated his martyrdom under Totila... At Capua, St. Priscus, bishop. He was one of those priests who were subjected to various trials for the Catholic faith during the persecution of the Vandals. Being put in an old ship on the coast of Africa, they reached the shores of Campania, and separating, they were placed at the head of various churches, and thus greatly extended the Christian religion. The companions of Priscus were Castrensis, whose birthday is mentioned on the 11th day of the 2nd month, Tammarius, Rosius, Heraclius, Secundinus, Adjutor, Mark, Augustus, Elpidius, Canion, and Vindonius... At Sens, St. Lupus, bishop and confessor, of whom it is related that on a certain day, while he stood at the holy altar in the presence of the clergy, a gem fell from heaven into the consecrated chalice which he was using... At Rheims in France, St. Sixtus, disciple of the blessed apostle Peter, who consecrated him the first bishop of that city. He received the crown of martyrdom under Nero... At

Le Mans in France, St. Victorinus, bishop... At Aquino, St. Constantius, a bishop renowned for the gift of prophecy and many virtues... In Baden, in the province of Constance, St. Verena, virgin.

2nd Day of the 9th Month

At Alba Regalis in Hungary, St. Stephen, king of Hungary and confessor, who fell asleep in the Lord on the 15th day of the 8th month. He was graced with divine virtues and was the first to convert the Hungarians to the faith of Christ. His feast is kept today, when the strong city of Buda, by the aid of the holy king, was recovered by the Christian army... At Rome, the holy martyr Maxima, who confessed Christ with St. Ansanus in the persecution of Diocletian, and yielded up her soul while being beaten with rods... At Pamiers in France, St. Antoninus, martyr, whose relics are kept with great veneration in the church of Palencia, in Spain... Also, the holy martyrs Diomedes, Julian, Philip, Eutychian, Hesychius, Leonides, Philadelphus, Menalippus, and Pantagapas. Their martyrdoms were completed, some by fire, some by water, others by the sword or by the cross... At Nicomedia, the holy martyrs Zeno, and his sons Concordius and Theodore... At Lyons in France, St. Elpidius, bishop and confessor... In Piceno, another St. Elpidius, an abbot. A town bearing his name glories in the possession of his holy body... On Mount Soracte, Abbot St. Nonnosus, who by his prayers moved a rock of huge proportions, and was renowned for other miracles... On the same day, the commemoration of the holy martyrs Evodius and Hermogenes, brothers, and Callista, their sister. Mention is made of them that they died on the 25th day of the 4th month in the city of Syracuse in Sicily... At Lyons in France, the translation of St. Justus, bishop and confessor, and Viator, his servant, whose birthdays occur on the 14th day of the 10th month and the 21st day of the 10th month.

3rd Day of the 9th Month

At Corinth, the birthday of St. Phoebe, mentioned by the blessed apostle Paul in his Epistle to the Romans... At Capua, the holy martyrs Aristaeus, bishop, and Antoninus, a boy... Also, the birthday of the holy martyrs Aigulphus, abbot of Lerins, and the monks, his companions, who, after their tongues were cut off and their eyes plucked out, were killed

with the sword... Also, the holy martyrs Zeno and Chariton. The one was cast into a caldron of melted lead, the other into a burning furnace... At Cordova in Spain, St. Sandal the martyr... At Aquileia, the holy virgins and martyrs Euphemia, Dorothy, Thecla, and Erasma. Under Nero, after enduring many torments, they were slain with the sword and buried by St. Hermagoras... At Nicomedia, the passion of St. Basilissa, virgin and martyr, in the persecution of Diocletian, under the governor Alexander. At the age of nine years, after having, through the power of God, overcome scourging, fire, and the beasts, by which she converted the governor to the faith of Christ, she at length gave up her soul to God while at prayer outside the city... At Toul in France, St. Mansuetus, bishop and confessor... At Milan, the death of St. Auxanus, bishop... At Rome, the translation of St. Serapia, virgin and martyr, who suffered on the 29th day of the 7th month... At Rome, the raising to the Sovereign Pontificate of St. Gregory the Great. This man, being forced to take that burden upon himself, sent forth from the exalted throne brighter rays of sanctity upon the world.

4th Day of the 9th Month

Old Testamen supreme religious rulers: Moses, Aaron, and Esdras. Moses, the lawgiver and prophet, died on Mount Nebo in the land of Moab... At Naples in Campania, the birthday of St. Candida, who was the first to meet St. Peter when he came to that city, and being baptized by him afterwards ended her holy life in peace... At Treves, St. Marcellus, bishop and martyr... At Ancyra in Galatia, the birthday of three saintly boys, Rufinus, Silvanus, and Vitalicus, martyrs... On the same day, the holy martyrs Magnus, Castus and Maximus... At Chalons in France, under Emperor Antoninus, St. Marcellus, martyr. Being invited to a profane banquet by the governor Priscus, he scorned to partake of the meats that were served, and reproved with great freedom all persons present for worshipping idols. For this, with unheard-of cruelty the same governor had him buried alive up to the waist. After persevering for three days in praising God, he yielded up his undefiled spirit... On the same day, St. Thamel, previously a pagan priest, and his companions, martyrs under Emperor Hadrian... Also, the holy martyrs Theodore, Oceanus, Ammian, and Julian, who had their feet cut off, and completed their martyrdom by being thrown into the fire, in the

time of Emperor Maximian... At Rome, St. Boniface I, pope and confessor... At Rimini, St. Marinus, deacon... At Palermo, the birthday of St. Rosalia, virgin, a native of that city, born of the royal blood of the Holy Roman Emperor St. Charlemagne. For the love of Christ, she forsook the princely court of her father, and led a saintly life alone in mountains and caverns... At Viterbo, the translation of St. Rose the Virgin, of the Third Order of Francis... In the same place, St. Candida the Younger, wondrous for miracles.

5th Day of the 9th Month

In the suburbs of Rome, blessed Victorinus, bishop and martyr, in the time of Nerva Trajan. Being renowned for sanctity and miracles, he was elected bishop of Amiterno by the whole populace, but afterwards he was banished, with other servants of God, to Contigliano, where fetid sulphurous waters spring forth, and was suspended with his head downward by order of the judge Aurelian. Having for the name of Christ endured this torment for three days, he was gloriously crowned and went victoriously to our Lord. His body was taken away by the Christians and buried with due honors at Amiterno... At Constantinople, the holy martyrs Urbanus, Theodore, Menedemus, and their companions of ecclesiastical rank, seventy-seven in number, who were put in a ship by the command of Emperor Valens, and burned on the sea for the Catholic faith... Also at Porto, the birthday of St. Herculanius, martyr, who was scourged and beheaded in the reign of Emperor Gallus because of the Christian faith... At Capua, the holy martyrs Quinctus, Arcontius, and Donatus... On the same day, St. Romulus, prefect of Trajan's court. For reproving the cruelty of the emperor towards Christians, he was scourged with rods and beheaded... At Melitine in Armenia, during the persecution of Diocletian, the martyrdom of the holy soldiers Eudoxius, Zeno, Macarius, and their companions to the number of eleven hundred and four, who threw away their military belts and were put to death for the confession of Christ... In the neighborhood of Terouanne, in the monastery of Sithiu, in France, St. Bertinus, abbot... At Toledo in Spain, St. Obdulia, virgin.

6th Day of the 9th Month

In Palestine, the prophet Zachary, who returned in his old age from Chaldea to his own country, and lies buried near the prophet Aggeus... In the Hellespont, St. Onesiphorus, disciple of the apostles, of whom St. Paul speaks in his Letter to Timothy. He was severely scourged with St. Porphyry, by order of the proconsul Adrian, and being dragged by wild horses, gave up his soul to God... In Africa, in the persecution of the Vandals, the holy bishops Donatian, Praesidius, Mansuetus, Germanus, and Fuscus, who were most cruelly scourged and sent into exile by order of the Arian king Hunneric, because they proclaimed the Catholic truth. Among them was one named Laetus, also a bishop, a courageous and very learned man, who was burned alive after a long imprisonment in a loathsome dungeon... At Alexandria, in the time of Emperor Decius and the governor Valerius, the holy martyrs Faustus, a priest, Macarius, and ten companions, who received the martyr's crown by being beheaded for the name of Christ... In Cappadocia, the holy martyrs Cottidus, a deacon, Eugene, and their companions... At Verona, St. Peronius, bishop and confessor... At Rome, the holy abbot Eleutherius, a servant of God, who, according to the testimony of Pope St. Gregory, raised a dead man to life by his prayers and tears.

7th Day of the 9th Month

The Old Testament Judges: Debbora, Gedeon, and Samson... At Troyes, St. Nemorius, deacon, and his companions, all martyrs, who were slain by Attila, king of the Huns... At Nicomedia, the birthday of the blessed martyr John, who upon seeing the cruel edicts against Christians, posted in the public square, and being inflamed with an ardent faith, reached out his hand, took them away and tore them up. This was related to Emperors Diocletian and Maximian, then residing in the city, who gave orders that he should be subjected to many kinds of torments. The noble champion bore them with such cheerfulness of spirit as not to show on his countenance the least trace of pain or grief... At Caesarea in Cappadocia, in the time of Emperor Adrian, St. Eupsychius, martyr, who was accused of professing Christianity and who was cast into prison. Having been released shortly after, he immediately sold his inheritance, and distributed the price of it partly to his accusers,

whom he regarded as his benefactors. But being again arrested, under the judge Sapritius, he was tortured, pierced through with a sword, and thus completed his martyrdom... At Pompeiopolis in Cilicia, in the time of Emperor Maximian, St. Sozon, a martyr who was thrown into the fire and yielded up his spirit... At Aquileia, St. Anastasius, martyr... In the diocese of Autun, under the proconsul Olybrius, St. Regina, virgin and martyr. After having suffered imprisonment, the rack, and burning with torches, she was finally condemned to capital punishment, and so went to her Spouse... At Orleans in France, the departure from this life of the holy bishop Evortius, who was first a subdeacon of the Roman Church, and afterwards, through a divine favor, was designated by a dove as bishop of that city... In France, St. Augustalis, bishop and confessor... At Capua, St. Pamphilus, bishop... In the territory of Paris, St. Cloud, priest and confessor.

8th Day of the 9th Month

The Nativity of the most Blessed and ever Virgin Mary, Mother of God... St. Adrian, martyr, whose birthday is on the 4th day of the 3rd month. His feast, however, is observed today, the day on which his holy body was translated to Rome... At Alexandria, the holy martyrs Ammon, Theophilus, Neoterius, and twenty-two others... At Antioch, the Saints Timothy and Faustus, martyrs... At Gaza in Palestine, in the time of Julian the Apostate, the holy martyrs Eusebius, Nestabus, and Zeno, brothers, who were torn to pieces by a multitude of pagans that rushed upon them... In the same place, and under the same Julian, St. Nestor, martyr, who breathed his last after being most cruelly tortured by the same furious heathen... At Rome, St. Sergius I, pope and confessor... At Freisingen, St. Corbinian, first bishop of that city. Being consecrated by Pope Gregory II and sent to preach the Gospel, he reaped abundant fruits in France and Germany, and finally rested in peace, renowned for virtues and miracles.

9th Day of the 9th Month

At Nicomedia, the holy martyrs Dorotheus and Gorgonius who were martyred with several companions. The greatest honors had been conferred on them by Emperor Diocletian, but as they detested the cruelty which he exercised against the Christians, they were by his order hung up in his presence and

lacerated with whips. Then, having the skin torn from their bodies and vinegar and salt poured over them, they were burned on a gridiron, and finally strangled. After some time the body of blessed Gorgonius was brought to Rome and deposited on the Latin Way. From there it was transferred to the basilica of St. Peter... Among the Sabines, thirty miles from Rome, the holy martyrs Hyacinthus, Alexander, and Tiburtius... At Sebaste in Armenia, St. Severian, a soldier of Emperor Licinius. For frequently visiting the Forty Martyrs in prison, he was suspended in the air with a stone tied to his feet by order of the governor Lysias, and being scourged and torn with whips, yielded up his soul in the midst of torments... On the same day, St. Strato, who ended his martyrdom for Christ by being tied to two trees and torn asunder... Also, the holy martyrs Rufinus and Rufinian, brothers... In the territory of Terouanne, St. Omer, bishop... In the monastery of Clonmacnoise in Ireland, St. Kieran, priest and abbot.

10th Day of the 9th Month

At Tolentino in Piceno, the departure from this life of St. Nicholas, confessor, of the order of the Hermits of St. Augustine... In Africa, the birthday of the holy bishops Nemesian, Felix, Lucius, another Felix, Litteus, Polyanus, Victor, Jader, Davitus, and others. Because a violent persecution was breaking out under Valerian and Gallienus, they were at their first courageous confession of Christ beaten with rods, placed in irons, and sent to dig in the metal mines where they completed their combat with a glorious confession... At Liege in Belgium, St. Theodard, bishop and martyr, who laid down his life for his flock, and after his death was renowned for the gift of miracles... At Chalcedon, in the persecution of Diocletian, the holy martyrs Sosthenes and Victor. Under Priscus, proconsul of Asia, they were loaded with fetters and exposed to the beasts, after which they were condemned to be burned. But while they were saluting each other with a holy kiss and praying, they expired... Also the holy martyrs Apellius, Luke, and Clement... In Bithynia, the holy virgins Menodora, Metrodora, and Nymphodora, sisters. Under Emperor Maximian and the governor Fronto, they were crowned with martyrdom, and went to everlasting glory... At Compostella, St. Peter, bishop, who was celebrated for his many virtues and miracles... In the city of

Albi, St. Salvius, bishop and confessor... At Novara, St. Agapius, bishop... At Constantinople, St. Pulcheria, empress and virgin, distinguished by her piety and zeal for religion... At Naples in Campania, St. Candida the Younger, famed for miracles.

11th Day of the 9th Month

At Rome, on the old Salarian Way in the cemetery of Basilla, the birthday of the holy martyrs Protus and Hyacinth, brothers and eunuchs in the service of blessed Eugenia. They were arrested in the time of Emperor Gallienus on the charge of being Christians, and urged to offer sacrifice to the gods. Because they refused, they were most severely scourged and finally beheaded... At Leon in Spain, St. Vincent, abbot and martyr... At Laodicea in Syria, the martyrdom of Saints Diodorus, Diomedes, and Didymus... In Egypt, the holy bishop Paphnutius, one of those confessors who, under Emperor Galerius Maximinus, having the right eye plucked out and the joint of the left knee cut, were condemned to work in the metal mines. Afterwards, under the Holy Roman Emperor St. Constantine the Great, he courageously strove for the Catholic faith against the Arians, and at length, adorned with many crowns, rested in peace... At Lyons, the death of St. Patiens, bishop... At Vercelli, St. Aemilian, bishop.

12th Day of the 9th Month

The feast of the most holy Name of the Blessed Virgin Mary... In Bithynia, St. Autonomus, bishop and martyr, who went to that country from Italy to avoid the persecution of Diocletian. After he had converted many to the faith, he was killed at the altar by the furious heathen while celebrating the sacred mysteries, and thus he became a victim for Christ... At Iconium in Lycaonia, the holy bishop Curonotus, who received the crown of martyrdom by being beheaded under the governor Perennius... At Alexandria, in the time of Emperor Maximinus, the birthday of the holy martyrs Hieronides, Leontius, Serapion, Selesius, Valerian, and Strato, who were drowned in the sea for the confession of the name of Christ... At Merum in Phrygia, the holy martyrs Macedonius, Theodulus, and Tatian, under Julian the Apostate. After other torments, they joyfully completed their martyrdom by being laid on burning gridirons by order of the governor Almachius... At Pavia, St. Juventius, bishop, mentioned on the 8th

day of the 2nd month. The blessed Heragoras, disciple of the evangelist St. Mark, sent him to that city along with St. Cyrus, who is mentioned on the 9th day of the 12th month. They both preached the Gospel of Christ there, and being renowned for great virtues and miracles, enlightened the neighboring cities by divine works. They closed their glorious careers in peace, invested with the episcopal office... At Lyons, the death of St. Sacerdos, bishop... At Verona, St. Silvinus, bishop... At Anderlecht, near Brussels in Belgium, St. Guido, confessor.

13th Day of the 9th Month

At Alexandria, the birthday of blessed Philip, father of the virgin St. Eugenia. Resigning the dignity of prefect of Egypt, he received the grace of baptism. His successor, the prefect Terentius, had him pierced through the throat with a sword while he was praying... Also, the holy martyrs Macrobius and Julian, who suffered under Licinius... On the same day, St. Ligorius, martyr. While living in the desert, he was murdered by heathens for the faith of Christ... At Alexandria, St. Eulogius, a bishop celebrated for learning and sanctity... At Angers in France, St. Maurilius, a bishop renowned for numberless miracles... At Sens, St. Amatus, bishop and confessor... In the monastery of Remiremont in France, St. Amatus, priest and abbot, illustrious for the virtue of abstinence and the gift of miracles... The same day, St. Venerius, confessor, a man of admirable sanctity who led the life of a hermit on the island of Palmaria.

14th Day of the 9th Month

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross, when Emperor Heraclius, after defeating King Chosroes, brought it back to Jerusalem from Persia... At Rome, on the Appian Way, during the persecution of Decius, blessed Cornelius, pope and martyr. After being banished, he was scourged with leaded whips and then beheaded with twenty-one others of both sexes... On the same day were condemned to capital punishment Caerealis, a soldier, and his wife Sallustia, who had been instructed in the faith by the same Cornelius... In Africa, in the time of Emperors Valerian and Gallienus, St. Cyprian, bishop of Carthage, most renowned for holiness and learning. It was near the seashore, six miles from the city, that

he completed his martyrdom by beheading, after enduring a most painful exile. The feast of the Saints Cornelius and Cyprian is kept on the 16th day of this month... At Treves, the holy bishop Maternus, a disciple of the blessed apostle Peter, who brought to the faith of Christ the inhabitants of Tongres, Cologne, Treves, and of the neighboring country... On the Salarian Way at Rome, during the persecution of Diocletian, St. Crescentius, the young son of St. Euthymius, whose life was ended by the sword, under the judge Turpilius... In Africa, the passion of the holy martyrs Crescentian, Victor, Rosula, and Generalis.

15th Day of the 9th Month

The Octave of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary... The feast of the Seven Dolors of the same most Blessed Virgin Mary... At Rome, on the Via Nomentana, the birthday of blessed Nicomedes, priest and martyr. Because he said to those who would compel him to sacrifice: "I offer sacrifice only to the omnipotent God who reigns in heaven," he was for a long time scourged with leaded whips, and thus passed to the Lord... At Cordova in Spain, the holy martyrs Emilas, deacon, and Jeremias, who ended their martyrdom in the persecution of the Arabs by being beheaded after a long stay in prison... In the diocese of Chalons, St. Valerian, martyr, who was suspended on high by the governor Priscus, and tortured with iron hooks. Remaining immovable in the confession of Christ, and continuing joyfully to praise Him, he was struck with the sword by order of the same magistrate... At Adrianople, the holy martyrs Maximus, Theodore, and Asclepiodotus, who were crowned under Emperor Maximian... Also, St. Porphyry, a comedian, who was baptized in jest in the presence of Julian the Apostate, but was suddenly converted by the power of God and declared himself a Christian. By order of the emperor he was thereupon struck with an axe, and thus crowned with martyrdom... On the same day, St. Nicetas, a Goth, who was burned alive for the Catholic faith by order of King Athanaric... At Marcianopolis in Thrace, St. Melitina, a martyr, in the time of Emperor Antoninus and the governor Antiochus. She was twice led to the temples of the heathens, and since the idols fell to the ground each time, she was hanged and torn, and finally beheaded... At Toul in France, St. Aper, bishop... Also, St. Leobinus,

bishop of Chartres... At Lyons, St. Albinus, bishop... On the same day, the death of St. Aichard, abbot... In France, St. Eutropia, widow.

16th Day of the 9th Month

The holy martyrs Cornelius, pope, and Cyprian, bishop of Carthage, who were mentioned on the 14th day of the 9th month... At Chalcedon, the birthday of St. Euphemia, virgin and martyr, under Emperor Diocletian and the proconsul Priscus. For her faith in our Lord she was subjected to tortures, imprisonment, blows, the torment of the wheel, fire, the crushing weight of stones, the teeth of the beasts, scourging with rods, the cutting of sharp saws, and burning pans, all of which she survived. But when she was again exposed to the beasts in the amphitheater, praying to our Lord to receive her spirit, one of the animals inflicted a bite on her holy body although the rest of them licked her feet, and she yielded her unspotted soul to God... At Rome, the holy martyrs Lucy, a noble matron, and Geminian, who were subjected to grievous afflictions and were for a long time tortured by the command of Emperor Diocletian. Finally, being put to the sword, they obtained the glorious victory of martyrdom... The birthday of St. Martin I, pope and martyr. He had called together a council at Rome and condemned the heretics Sergius, Paul, and Pyrrhus. By order of the heretical Emperor Constantius he was taken prisoner through a deceit, brought to Constantinople, and exiled to the Chersonese. There he ended his life, worn out with his labors for the Catholic faith and favored with many virtues. His body was afterwards brought to Rome and buried in the church of Saints Sylvester and Martin. His feast, however, is observed on the 12th day of the 11th month... Also at Rome, the birthday of St. Cecilia, virgin and martyr. She brought her husband and his brother Tiburtius to the faith of Christ and afterwards encouraged them on to martyrdom. Almachius, prefect of the city, after their martyrdom, had her arrested and slain by the sword, after she had endured many trials and had passed through fire unhurt. This was in the reign of Emperor Marcus Aurelius Severus Alexander. Her feast is celebrated on the 22d of the 11th month... At Heraclea in Thrace, under Emperor Domitian and the governor Sergius, St. Sebastiana, martyr. Being brought to the faith of Christ by the blessed apostle Paul, she was tormented in various ways and finally

beheaded... At Rome, at a place on the Flaminian Way ten miles from the city, the holy martyrs Abundius, a priest, and Abundantius, a deacon, whom Emperor Diocletian ordered to be struck with the sword, together with Marcian, an illustrious man, and his son John, whom they raised from the dead... At Cordova in Spain, the holy martyrs Rogellus and Servusdeus, who were beheaded after their hands and feet had been cut off... At Whithorn in Scotland, St. Ninian, bishop and confessor... In England, St. Edith, virgin, daughter of the English King Edgar. She was consecrated to God in a monastery from her earliest years, and it may be said she did not know the world but rather that she forsook it.

17th Day of the 9th Month

At Rome, on the road to Tivoli, the birthday of St. Justin, priest and martyr, who distinguished himself by a glorious confession of the faith during the persecution of Valerian and Gallienus. He buried the bodies of the blessed Pontiff Sixtus II, of Lawrence, Hippolytus, and many other saints, and finally completed his martyrdom under Claudius... Also at Rome, the holy martyrs Narcissus and Crescentio... At Liege in Belgium, blessed Lambert, bishop of Maestricht. Through his zeal for religion he rebuked the royal family, and was undeservedly put to death by the guilty, and thus he entered the court of the heavenly kingdom, to enjoy it forever... In England, the holy martyrs Socrates and Stephen... At Noyon, the holy martyrs Valerian, Macrinus, and Gordian... At Autun, under Emperor Antoninus and the governor Valerian, St. Flocellus, a boy, who, after many sufferings, was torn in pieces by wild beasts, and thus won the crown of martyrs... At Cordova, St. Columba, virgin and martyr... In Phrygia, St. Ariadne, martyr, under Emperor Hadrian... Also, St. Agathoclia, servant of an infidel woman, who was for a long time subjected by her to blows and other afflictions that she might deny Christ. She was finally presented to the judge and cruelly lacerated, but since she persisted in confessing the faith, they cut off her tongue and threw her into the flames... At Milan, the death of St. Satyrus, confessor, whose distinguished merits are mentioned by his brother, St. Ambrose... At Rome, St. Theodora, a matron who zealously ministered to the martyrs in the persecution of Diocletian.

18th Day of the 9th Month

In Chalcis of Greece, the birthday of St. Methodius, bishop of Olympius in Lycia and afterwards of Tyre in Phoenicia, most renowned for eloquence and learning. He won the martyr's crown at the end of the last persecution... In the diocese of Vienne, the holy martyr Ferreol, a tribune, who was arrested by order of the impious governor Crispinus, most cruelly scourged, loaded with heavy chains, and cast into a dark dungeon. A miracle broke his bonds and opened the doors of the prison, from which he made his escape, but he was taken again by his pursuers and received the palm of martyrdom by being beheaded... Also, the Saints Sophia and Irene, martyrs... At Milan, St. Eustorgius, first bishop of that city, highly praised by blessed Ambrose... At Gortyna in Crete, St. Eumenius, bishop and confessor.

19th Day of the 9th Month

At Pozzuoli in Campania, the holy martyrs Januarius, bishop of Benevento; Festus, his deacon, and Desiderius, a lector, together with Sosius, a deacon of the Church of Miseno; Proculus, deacon of Pozzuoli; Eutychius, and Acutius, who were bound and imprisoned and then beheaded during the reign of Diocletian. The body of St. Januarius was brought to Naples and buried in the church with due honors, where even now the blood of the blessed martyr is kept in a vial, and when placed close to his head is seen to become liquid and bubble up as if it were just taken from his veins... In Palestine, the holy martyrs Peleus, Nilus, and Elias, bishops in Egypt, with many others of the clergy, who were consumed by fire for the sake of Christ during the persecution of Diocletian... At Nocera, the birthday of the holy martyrs Felix and Constantia, who suffered under Nero... Also, the holy martyrs Trophimus, Sabbatius, and Dorymedon, senator, under Emperor Probus. By command of the governor Atticus at Antioch, Sabbatius was scourged until he expired. Trophimus was sent to the governor Perennius at Synnada, where he and the senator Dorymedon completed their martyrdom by being beheaded after enduring many torments... At Eleutheropolis in Palestine, St. Susanna, virgin and martyr. She was the daughter of Arthemius, a pagan priest, and of Martha, a Jewish woman, and after the death of her parents she was converted to the

Christian faith. For this she was tortured in various ways and cast in prison by the prefect Alexander, and there gave up her spirit while at prayer... At Cordova in Spain, St. Pomposa, virgin and martyr. Because of her fearless witness to Christ she was beheaded in the Arab persecution, and thus obtained the palm of martyrdom... At Canterbury, the holy bishop Theodore, who was sent to England by Pope Vitalian, and who was renowned for learning and holiness... At Tours, St. Eustochius, bishop, a man of great virtue... In the diocese of Langres, St. Sequanus, priest and confessor.

20th Day of the 9th Month

At Rome, the holy martyrs Eustachius, and Theopistes, his wife, with their two sons, Agapitus and Theopistus. Under Emperor Hadrian they were condemned to be cast to the beasts, but by the power of God they were uninjured by them, so they were shut up in a heated brazen ox, and thus completed their martyrdom... At Cyzicum, on the sea of Marmora, the birthday of the holy martyrs Evilasius and the virgin Fausta, in the time of Emperor Maximian. Fausta's head was shaved to shame her, and she was hung up and tortured by Evilasius, then a pagan priest. But when he wished to have her body cut in two, the executioners could not inflict any injury upon her. Amazed at this prodigy, Evilasius believed in Christ and was cruelly tortured by order of the emperor; at the same time Fausta had her head bored through and her whole body pierced with nails. She was then laid on a heated gridiron, and being called by a celestial voice, went in company with Evilasius to enjoy the blessedness of heaven... In Phrygia, the holy martyrs Denis and Privatus... Also St. Priscus, martyr, whose body was pierced throughout with daggers, after which he was beheaded... At Pergen in Pamphylia, the Saints Theodore, his mother Philippa, and their fellow martyrs, in the time of Emperor Antoninus... At Carthage, under Emperor Maximian, St. Candida, virgin and martyr. After her body was lacerated by whips she was crowned with martyrdom... At Milan, St. Clicerius, bishop and confessor... At Rome, the translation of the body of St. Agapitus I, pope and confessor, from the city of Constantinople, in which he died on the 22nd day of the 4th month.

21st Day of the 9th Month

The birthday of St. Matthew, apostle and evangelist, who suffered martyrdom in Ethiopia while engaged in preaching. The Gospel written by him in Hebrew was found by his own revelation during the time of Emperor Zeno, together with the relics of the blessed apostle Barnabas... In the land of the Saar, the holy prophet Jonas, who was buried in Geth... In Ethiopia, St. Iphigenia, virgin, who was baptized and consecrated to God by the blessed apostle Matthew, and who ended her holy life in peace... At Rome, St. Pamphilus, martyr... On the Claudian Way, twenty miles from Rome, in the time of Emperor Antoninus, the martyrdom of St. Alexander, bishop. For the faith of Christ he was loaded with fetters, scourged, tortured, burned with torches, torn with iron hooks, exposed to the beasts, and cast into the flames, but having overcome all these torments, he was finally beheaded, and thus attained the glory of everlasting life. His body was afterwards carried into the city by blessed Pope Damascus on the 26th day of the 11th month... In Cyprus, St. Isacius, bishop and martyr... In Phoenicia, St. Eusebius, martyr, who of his own accord went to the prefect and declared himself a Christian. He was subjected by him to many torments, and finally beheaded... In Cyprus, St. Meletius, bishop and confessor.

22nd Day of the 9th Month

At St. Maurice, near Sion in Switzerland, the birthday of the holy Theban martyrs Maurice, Exuperius, Candidus, Victor, Innocent, and Vitalis, with their companions of the same legion, whose martyrdom for the faith during the time of Maximian filled the world with the glory of their sufferings... At Rome, the martyrdom of the holy virgins and martyrs Digna and Emerita, under Valerian and Gallienus. Their relics are kept in the church of St. Marcellus... At Ratisbon in Bavaria, St. Emmeramus, bishop and martyr, who patiently endured a most cruel death for the sake of our Lord, in order to set others free... At Arpajon, near Paris, St. Jonas, priest and martyr, who went to France along with St. Denis. After he was scourged by the order of the prefect Julian, his martyrdom was ended by the sword... At Antinopolis in Egypt, the holy martyrs Irais, an Alexandrian virgin, and her companions. Having gone out to draw water at a near-by fountain, and seeing a boat loaded with

Christian confessors, she immediately left her vessel and joined them. She was conducted to the city with them, and after many torments she was the first to have her head struck off. After her, priests, deacons, virgins, and all others underwent the same kind of death... At Rome, Pope St. Felix IV, who labored exceedingly for the Catholic faith... At Meaux, blessed Sanctinus, bishop, a disciple of St. Denis the Areopagite, by whom he was consecrated bishop of that city, and was the first to preach the Gospel there... In the territory of Coutances, St. Lanto, bishop... At Mount Glonna in France, the holy priest Florentius... In the territory of Bourges, St. Sylvanus, confessor... At Laon in France, St. Salaberga, abbess.

23rd Day of the 9th Month

At Rome, St. Linus, pope and martyr, who governed the Roman Church next after the blessed apostle Peter. He was crowned with martyrdom and was buried on the Vatican Hill beside the same apostle... At Iconium in Lycaonia, St. Thecla, virgin, who was brought to the faith by the apostle St. Paul. Under Emperor Nero, she was victorious over the flames and the beasts to which she was exposed for the faith of Christ. After many combats endured for the instruction of others, she went to Seleucia, where she ended her days in peace. Her memory has been eulogized by the holy Fathers... In Spain, the holy women Xantippa and Polyxena, who were disciples of the apostles... In Africa, the holy martyrs Andrew, John, Peter and Anthony... At Ancona, St. Constantius, sacristan of the church, renowned for the gift of miracles... In Campania, the commemoration of the blessed Sosius, deacon of the church of Miseno. The holy bishop Januarius, upon seeing a flame arise from his head as he was reading the Gospel in the church, foretold that he would be a martyr. Not many days after, when he was thirty years of age, he and the holy bishop suffered martyrdom by beheading... At Scicy in the district of Coutances in France, the commemoration of St. Paternus, bishop of Avranches and confessor, whose birthday is recalled on the 16th day of the 4th month.

24th Day of the 9th Month

The feast of our Lady of Ransom, Foundress of the Order for the Redemption of Captives. The apparition of the same Blessed Virgin occurred on

the 10th day of the 8th month... At Brescia, the death of St. Anathalo, bishop. He was a disciple of the blessed apostle Barnabas, and succeeded him as bishop of the Milanese church... In Hungary, St. Gerard, bishop of Chzonad and martyr, patrician of Venice, called the apostle of the Hungarians. During a journey from the town of Chzonad to Alba Regalis he was attacked by the pagans near the river Danube, stoned by them, and then pierced with a lance. He was thus the first to adorn his native land with a noble martyrdom... At Autun, the birthday of the holy martyrs Andochius, a priest, Thyrsus, a deacon, and Felix, who were sent from the East by blessed Polycarp, bishop of Smyrna, to preach in France. There they were severely scourged, hanged by the hands for a whole day, and cast into the fire. Remaining uninjured, they had their necks broken with heavy bars, and thus won a most glorious crown... In Egypt, the holy martyrs Paphnutius and his companions. While leading a solitary life, St. Paphnutius heard that many Christians were kept in bonds. Moved by the spirit of God, he voluntarily offered himself to the prefect, and freely confessed the Christian faith. He was bound by him with iron chains, and for a long time tortured on the rack. Then, being sent with many others to Diocletian, by his Order he was fastened to a palm tree, and the rest were struck with the sword... At Chalcedon, under Emperor Diocletian, after the martyrdom of St. Euphemia, forty-nine holy martyrs who were condemned to be devoured by the beasts, but being miraculously delivered, were finally struck with the sword and went to heaven... In Auvergne, the death of St. Rusticus, bishop and confessor... In the diocese of Beauvais, St. Geremarus, priest and abbot.

25th Day of the 9th Month

St. Cleophas and his Companions, disciples of our Lord. Cleophas was killed by the Jews for the confession of our Lord, and honorably buried in the same house in which he had entertained him... At Amiens in France, in the persecution of Diocletian, blessed Firminus, bishop. Under the governor Rictiovarus, after many torments he suffered martyrdom by being beheaded... At Rome, on the Claudian Way, under Emperor Antoninus, St. Herculanius, soldier and martyr, who was converted to Christ by the miracle wrought during the martyrdom of the blessed bishop Alexander. After

enduring many torments he was put to the sword... At Damascus, the holy martyrs Paul, his wife Tatta, and their sons Sabinian, Maximus, Rufus, and Eugene. Accused of professing the Christian religion, they were scourged and tortured in other ways until they gave up their souls to God... In Asia, the holy martyrs Bardomian, Eucarpus, and twenty-six others... At Lyons in France, the death of St. Lupus, at one time an anchorite, but later a bishop... At Auxerre, St. Anacharius, bishop and confessor... At Blois in France, St. Solemnus, bishop of Chartres, renowned for miracles... On the same day, St. Principius, bishop of Soissons, brother of the blessed bishop Remigius... At Anagni, the holy virgins Aurelia and Neomisia.

26th Day of the 9th Month

At Ephesus, the birthday of St. John, apostle and evangelist. After writing his gospel, and after enduring exile and writing the divine Apocalypse, he lived until the time of Emperor Trajan and founded and governed the churches of all Asia. Worn out with age, he died in the sixty-eighth year after the passion of our Lord and was buried near Ephesus... At Nicomedia, the birthday of the holy martyrs Cyprian and the virgin Justina. Under Emperor Diocletian and the governor Eutholmius, Justina suffered greatly for the faith of Christ, and thus converted Cyprian, who, while a magician, had endeavored to bring her under the influence of his magical practices. She afterwards suffered martyrdom with him. Their bodies were exposed to the beasts, but were taken away in the night by some Christian sailors, and carried to Rome. They were subsequently taken into the Constantinian basilica, and buried near the baptistry... At Rome, in the persecution of Diocletian, the holy martyr Callistratus and forty-nine other soldiers who endured martyrdom together. The companions of Callistratus were converted to Christ upon seeing him miraculously delivered from drowning in the sea, although he had been sewed up in a bag and thrown in... At Bologna, St. Eusebius, bishop and confessor... At Brescia, St. Vigilus, bishop... In the Tuscan plain, the blessed Abbot Nilus, founder of the monastery of Grottaferrata, a man of eminent sanctity... At Tiferno in Umbria, St. Amantius, a priest distinguished for the gift of miracles... At Albano, St. Senator.

27th Day of the 9th Month

At Aegea, during the persecution of Diocletian, the birthday of the holy martyrs Cosmas and Damian, brothers. After miraculously overcoming many torments from bonds, imprisonment, fire, crucifixion, stoning, arrows, and from being cast into the sea, they were beheaded. With them suffered three brothers: Anthimus, Leontius, and Euprepus... At Byblos in Phoenicia, Bishop St. Mark, whom St. Luke calls John... At Milan, the holy bishop Caius, a disciple of the blessed apostle Barnabas, who passed calmly to rest after suffering severely in the persecution of Nero... At Rome, St. Epicharis, wife of a senator, who was scourged with leaded whips and then struck with the sword in the persecution of Diocletian... At Todi in Umbria, under the same Diocletian, the holy martyrs Fidentius and Terence... At Cordova in Spain, the holy martyrs Adolph and John, brothers, who won the martyr's crown in the Arabian persecution. Their sister, the blessed virgin Aurea, was inspired by their example to return to the faith and later bravely suffered martyrdom on the 19th day of the 7th month... At Sion in Switzerland, St. Florentius, martyr. After his tongue had been cut out, he was put to the sword with blessed Hilary... At Ravenna, St. Aderitus, bishop and confessor... At Paris, St. Eleazar, a count... In Hainault, St. Hiltrude, virgin.

28th Day of the 9th Month

In Bohemia, St. Wenceslas, duke of Bohemia and martyr, renowned for holiness and miracles. Being murdered by the deceit of his brother, he went triumphantly to heaven... At Rome, St. Privatus, martyr, who was cured of ulcers by blessed Pope Callistus. In the time of Emperor Alexander he was scourged to death with leaded whips for the faith of Christ... In the same place, St. Stacteus, martyr... In Africa, the Saints Martial, Lawrence, and twenty other martyrs... At Antioch in Pisidia, the holy martyrs Mark, a shepherd, Alphius, Alexander, and Zosimus, his brothers; also Nikon, Neon, Heliodorus, and thirty soldiers, who were converted to Christ upon seeing the miracles of blessed Mark, and were crowned with martyrdom in different places and in various manners... On the same day, under Emperor Decius, the martyrdom of St.

Maximus... At Toulouse, St. Exuperius, bishop and confessor... At Genoa, St. Solomon, bishop and confessor... At Brescia, St. Silvinus, bishop... At Fulda near Mayence, St. Lioba, virgin, renowned for miracles.

29th Day of the 9th Month

At Rome, the commemoration of the dedication of the basilica of the blessed archangel Michael in the 6th century AD... At Auxerre, St. Fraternus, bishop and martyr... In Thrace, the birthday of the holy martyrs Eutychius, Plautus, and Heracleas... In Persia, the holy martyrs Dadas, a blood relative of King Sapor, Casdoa, his wife, and Gabdelas, his son. After being deprived of their dignities, and subjected to various torments, they were imprisoned for a long time and finally put to the sword... In Armenia, under King Tiridates, the holy virgin Ripsimis and her martyr companions... In Persia, under King Sapor, the holy martyr Gudelia. After converting many to the faith, and having refused to adore the sun and the fire, she was subjected to numerous torments. Having the skin torn off her head, and being fastened to a post, she deserved an everlasting triumph... At Pontecorvo near Aquino, St. Grimoaldus, priest and confessor... In Palestine, St. Quiriacus, an anchorite.

30th Day of the 9th Month

At Rome, the holy martyr Leopardus, of the household of Julian the Apostate. He was beheaded at Rome, and his body afterwards taken to Aix-la-Chapelle... At Soleure in Switzerland, in the time of Emperor Maximian, the passion of the holy martyrs Victor and Ursus, of the glorious Theban legion. They were subjected to horrible tortures, but a heavenly light shone over them causing the executioners to fall to the ground, and they were delivered. Being then cast into the fire without sustaining any injury, they finally perished by the sword... At Piacenza, the holy martyr Antoninus, a soldier of the same legion... On the same day, St. Gregory, bishop of Greater Armenia, who, after many sufferings under Diocletian, rested in peace... At Canterbury in England, St. Honorius, bishop and confessor... At Rome, St. Sophia, widow, mother of the holy virgins Faith, Hope, and Charity.

TENTH MONTH

1st Day of the 10th Month

Vigil of Holy Angels Day... At Rheims in France, St. Remigius, bishop and confessor, who converted the Franks to Christ, and brought Clovis, their king, to the holy font of baptism and instructed him in the mysteries of faith. After he had been bishop for many years and had distinguished himself by his sanctity and the power of working miracles, he departed this life. He fell asleep in the Lord on the 13th day of the 1st month, but is commemorated on this day because of the translation of his body... At Rome, blessed Aretas and five hundred and four other martyrs... At Tournai, St. Piaton, priest and martyr, who went from Rome to France to preach, together with blessed Quinctinus and his companions. Afterwards, his martyrdom was completed in the persecution of Maximian and he passed from earth to heaven... At Tomis in Pontus, the holy martyrs Priscus, Crescens, and Evagrius... At Lisbon in Portugal, the holy martyrs Verissimus, and his sisters Maxima and Julia, who suffered in the persecution of Diocletian... At Thessalonica, St. Dominus, martyr, under Emperor Maximian... At Orvieto, St. Severus, priest and confessor... At the port of Ghent, St. Bavo, confessor.

2nd Day of the 10th Month

The Feast of the All the Holy Angels... At Rome, the martyrdom of St. Modestus, a Sardinian, deacon and martyr, who was racked and burned with fire by Emperor Diocletian. His holy body was afterwards translated to Benevento and buried there in a church named after him... In the vicinity of Arras, the martyrdom of blessed Leodegarius, bishop of Autun. After being subjected to various insults and torments for the truth, he was put to death by Ebroin, chief minister of Theodoric... At Nicomedia, St. Eleutherius, soldier and martyr, with innumerable others. They were falsely accused of having set fire to the palace of Diocletian and, by order of this cruel emperor, were barbarously massacred in groups. Some were put to the sword, some consumed by fire, while others were cast into the sea. But the principal one, Eleutherius, after long tortures, being found stronger after each torment, completed his victorious martyrdom by fire, as well-tried gold... At Antioch,

the holy martyrs Primus, Cyril, and Secundarius... On the same day, St. Gerinus, martyr, brother of blessed Leodegarius, bishop of Autun. He was stoned to death by the same Ebroin... At Constantinople, St. Theophilus, a monk. He was cruelly scourged by Leo the Isaurian for his defense of holy images, was driven into exile, and there went gloriously to heaven.

3rd Day of the 10th Month

At Rome, near the place called Ursus Pileatus, St. Candidus, martyr... Among the ancient Saxons, two holy martyrs of the name of Ewald, priests who had been preaching in that country. They were seized by the pagans and put to death. During the night a great light shone over their bodies for a long time, pointing out where they were and also how distinguished were their merits... Also, the holy martyrs Denis, Faustus, Caius, Peter, Paul, and four others who had suffered greatly under Decius. In the time of Valerian, they were long subjected to torments by the governor Aemilian, and merited the palm of martyrdom... In Africa, St. Maximian, bishop of Bagaia. Again and again he suffered great cruelties from the Donatists, was finally cast headlong from a high tower, and left for dead. He was found by passers-by, and, having been healed by their zealous care, he did not cease to defend the Catholic faith until he rested in the Lord, renowned for the glory of his witness to the faith... At Leon in Spain, St. Froylan, bishop of that city, noted for his zeal in spreading the monastic life, his generosity to the poor and other virtues, and for his miracles... In Belgium, in the diocese of Namur, St. Gerard, abbot... In Palestine, St. Hesychius, confessor, disciple of St. Hilarion, and the companion of his travels.

4th Day of the 10th Month

At Corinth, the birthday of the Saints Crispus and Caius, who are mentioned by the apostle St. Paul in his Epistle to the Corinthians... At Athens, St. Hierotheus, disciple of the blessed apostle Paul... At Damascus, St. Peter, bishop and martyr, who was accused before the king of the Agarenians of teaching the faith of Christ. His tongue, hands, and feet were cut off, and being fastened to a cross, his martyrdom was fulfilled... At Alexandria, the holy priests and deacons Caius, Faustus, Eusebius,

Chaeremon, Lucius, and their companions. Some of them were martyred in the persecution of Valerian; others, for serving the martyrs, received the reward of martyrs... In Egypt, the holy martyrs Mark and Marcian, brothers, and an almost countless number of both sexes and of all ages, who merited the blessed crown of martyrdom, some after being scourged, others when they had suffered horrible torment, and others after being delivered to the flames. Some were cast into the sea, some others were beheaded; many were starved to death; many were fastened to gibbets; and others again were suspended by the feet with their heads downward... At Bologna, St. Petronius, bishop and confessor, celebrated for learning, miracles, and sanctity... At Paris, St. Aurea, virgin.

5th Day of the 10th Month

At Messina in Sicily, the birthday of the holy martyrs Placidus, a monk who was a disciple of the blessed Abbot Benedict, and of his brothers Euty chius and Victorinus, and the virgin Flavia, their sister; also of Donatus, Firmatus, a deacon, Faustus, and thirty other monks, who were murdered for the faith of Christ by the pirate Manuchas... At Smyrna, the birthday of blessed Thraseas, bishop of Eumenia, who ended his career through martyrdom... At Auxerre, the death of the saintly deacon Firmatus and the virgin Flaviana, his sister... At Treves, the holy martyrs Palmatus and his companions, who suffered martyrdom in the persecution of Diocletian, under the governor Rictiovarus... Also, under Emperor Diocletian and the proconsul Domitius, St. Charitina, virgin. She was exposed to the fire and thrown into the sea, but escaping uninjured, her hands and feet were cut off and her teeth torn out, and finally she yielded up her spirit in prayer... At Ravenna, St. Marcellinus, bishop and confessor... At Valence in France, St. Apollinaris, a bishop, renowned in life for virtues and in death for miracles and prodigies... Also, St. Attilanus, bishop of Zamora, who was ranked among the saints by Urban II... At Rome, St. Galla, widow, daughter of the consul Symmachus. After the death of her husband, she remained for many years near the church of St. Peter, devoted to prayer, almsgiving, fasting, and other pious works. Her most happy death has been described by Pope St. Gregory.

6th Day of the 10th Month

At Laodicea, the blessed bishop and martyr Sagar, one of the first disciples of the apostle Paul... In the Monastery De Torre, in the diocese of Squillace in Calabria, St. Bruno, confessor, founder of the Order of the Carthusians... At Auxerre, St. Romanus, bishop and martyr... At Capua, the birthday of the holy martyrs Marcellus, Castus, Aemilius, and Saturninus... At Treves, the commemoration of innumerable martyrs, who were put to death for the faith in various manners, under the governor Rictiovarus, in the persecution of Diocletian... At Agen in France, the birthday of St. Faith, virgin and martyr, by whose example blessed Caprasius was aroused to martyrdom, and by martyrdom happily fulfilled his own trial... Also St. Erotis martyr, who, aflame with love for Christ, triumphed over the flames of fire... At Oderzo, in the neighborhood of Venice, St. Magnus, bishop, whose body rests at Venice.

7th Day of the 10th Month

The Feast of the Most Holy Rosary of the blessed Virgin Mary, and the commemoration of St. Mary of Victory, in memory of the great victory granted on this day in a naval battle over the Turks, by the help of the Mother of God... At Rome, on the Ardeatine Way, the death of St. Mark, pope and confessor... In the province of the Euphrates, the holy martyrs Sergius and Bacchus, noble Romans, in the time of Emperor Maximian. Bacchus was scourged with rough sinews until his body was completely mangled, and breathed his last in the confession of Christ. Sergius had his feet forced into shoes full of sharp-pointed nails, but, remaining unshaken in the faith, he was sentenced to be beheaded. The place where he rests is called after him Sergiopolis and, on account of the frequent miracles wrought there, is honored by large gatherings of Christians... At Rome, the holy martyrs Marcellus and Apulcius, who at first were followers of Simon Magus, but seeing the wonders which the Lord performed through the apostle Peter, they abandoned Simon and embraced the apostolic doctrine. After the death of the apostles, under the proconsul Aurelian, they won the crown of martyrdom and were buried near the city... Also in the province of the Euphrates, St. Julia, virgin, who suffered martyrdom under the governor Marcian... At Padua, St. Justina, virgin

and martyr, who was baptized by blessed Prosdocimus, a disciple of St. Peter. Because she remained firm in the faith of Christ, she was put to the sword by order of the governor Maximus, and thus went to God... At Bourges, St. Augustus, priest and confessor... In the diocese of Rheims, St. Helanus, priest.

8th Day of the 10th Month

The birthday of blessed Simeon, an aged man, who, as we read in the Gospel, took our Lord Jesus in his arms and prophesied concerning him when he was presented in the Temple. And the holy prophetess Anna, who also confessed our Lord Jesus Christ during his presentation in the Temple... At Laodicea in Phrygia, during the reign of Diocletian, St. Artemon, a priest, who gained the crown of martyrdom by fire... At Thessalonica, St. Demetrius, a proconsul. For having brought many to the faith of Christ he was pierced with spears by order of Emperor Maximian, and thus completed his martyrdom... In the same place, St. Nestor, martyr... At Seville in Spain, St. Peter, martyr... At Caesarea in Palestine, in the reign of Decius, St. Reparata, virgin and martyr. For refusing to sacrifice to idols, she was subjected to various kinds of torments and was finally struck with the sword. Her soul was seen to leave her body in the form of a dove and ascend to heaven... In the country of Laon, St. Benedicta, virgin and martyr... At Ancona, Saints Palatias and Laurentia, who were sent into exile during the persecution of Diocletian, under the governor Dion, and were overcome by the weight of toil and misery... At Rouen, St. Evodius, bishop and confessor... At Jerusalem, St. Palagia, surnamed the Penitent.

9th Day of the 10th Month

The Old Testament Patriarchs: Noe, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. The holy patriarch Abraham is the father of all the believers... At Paris, the birthday of the holy martyrs Dionysius the Areopagite, a bishop, Rusticus, a priest, and Eleutherius, a deacon. Dionysius was baptized by the apostle St. Paul, and consecrated first bishop of Athens. Then going to Rome, he was sent to France by the blessed Roman Pontiff Clement to preach the Gospel. He proceeded to Paris, and after having for some years faithfully filled the office entrusted to him, he was subjected to

the severest kinds of torments by the prefect Fescennius, and at length was beheaded with his companions, thus completing his martyrdom... At Monte Cassino, St. Deusdedit, abbot, who was cast into prison by the tyrant Sicardus, and being there consumed with hunger and misery, yielded up his soul... At Jerusalem, Saints Andronicus and his wife Athanasia... At Antioch, St. Publia, abbess. While Julian the Apostate was passing by, she and her religious sang these words of David: "The idols of the Gentiles are silver and gold," and "Let them that make them, become like unto them." By the command of the emperor, she was struck on the face and severely rebuked.

10th Day of the 10th Month

St. Melchisedech, King of Salem, having neither beginning of days nor end of life, likened unto the Son of God. He met Abraham after Abraham's victory over the four kings and offered him bread and wine, which they ate and drank together... At Ceuta in Morocco, the passion of seven holy martyrs of the Order of Friars Minor: Daniel, Samuel, Angelus, Leo, Nicholas, Ugolino, and Domnus, all of whom were priests except Domnus. Because they had preached the Gospel and put to silence the doctrines of Mohammed, they suffered insults, fetters, and scourgings from the Saracens in that place. They were at last beheaded and thus obtained the palm of martyrdom... At Cologne, in the persecution of Maximian, St. Gereon and three hundred and eighteen other martyrs who patiently bowed to the sword for the true religion... In the neighborhood of the same city, the holy martyrs Victor and his companions... At Bonn in Germany, the holy martyrs Cassius and Florentius, with many others... At Nicomedia, the holy martyrs Eulampius, and his sister, the virgin Eulampia. Upon hearing that her brother was tortured for Christ, she rushed through the crowd, embraced him, and became his companion. Both were cast into a caldron of boiling oil, but being uninjured, their martyrdom was completed by beheading along with two hundred others, who, impressed by the miracle, had believed in Christ... On the island of Crete, blessed Pinytus, most noble of bishops. He was bishop of Gnosia, and flourished under Marcus Antoninus Verus and Lucius Aurelius Commodus. He left in his writings, as in a mirror, a vivid picture of himself... At York in England, the holy bishop Paulinus, disciple of the

blessed pope Gregory. He was sent there by that pope along with others to preach the Gospel, and he converted King Edwin and his people to the faith of Christ... At Piombino in Tuscany, St. Cerbonius, bishop and confessor. St. Gregory relates that he was renowned for miracles, both during life and after death... At Verona, another St. Cerbonius, bishop... At Capua, St. Paulinus, bishop.

11th Day of the 10th Month

The Motherhood of the Blessed Virgin Mary... At Tarsus in Cilicia, the holy women Zenaides and Philonilla, sisters, who were relatives of the blessed apostle Paul and his disciples in the faith... In the neighborhood of Vexin in France, in the time of the governor Fescenninus, the passion of the holy martyrs Nicasius, bishop of Rouen, the priest Quirinus, the deacon Scubiculus, and Pientia, a virgin... At Besancon in France; St. Germanus, bishop and martyr... Also, the martyrdom of the Saints Anastasius, a priest, Placidus, Genesius, and their companions... At Tarsus in Cilicia, the birthday of the holy martyrs Tharacus, Probus, and Andronicus, who endured a long and painful imprisonment during the persecution of Diocletian. They were three times subjected to diverse punishments and tortures, and finally obtained a glorious triumph for the confession of Christ by having their heads struck off... In Thebais, St. Sarmata, disciple of the blessed abbot Anthony, who was put to death for Christ by the Saracens... At Uzea in France, St. Firmin, bishop and confessor... In the monastery of Aghaboe in Ireland, St. Kenny, priest and abbot... At Lier in Belgium, the death of St. Gummarus, confessor... At Verona, St. Placidia, virgin.

12th Day of the 10th Month

The Old Testament Fathers: Adam Abel, Seth, Lot, Caleb, Tobit, Tobias, and Mardochai... At Rome, the holy martyrs Evagrius, Priscian, and their companions... In Africa, four thousand nine hundred and sixty-six holy confessors and martyrs in the persecution of the Vandals under the Arian king Hunneric. Some of them were bishops of the churches of God, some priests and deacons, and there was a multitude of the faithful who were driven into a frightful wilderness for the defence of the Catholic truth. Many of them were cruelly

molested by the Moorish leaders, and with sharp-pointed spears and stones were forced to hasten their march; others, with their feet tied, were dragged like corpses through rough places and were mangled in all their limbs. At the end they were tortured in different manners and won the honors of martyrdom. The principal ones among them were the bishops Felix and Cyprian... At Ravenna, on the Via Laurentina, the birthday of St. Edistius, martyr... In Lycia, under Emperor Diocletian, St. Domnina, martyr... At Cilli in Austria, St. Maximilian, bishop of Lorsch... At York in England, St. Wilfrid, bishop and confessor... At Milan, St. Monas, bishop. He was chosen as head of that church because a miraculous light from heaven surrounded him when they were deliberating on the choice of a bishop... At Verona, St. Salvinus, bishop... In Syria, St. Eustace, priest and confessor.

13th Day of the 10th Month

St. Edward, king of England and confessor, who died on the 5th day of the 1st month. He is specially honored on this day because of the translation of his body... At Troas in Asia Minor, the birthday of St. Carpus, a disciple of the blessed apostle Paul... At Cordova in Spain the birthday of the holy martyrs Faustus, Januarius, and Martial. They were first tortured on the rack, their eyebrows were then shaven, their teeth torn out, their ears and noses cut off, and the martyrdom was completed by fire... At Thessalonica, St. Florentius, a martyr, who, after enduring various torments, was burned alive... At Stockerau in Austria, St. Colman, martyr... At Antioch, St. Theophilus, the bishop who held the pontificate in that church, the sixth after the blessed apostle Peter... At Tours in France, St. Venantius, abbot and confessor... At Subiaco in Italy, St. Chelidonia, virgin.

14th Day of the 10th Month

At Rome, on the Aurelian Way, the birthday of blessed Callistus I, pope and martyr. By order of Emperor Alexander, he was kept in prison for a long time without food, and was daily scourged with rods. He was finally hurled from a window of the house in which he had been shut up, and was cast into a well, and thus merited the triumph of victory... At Rimini, St. Gaudentius, bishop and martyr... At Caesarea in Palestine, the Saints

Carponius, Evaristus, and Priscian, brothers of blessed Fortunata, who obtained the crown of martyrdom together, their throats being cut with the sword... In the same place, St. Fortunata, virgin and martyr, the sister of the martyrs just mentioned. After having been subjected to the rack, to fire, to the teeth of beasts, and other torments during the persecution of Diocletian, she gave up her soul to God. Her body was afterwards conveyed to Naples in Campania... Also, the Saints Saturninus and Lupus... At Todi in Umbria, St. Fortunatus, bishop, who, as is mentioned by blessed Gregory, was endowed with an extraordinary gift for casting out unclean spirits... At Wurzburg in Germany, St. Burchard, first bishop of that city... At Bruges in Belgium, St. Donatian, bishop of Rheims... At Treves, St. Rusticus, bishop.

15th Day of the 10th Month

At Cracow in Poland, St. Hedwig, duchess of Poland, who devoted herself to the service of the poor, and was renowned for miracles. Her feast is celebrated on the following day... At Rome, on the Aurelian Way, St. Fortunatus, martyr... In Prussia, St. Bruno, bishop of the Ruthenians and martyr. While preaching the Gospel in that region he was arrested by impious men, his hands and feet were cut off, and he was then beheaded... At Cologne, the birthday of three hundred holy martyrs who met their trials in the persecution of Maximian... At Carthage, St. Agileus, martyr, on whose birthday St. Augustine delivered a discourse to the people concerning him... At Lyons, St. Antiochus, bishop, who entered the heavenly kingdom after having courageously fulfilled the duties of the high station to which he had been called... At Treves, St. Severus, bishop and confessor... At Strasbourg, St. Aurelia, virgin... In Germany, St. Thecla, abbess and virgin. She governed the convents of Kitzingen and Ochsenfurt, and departed to heaven filled with merits.

16th Day of the 10th Month

At Cracow in Poland, St. Hedwig, duchess of Poland..., In Africa, two hundred and seventy holy martyrs, crowned together... Likewise, the Saints Marinian and Saturnian, with their two brothers. While the persecution of the Vandals was raging in the reign of the Arian king Genseric, they were

slaves to a man of that race. They were converted to the faith of Christ by Maxima, a slave like themselves, and they manifested their attachment to the truth with such courage that they were beaten with rough clubs and lacerated in all parts of their bodies to the very bones. Although this barbarous treatment was continued for a considerable period, their wounds were each time healed overnight. They were at length sent into exile where they converted many barbarians to the faith, and obtained from the Roman Pontiff a priest and other ministers to baptize them. Finally they were condemned to die by having their feet tied behind running chariots and being dragged through thorns. Maxima, after enduring many tribulations, was miraculously delivered and became the superior of a large monastery of virgins, where she ended her days in peace... Also, the Saints Saturninus, Nereus, and three hundred and sixty-five other martyrs... At Cologne, under Julian the Apostate, the martyr St. Eliphilus... In the monastery of Moutieren-Der, in France, St. Bercharius, abbot and martyr... Near Bourges, St. Ambrose, bishop of Cahors... At Mainz, St. Lullus, bishop and confessor... At Treves, St. Florentinus, bishop... At Arbon in Germany, St. Gall, abbot, a disciple of blessed Columban.

17th Day of the 10th Month

At Antioch, the birthday of St. Heron, a disciple of blessed Ignatius. Being made bishop after him, he religiously followed his master's footsteps, and, as a true lover of Christ, died for the flock entrusted to his keeping... The same day, the martyrdom of the Saints Victor, Alexander, and Marian... In Persia, St. Mamelta, martyr. He was converted from idolatry to the faith by the warning of an angel, and was later stoned by heathens and cast into a deep lake... At Orange in France, St. Florentinus, bishop, who died leaving a reputation for many virtues.

18th Day of the 10th Month

In Bithynia, the birthday of St. Luke the Evangelist. He died, filled with the Holy Spirit, after having suffered much for the name of Christ. His relics were translated to Constantinople, and thence taken to Pavia... At Antioch, the bishop St. Asciepiades, who was one of the celebrated band of martyrs who suffered so gloriously under Macrinus... At Louvres, in the diocese of Beauvais, St. Justus,

martyr, who, being but a boy, was put to death in the persecution of Diocletian, under the governor Rictiovarus... At Rome, St. Tryphonia, at one time the wife of Caesar Decius, the mother of St. Cyrilla, virgin and martyr. She was buried in a crypt, near that of St. Hippolytus... In Mesopotamia, in the neighborhood of Edessa, the commemoration of St. Julian the Hermit, surnamed Sabas, who is mentioned also on the 17th day of the 1st Month.

19th Day of the 10th Month

At Rome, the birthday of the holy martyrs Ptolemy and Lucius, in the time of Marcus Antoninus. The former converted a certain immodest woman to the faith of Christ and induced her to practice chastity. He was accused by an evil man before the prefect Urbicius and made to undergo a long imprisonment in a foul dungeon. At length, because he declared by a public confession that Christ was his master, he was led to execution. Lucius protested against the sentence of Urbicius, and freely proclaimed himself to be a Christian, whereby he received the same sentence. To them was added still a third martyr, who was condemned to suffer a like punishment... At Antioch, the holy martyrs Beronicus, the virgin Pelagia, and forty-nine others... In Egypt, St. Varus, a soldier, who, under Emperor Maximian, visited and comforted seven holy monks who were kept in prison. When one of them died he wished to be accepted in his place, and after suffering most cruel torments with them he obtained the palm of martyrdom... At Evreux in France, St. Aquilinus, bishop and confessor... In the diocese of Orleans, the death of St. Veranus, bishop... At Salerno, St. Eusterius, bishop... In Ireland, in the monastery of the Forest of Kildare, St. Ethbin, abbot... At Oxford, in England, St. Frideswide, virgin.

20th Day of the 10th Month

At Abia, near Aquila in Abruzzo, the birthday of blessed Maximus, deacon and martyr. Because of his desire to suffer he showed himself to the persecutors of his own accord. After answering with great constancy, he was racked and tortured, then beaten with rods, and he finally died by being cast headlong from a high place... At Agen in France, St. Caprasius, martyr. He was hiding in a cavern to avoid the violence of the persecution when the report of the blessed virgin Faith's courage in suffering for

Christ roused him to endure the torments. He prayed to God that, if he were deemed worthy of the glory of martyrdom, clear water might flow from the rock of his cave. God granted his prayer, and he went with confidence to the scene of the trial where, after a valiant struggle, he merited the palm of martyrdom under Maximian... At Antioch, St. Artemius, an imperial officer who had filled high positions in the army under the Holy Roman Emperor St. Constantine the Great. Julian the Apostate, however, whom he rebuked for his cruelty towards Christians, ordered him to be beaten with rods, subjected to other torments, and finally beheaded... At Constantinople, St. Andrew of Crete, a monk who had often been scourged by Constantine Copronymus for his veneration of holy images. After one of his feet had been cut off he rendered up his soul... At Cologne, the martyrdom of the holy virgins Martha and Saula, with many others... In Portugal, St. Irene, virgin and martyr. Her body was honorably buried in the town of Scalabris. Since that time the town has been named Santarem, which is derived from her name... At Aussonce, in the diocese of Rheims, St. Sindulphus, priest and confessor... At Minden in Germany, the translation of St. Felician, bishop of Foligno and martyr. From his holy relics a portion was placed in an urn and brought to Germany from the city of Foligiio in Umbria, where he had died on the 24th day of the 1st month... At Paris, the translation of the holy martyrs George, a deacon, and Aurelius from Cordova, a city of Spain, where they died with three companions on the 27th day of the 7th month.

21st Day of the 10th Month

In Cyprus, the birthday of the holy abbot Hilarion. His life was full of virtues and miracles... At Cologne, the birthday of St. Ursula and her companions, who gained the martyr's crown by being slain by the Huns for the Christian religion and their constancy in keeping their virginity. Many of their bodies are buried in Cologne... At Ostia, St. Asterius, priest and martyr, who suffered under Emperor Alexander, as we read in the Acts of blessed Pope Callistus... At Nicomedia, the birthday of Saints Dasius, Zoticus, Caius, and twelve other soldiers, who, after suffering various torments, were drowned in the sea... At Lyons, St. Viator, deacon of blessed Justus, bishop of that city... At Maronia, near Antioch in Syria, St. Malthus, a monk... At

Laon, St. Cilinia, mother of blessed Remigius, bishop of Rheims.

22nd Day of the 10th Month

At Jerusalem, St. Mary Salome, the mother of the apostles James and John, who is referred to in the Gospel as having cared for the burial of our Lord... At Jerusalem, blessed Bishop Mark, a noble and learned man, who was the first Gentile to govern the Church of Jerusalem. His brief episcopate was rewarded by the palm of martyrdom under Emperor Antoninus... At Adrianople in Thrace, the birthday of the holy martyrs Philip, a bishop, Severus, a priest, Eusebius, and Hermes. After being imprisoned and scourged, they were burned alive in the time of Julian the Apostate... Also, the holy martyrs Alexander, a bishop, Heraclius, a soldier, and their companions... At Fermo in Piceno, St. Philip, bishop and martyr... At Cologne, St. Cordula, who was one of the companions of St. Ursula. Being terrified by the punishments and slaughter of the others, she hid herself; but repenting her deed, on the next day she declared herself to the Huns of her own accord, and thus was the last of them all to receive the crown of martyrdom... At Huesca in Spain, the holy virgins Nunilo and Alodia, sisters, who endured martyrdom by being condemned to capital punishment by the Saracens for the confession of the faith... At Hieropolis in Phrygia, St. Abercius, bishop, who flourished under Emperor Marcus Antoninus... At Rouen, St. Melanious, bishop, who was ordained by Pope St. Stephen and sent there to preach the Gospel... In Tuscany, St. Donatus of Scotland, bishop of Fiesole... At Verona, St. Verecundius, bishop and confessor.

23rd Day of the 10th Month

At Antioch, the birthday of the holy priest Theodore, who was arrested in the persecution of the impious Julian. After the torment of the rack and many severe tortures, including the burning of his sides with torches, he persisted in the confession of Christ, and so his martyrdom was completed by death with the sword... At Osuma, near Cadiz in Spain, in the persecution of Diocletian, under the subgovernor Viator, the holy martyrs Servandus and Germanus. They were subjected to scourging, imprisonment in a foul dungeon, want of food and drink, and the

fatigue of a long journey while loaded with fetters, and at length reached the end of their martyrdom by having their heads stricken off. Germanus was buried at Merida, and Servandus at Seville... At Constantinople, St. Ignatius, bishop, who rebuked Bardas Caesar for putting away his wife, for which he was subjected to many insults and driven into banishment. He was, however, restored to his See by the Roman Pontiff Nicholas, and there died in peace... At Bordeaux, St. Severin, bishop of Cologne and confessor... At Rouen, Bishop St. Romanus... At Salerno, Bishop St. Verus... In the district of Amiens, St. Domitius, a priest... In the country of Poitiers, St. Benedict, confessor.

24th Day of the 10th Month

The Feast of St. Raphael the Archangel, whose dignity and benefits to mankind are set forth in the holy book of Tobias... At Venosa in Apulia, the birthday of the holy martyrs Felix, an African bishop, Audactus and Januarius, priests, and the lectors Fortunatus and Septimus. In the time of Diocletian, under the governor Magdellian, they were loaded with fetters and imprisoned for a long time in Africa and Sicily. Because Felix refused to deliver the sacred books, they were at last slain with the sword... At Tongres in Belgium, St. Evergislus, bishop of Cologne and martyr. Because of his duties in the pastoral office he journeyed there, and on the way stopped to pray alone at the monastery of the Blessed Virgin Mary where he was killed by robbers who struck him with an arrow... At Nagan in Arabia Felix, the passion of St. Aretas and his companions, to the number of three hundred and forty, in the time of Emperor Justin, under the Jewish tyrant Dunaan. After them, a Christian woman was burned alive, whose five-year-old son confessed Christ and could not be prevented by caresses or threats from rushing into the fire in which his mother was burning... At Constantinople, St. Proclus, bishop... On the island of Jersey, St. Maglorius, bishop, who laid down the Episcopal office after exercising it for three years towards a few scattered people in Brittany. He built a monastery on that island, and there spent the remainder of his life in holy conversation. His body was later translated to Paris... In the monastery of Durin in France, St. Martin, abbot and deacon. His body was translated to the monastery of Vertou... In Campania, St. Mark, a solitary, whose noble

accomplishments have been recorded by St. Gregory the Great.

25th Day of the 10th Month

At Rome, the holy martyrs Chrysanthus and his wife Daria. After many sufferings endured for Christ under the prefect Celerinus, they were ordered by Emperor Numerian to be thrown into a sandpit on the Salarian Way, where, being still alive, were covered with earth and stones... Also, the birthday of St. Marcellinus, pope and martyr, who was beheaded for the faith of Christ in the reign of Maximian along with Claudius Cyrinus and Antoninus. So great was the persecution then that seventeen thousand Christians received the crown of martyrdom in one month. The feast of St. Marcellinus is celebrated with that of St. Cletus, pope and martyr, on the 26th day of the 4th month... At Perigueux in France, St. Fronto, who was made bishop by the blessed apostle Peter. Along with a priest named George, he converted to Christ a large number of people of that place, and, renowned for miracles, rested in peace... Also at Rome, the birthday of forty-six holy soldiers, who were baptized at the same time by Pope Denis, and soon after beheaded by order of Emperor Claudius. They were buried on the Salarian Way with one hundred and twenty-one other martyrs. Among them are named four soldiers of Christ: Theodosius, Lucius, Mark, and Peter... At Sassari in Sardinia, the holy martyrs Protus, a priest, and Januarius, a deacon, who were sent to that island by Pope St. Caius, and were martyred in the time of Diocletian under the governor Barbarus... At Constantinople, the martyrdom of the Saints Martyrius, a subdeacon, and Marcian, a chanter, who were slain by the heretics during the reign of Emperor Constantius... At Soissons in France, in the persecution of Diocletian, the holy martyrs Crispin and Crispinian, noble Romans. Under Governor Rictiovarus, after horrible torments, they were put to the sword, and thus obtained the crown of martyrdom. Their bodies were afterwards conveyed to Rome and entombed with due honors in the church of St. Lawrence in Panisperna... At Florence, St. Minias, a soldier, who fought valorously for the faith of Christ and was gloriously crowned with martyrdom during the reign of Decius... At Brescia, the birthday of St. Gaudentius, bishop, distinguished for his learning

and holiness... At Javoux in France, St. Hilary, bishop.

26th Day of the 10th Month

At Rome, St. Evaristus, pope and martyr, who enriched the Church of God with his blood under Emperor Hadrian... In Africa, the holy martyrs Felicissimus and the priest Rogatian, who received the bright crown of martyrs in the persecution of Valerian and Gallienus. They are mentioned by St. Cyprian in his Epistle to the Confessors... At Nicomedia, the holy martyrs Lucian, Florius, and their companions... At Narbonne, St. Rusticus, bishop and confessor, who flourished in the reigns of Emperors Leo and Valentinian... At Salerno, St. Gaudiosus, bishop... At Pavia, Bishop St. Fulk... Also St. Quadragesimus, subdeacon, who raised a dead man to life.

27th Day of the 10th Month

At Avila in Spain, under the governor Dacian, the Saints Vincent, Sabina, and Christeta. They were first stretched on the rack in such a manner that all their limbs were dislocated; then stones being laid on their heads, and their brains beaten out with heavy bars, their martyrdom was fulfilled... At Tilchatel in France, St. Florentius, martyr... In Cappadocia, the holy martyrs Capitolina, and Erotheides, her handmaid, who suffered under Diocletian... In India, St. Frumentius, bishop. While he was a captive there he was consecrated bishop by St. Athanasius, and propagated the Gospel in that country... At Naples, St. Gaudiosus, an African bishop who came to Campania because of the Vandal persecution, and died a holy death in a monastery in that city... In Ethiopia, in the time of Emperor Justin, St. Elesbaan, king. After having defeated the enemies of Christ and sent his royal diadem to Jerusalem, he led a monastic life, as he had vowed, and went to his reward.

28th Day of the 10th Month

In Persia, the birthday of the blessed apostles Simon the Canaanite and Thaddeus, who is also called Jude. Simon preached the Gospel in Egypt, Thaddeus in Mesopotamia. Afterwards, entering Persia together, they converted to Christ a numberless multitude of

the inhabitants, then underwent martyrdom... At Rome, the holy martyrs Cyril and Anastasia the Elder, virgin. In the persecution of Valerian, under the prefect Probus, Anastasia was bound with chains, buffeted, subjected to fire and scourging, and, as she remained immovable in the confession of Christ, her breasts were cut away, her nails plucked out, her teeth broken, and her hands, feet, and head severed from her body. Adorned with her sufferings as with so many jewels, she went to her Spouse. At her request, Cyril gave her some water to drink, and for his reward became a martyr... In the same city, during the reign of Claudius, St. Cyrilla, virgin, daughter of St. Tryphonia, who was pierced through the throat for the faith of Christ... At Como, under Emperor Maximian, St. Fidelis, martyr... At Mainz, St. Ferrutius, martyr... At Meaux, in France, St. Faro, bishop and confessor... At Vercelli, St. Honoratus, bishop.

29th Day of the 10th Month

The holy Bishop Maximian, martyr, and Valentine, confessor... At Sidon in Phoenicia, St. Zenobius, a priest. When the last persecution was raging, by exhorting others to martyrdom, he himself was deemed worthy of it... In Lucania, the holy martyrs Hyacinth, Quinctus, Felician, and Lucius... At Bergamo, St. Eusebia, virgin and martyr... At Jerusalem, the birthday of blessed Narcissus, a bishop distinguished for holiness, patience, and faith, who went to the kingdom of God at the age of one hundred and sixteen years... At Autun, St. John, bishop and confessor... At Cassiope, in the island of Corfu, Bishop St. Donatus, mentioned by blessed Pope Gregory... At Vienne in France, the death of blessed Theodore, abbot.

30th Day of the 10th Month

In Sardinia, the birthday of St. Pontian, pope and martyr. In the company of the priest Hippolytus, he was exiled by Emperor Alexander, and achieved martyrdom by being scourged. His body was brought to Rome by blessed Pope Fabian and buried in the cemetery of Callistus. His feast, however, is celebrated on the 19th day of the 11th month... At Aegea in Cilicia, in the reign of Diocletian, under the governor Lysias, the martyrdom of Saints

Zenobius, bishop, and his sister Zenobia... At Altino, in the neighborhood of Venice, St. Theonestus, bishop and martyr, who was slain by the Arians... In Africa, the birthday of two hundred and twenty holy martyrs... At Tangier in Morocco, St. Marcellus, a centurion, the father of Saints Claudius, Lupercus, and Victorius. He achieved martyrdom by beheading under Agricola, deputy praetor for Praefectus... At Alexandria, in the reign of Decius, thirteen holy martyrs who suffered with Saints Julian, Eunus, and Macarius... At Cagliari in Sardinia, St. Saturninus, martyr, who was beheaded under the governor Barbarus, during the persecution of Diocletian... At Apamea in Phrygia, St. Maximus, martyr, under the same Diocletian... At Leon in Spain, the holy martyrs Claudius, Lupercus, and Victorius, the sons of St. Marcellus the centurion. They were condemned to be beheaded by Diogenian, the governor, in the persecution of Diocletian and Maximian... At Paris, St. Lucanus, martyr... At Alexandria, the martyr St. Eutropia, who was arrested while visiting the martyrs, and rendered up her soul after being cruelly tortured with them... At Antioch, St. Serapion, a bishop very celebrated for his learning... At Capua, St. Germanus, bishop and confessor, a man of great sanctity, whose soul, at the hour of death, was seen by St. Benedict taken to heaven by angels... At Potenza in Lucania, St. Gerard, bishop.

31st Day of the 10th Month

The Vigil of All Saints' Day... At Rome, the Saints Ampliatus, Urbanus, and Narcissus, who are mentioned by St. Paul in his Epistle to the Romans. They were put to death by the Jews and Gentiles for the Gospel of Christ... At Constantinople, St. Stachis, bishop, who was consecrated first bishop of that city by the blessed apostle Andrew... At Saint Quentin in France, the martyr St. Quentin, a Roman citizen and senator, who suffered under Emperor Maximian. By the revelation of an angel, his body was found incorrupt after a lapse of fifty-five years... At Milan, St. Antoninus, bishop and confessor... At Ratisbon, St. Wolfgang, bishop... At Rome, the translation of blessed Nemesius, a deacon, and his daughter, the virgin Lucilla, who were beheaded on the 25th day of the 8th month.

ELVENTH MONTH

1st Day of the 11th Month

The Festival of All Saints, which Pope Boniface IV, after the dedication of the Pantheon, ordained to be kept generally and solemnly every year, in the city of Rome, in honor of the blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, and of the holy martyrs... In Persia, the holy martyrs John, a bishop, and James, a priest, under King Sapor... At Terracina in Campania, the birthday of St. Caesarius, deacon, who was detained many days in prison, afterwards put into a sack with the priest St. Julian, and then thrown into the sea... At Dijon, St. Benignus, a priest, who was sent to France by blessed Polycarp to preach the Gospel. After he had been subjected to many grievous torments by the judge Terentius, under Emperor Marcus Aurelius, he was finally condemned to have his neck struck with an iron bar and his body pierced with a lance... At Damascus, the martyrdom of the Saints Caesarius, Dacius, and five others... On the same day, St. Mary, a servant girl. Being accused of professing the Christian religion in the time of Emperor Hadrian, she was subjected to cruel scourging, to torture on the rack, and the lacerating of her body with iron hooks, and thus completed her martyrdom... At Tarsus in Cilicia, under Emperor Maximian, the Saints Cyrenia and Juliana... At Auvergne in France, St. Austremonius, first bishop of Clermont... At Paris, the death of St. Marcellus, bishop... At Bayeux, in the reign of the Frankish king Childebert, St. Vigor, bishop... At Angers in France, the death of the aged holy man, St. Licinius, bishop... At Tivoli, St. Severinus, monk... In Gatinais in France, St. Mathurin, confessor.

2nd Day of the 11th Month

On this day, the commemoration of all the faithful departed; on which day the Holy Church, their common Mother, after being careful to celebrate with fitting praise all her children who now rejoice in heaven, strives also to help all those who still suffer in Purgatory by her prayers, which are of avail before Christ, her Lord and Spouse, in order that as speedily as possible they may join the society of the citizens on high. [If this day occurs on the Lord's Day, the above words are omitted and read instead at the beginning on the following day.] At Pettau in

Styria, the birthday of St. Victorinus, bishop of that city, who, after publishing many writings, was crowned with martyrdom in the persecution of Diocletian... At Trieste, blessed Justus, who fulfilled his martyrdom in the same persecution under the governor Manatius... At Sebaste in Armenia, the Saints Carterius, Styriacus, Tobias, Eudoxius, Agapius, and their companions, martyrs under Emperor Licinius... In Persia, the holy martyrs Acindynus, Pegasius, Aphthonius, Elpiderphorus, and Anempodistus, with many companions... In Africa, the birthday of the holy martyrs Publius, Victor, Hermes, and Papias... At Laodicea in Syria, St. Theodotus, a bishop powerful in words and adorned with good works and virtues... At Vienne in France, the bishop St. George... In the monastery of St. Maurice in Switzerland, St. Ambrose, abbot... At Cyrus in Syria, St. Martian, confessor.

3rd Day of the 11th Month

The birthday of St. Quartus, a disciple of the apostles... At Viterbo, during the persecution of Maximian, the holy martyrs Valentine, a priest, and Hilary, a deacon. For their attachment to the faith of Christ, they were tied to a stone and cast into the Tiber, but being miraculously delivered by an angel, they were beheaded, and thus were crowned with the glory of martyrdom... At Caesarea in Cappadocia, the holy martyrs Germanus, Theophilus, Caesarius, and Vitalis, who nobly endured martyrdom in the Decian persecution... At Saragossa in Spain, the countless holy martyrs who lay down their lives with admirable fervor for the faith of Christ under Dacian, governor of Spain... In England, St. Winifred, virgin and martyr, her feast day is celebrated on the 6th day of the 11th month... On the same day, St. Hubert, bishop of Tongres... At Vienne in France, St. Domnus, bishop and confessor... Also, the death of St. Pirmin, bishop of Meaux... At Urgel in Spain, Bishop St. Hermengaud... At Rome, St. Sylvia, mother of Pope St. Gregory the Great.

4th Day of the 11th Month

At Bologna, the holy martyrs Vitalis and Agricola. The former was first the servant of the latter, and afterwards his partner and companion in martyrdom. He was subjected by the persecutors to all kinds of

torments, so that there was no part of his body without wounds. After having suffered with constancy, he yielded up his soul to God in prayer. Agricola was put to death by being fastened to a cross with many nails. St. Ambrose relates that being present at the translation, he took the martyr's nails, his glorious blood, and the wood of his cross, and deposited them under consecrated altars... On the same day, the birthday of the Saints Philologus and Patrobas, disciples of the apostle St. Paul... At Autun, St. Proculus, bishop and martyr... At Myra in Lycia, under the governor Libanius, the holy martyrs Nicander, a bishop, and Hermes, a priest... In the district of Vexin in France, St. Clarus, priest and martyr... At Ephesus, St. Porphyrias, a martyr under Emperor Aurelian... At Rodez in France, blessed Bishop Amantius, whose life stood out glorious by his sanctity and miracles... At Rome, the birthday of St. Pierius, priest of Alexandria, who was well versed in the Holy Scriptures, most pure in his life, and highly skilled in Christian theology. He taught the people and became famous under Emperors Carus and Diocletian, when Theonas governed the Church of Alexandria. After the persecution, he spent the remainder of his life at Rome, where he died in peace... In Bithynia, St. Joannicius, abbot... In Hungary at Alba Regalis, the death of blessed Emeric, confessor, the son of St. Stephen, king of Hungary... At Treves, St. Modesta, virgin.

5th Day of the 11th Month

St. Zachary, priest and prophet, the father of blessed John the Baptist, Precursor of our Lord... Also, St. Elizabeth, mother of the same most holy Precursor... At Terracina in Campania, the birthday of the holy martyrs Felix, a priest, and Eusebius, a monk. The latter buried the holy martyrs Julian and Caesarius, and converted to the faith of Christ many whom the priest St. Felix baptized. They were arrested together, and both were led to the tribunal of the judge, who could not succeed in intimidating them; they were shut up in prison, and as they refused to offer sacrifice, were beheaded that same night... At Emesa in Phoenicia, during the persecution of Decius, the holy martyrs Galation and his wife Epistemis, who were scourged, had their hands, feet, and tongue mutilated, and finally fulfilled their martyrdom by beheading... Also, the holy martyrs Dominus, Theotimus, Philotheus, Silvanus, and their

companions, under Emperor Maximinus... At Milan, St. Magnus, bishop and confessor... At Brescia, St. Dominator, bishop... At Treves, St. Fibitius, first an abbot and then bishop of that city... At Orleans in France, St. Laetus, priest and confessor.

6th Day of the 11th Month

In England, St. Winifred, virgin and martyr... At Barcelona in Spain, St. Severus, bishop and martyr, who had his head pierced with a spike, and thus received the crown of martyrdom for the sake of the Catholic faith... At Tunis in Africa, the birthday of St. Felix, martyr, who, having confessed Christ, was sent to prison. His sentence had been deferred, but the next day he was found dead, as is related by St. Augustine when he was expounding on a psalm to the people on the feast of the saint... At Theopolis, which is Antioch, ten holy martyrs who suffered at the hands of the Saracens... In Phrygia, St. Atticus, martyr... At Berg in Flanders, the death of St. Winoc, abbot, who was renowned for virtues and miracles, and for a long time was servant to the brethren subject to him... At Fondi in Lazio, St. Felix, monk... At Limoges in Aquitaine, St. Leonard, confessor, disciple of the blessed bishop Remigius, who was born of a noble family but chose to lead a solitary life. He was celebrated for holiness and miracles, but his virtue shone particularly in the deliverance of captives.

7th Day of the 11th Month

At Padua, the death of St. Prosdocus, consecrated as first bishop of that city by the blessed apostle Peter. He was sent to that city to preach the word of God and there he died a holy death, celebrated for many virtues and miracles... At Perugia, St. Herculanus, bishop and martyr... At Schwelm in Germany, the martyrdom of St. Engelbert, bishop of Cologne. He was on his way from that city to the town of Essen in order to consecrate a church, when he was set upon by ruffians on the road and slain by their many blows. Thus he suffered martyrdom in defense of Church liberty and for obedience to the Roman Church... The same day, St. Amaranthus, martyr. After successfully fulfilling the course of his trials he was buried in the city of Albi, but lives in everlasting glory... At Melitina in Armenia, the martyrdom of the Saints Hiero, Nicander,

Hesychius, and thirty others, who were crowned in the persecution of Diocletian under the governor Lysias... At Amphipolis in Macedonia, the holy martyrs Auctus, Taurio, and Thessalonica... At Ancyra in Galatia, the martyrdom of Saints Melasippus, Anthony, and Carina, under Julian the Apostate... At Alexandria, the blessed Achilles, bishop, renowned for his learning, faith, and purity of life... In Friesland, the death of St. Willibrord, bishop of Utrecht, who was consecrated bishop by blessed Pope Sergius, and preached the Gospel in Friesland and Denmark... At Metz, St. Rufus, bishop and confessor... At Strasbourg, St. Florentius, bishop.

8th Day of the 11th Month

The Octave of All Saints... On the Lavican Way, the birthday of the saintly brothers, Severus, Severian, Carpophorus, and Victorinus, called the Four Crowned, who were scourged to death with leaded whips, during the reign of the same emperor. Because their names, known some years afterwards by revelation, could not then be ascertained, it was ordered that their anniversary should be commemorated with the preceding five, under the name of the Four Saints Crowned. This custom was retained by the Church, even after their names had been revealed... Also at Rome, on the Lavican Way, three miles from the city, the martyrdom of the Saints Claudius, Nicostratus, Symphorian, Castorius, and Simplicius. They were first sent to prison, then scourged with whips set with metal, but since they could not be made to forsake the faith of Christ, Diocletian ordered them to be thrown into the river... At Rome, St. Deusdedit, pope, whose merit was so great that he cured a leper by kissing him... In the village of Plexem, on the Weser River in Germany, St. Willehad, first bishop of Bremen, who, together with St. Boniface, whose disciple he was, spread the Gospel in Friesland and Saxony... At Soissons in France, St. Godfrey, bishop of Amiens, a man of great sanctity... At Verdun in France, St. Maur, bishop and confessor... At Tours in France, St. Clarus, a priest whose epitaph was written by St. Paulinus.

9th Day of the 11th Month

St. Benignus, disciple of St. Patrick... At Rome in the Lateran, the Dedication of the Basilica of the

Saviour, which is the Mother and Head of all churches in the city and the world... At Amasea in Pontus, the birthday of St. Theodore, a soldier, in the time of Emperor Maximian. For the confession of Christ he was severely scourged and sent to prison, where he was comforted by an apparition of our Lord, who exhorted him to act with courage and constancy. He was finally stretched on the rack, lacerated with iron hooks until his bowels were laid bare, then cast into the flames to be burned alive... At Tyana in Cappadocia, the martyrdom of St. Orestes under Emperor Diocletian... At Thessalonica, under Emperor Maximian, St. Alexander, martyr... At Bourges in Aquitaine, St. Ursinus, confessor, who was ordained at Rome by the successors of the apostles and appointed first bishop of that city... At Naples in Campania, St. Agrippinus, bishop, renowned for miracles... At Constantinople, the holy virgins Eustolia, a Roman maiden, and Sopatra, the daughter of Emperor Maurice... At Berytus in Syria, the Commemoration of the Image of our Saviour, which, being fastened to a cross by the Jews, poured out blood so plentifully that the Eastern and Western Churches received abundantly of it.

10th Day of the 11th Month

The birthday of the holy martyrs Trypho and Respicius, and the virgin Nympha... At Rome, Pope St. Leo I, confessor and doctor of the Church, surnamed the Great because of his extraordinary merits. His feast is celebrated on the 11th day of the 4th month... At Iconium in Lycaonia, the holy women Tryphenna and Tryphosa, who profited by the preaching of blessed Paul and the example of Thecla to make great progress in Christian perfection... At Antioch, Saints Demetrius, a bishop, Anian, a deacon, Eustosius, and twenty other martyrs... In the diocese of Agde in France, the holy martyrs Tiberius, Modestus, and Florence, who were subjected to diverse torments and fulfilled their martyrdom in the time of Diocletian... At Ravenna, St. Probus, a bishop renowned for miracles... At Orleans in France, St. Monitor, bishop and confessor... In England, St. Justus, bishop, who was sent by Pope Gregory with Augustine, Mellitus, and others to preach the Gospel in that country. There he went to his repose in the Lord, celebrated for his sanctity... In the town of Melun in France, St. Leo,

confessor... In the island of Paros, St. Theoctistis, virgin.

11th Day of the 11th Month

At Tours in France, the birthday of blessed Martin, bishop and confessor, whose life was so renowned for miracles that he received the power to raise three persons from the dead... At Cotyaeum in Phrygia, during the persecution of Diocletian, the celebrated martyrdom of St. Mennas, an Egyptian soldier, who cast off the military belt and obtained the grace of serving the King of heaven secretly in the desert. Afterwards, coming out publicly and freely declaring himself a Christian, he was first subjected to severe torments; and finally kneeling in prayer, giving thanks to our Lord Jesus Christ, he was slain with the sword. After his death he became renowned for many miracles... At Ravenna, the holy martyrs Valentine, Felician, and Victorinus, who were crowned during the persecution of Diocletian... In Mesopotamia, St. Athenodorus, martyr, who was subjected to fire and other torments under the same Diocletian and the governor Eleusius. He was at length sentenced to be beheaded, but when the executioner fell to the ground and no other person would dare to strike him with the sword, he passed to his repose in the Lord while praying... At Lyons in France, St. Veranus, a bishop, whose life was illustrious for his faith and his other virtues... At Constantinople, St. Theodore, abbot of Studium, who fought valiantly for the Catholic faith against the Iconoclasts, and became famed throughout the Catholic Church... In the monastery of Grottaferrata, in the Tuscan plain, the holy abbot Bartholomew, a companion of blessed Nilus, whose life he wrote... In the province of Abruzzi, blessed Mennas, a solitary whose virtues and miracles are mentioned by Pope St. Gregory.

12th Day of the 11th Month

The Feast of St. Martin I, pope and martyr, whose birthday is mentioned on the 16th day of the 9th month... In Asia, the martyrdom of the holy bishops Aurelius and Publius... At Eschen in Belgium, St. Livinus, bishop and martyr. After converting many to the faith he was slain by heathens. His body, however, was afterwards translated to Ghent... At Gnesen in Poland, the holy hermits and martyrs Benedict, John, Matthew, Isaac, and Christian. They

were savagely attacked by robbers and slain by the sword while they were at prayer... In the neighborhood of Sens, St. Paternus, monk and martyr. He had met some robbers in a nearby forest, and for attempting to persuade them to amend their lives, they slew him... At Avignon, St. Rufus, the first bishop of that city... At Cologne, the death of St. Cunibert, bishop... At Tarazona in Aragon, blessed Emilian, a priest favored with many miracles. His admirable life was recorded by St. Braulio, bishop of Saragossa... At Constantinople, St. Nilus, abbot, who resigned as prefect of the city to become a monk, and during the reign of Theodosius the Younger became distinguished for his learning and sanctity.

13th Day of the 11th Month

Pope St. Nicholas I, who ruled the Church in the 9th century... At Ravenna, the birthday of the holy martyrs Valentine, Salutor, and Victor, who suffered under Emperor Diocletian... At Aix, in the province of Narbonne, the renowned martyr, blessed Mitrius... At Caesarea in Palestine, the martyrdom of the Saints Antoninus, Zebina, Germanus, and the virgin Ennatha. Under Galerius Maximian, Ennatha was scourged and burned alive, while the others, for boldly reproaching the governor Firmilian for his idolatry in sacrificing to the gods, were beheaded... In Africa, the holy martyrs Arcadius, Paschasius, Probus, and Eutychian, Spaniards who absolutely refused to yield to the Arian perfidy, during the persecution of the Vandals. Accordingly, they were condemned by the Arian king Genseric, driven into exile, and finally, after being subjected to fearful tortures, were put to death in divers manners. At that time there was also seen the constancy of the small boy Paulillus, brother of the Saints Paschasius and Eutychian. Because he could not be turned from the Catholic faith, he was long beaten with rods and sentenced to the lowest servitude... At Rome, Pope St. Nicholas, distinguished for the apostolic spirit... At Tours in France, St. Brice, bishop, a disciple of the blessed Bishop Martin... At Toledo in Spain, St. Eugene, bishop... In Auvergne in France, St. Quinctian, bishop... At Cremona, in the duchy of Milan, St. Homobonus, confessor, renowned for miracles.

14th Day of the 11th Month

At Gangra in Paphlagonia, St. Hypatius, bishop, who on his way home from the great Council of Nicaea, was attacked with stones by the Novatian heretics, and died a martyr... At Heraclea in Thrace, the birthday of the holy martyrs Clementinus, Theodotus, and Philomenus... At Alexandria, St. Serapion, martyr, whom the persecutors under Emperor Decius subjected to torments so cruel that all his limbs were disjointed. He became a martyr of Christ by being hurled from the upper part of the house... At Troyes in France, under Emperor Aurelian, St. Venerandus, martyr... Also in France, the holy virgin Veneranda, who received the crown of martyrdom under Emperor Antoninus and the governor Asclepiades... At Emesa in Phoenicia, the martyrdom of many holy women, who were barbarously tortured and massacred for the faith of Christ under Mady, a savage Arabian chief... At Bologna, St. Jucundus, bishop and confessor... At Eu in France, St. Laurence, bishop of Dublin... At Algiers in Africa, blessed Serapion, of the Order of Our Blessed Lady of Ransom. For the redemption of the faithful in captivity and the preaching of the Christian faith, he was the first of his Order to merit the palm of martyrdom, being crucified and torn limb from limb.

15th Day of the 11th Month

The birthday of St. Eugene, bishop of Toledo and martyr, disciple of blessed Denis the Areopagite. His martyrdom was completed near Paris, and he received from our Lord a crown for his blessed sufferings. His body was afterwards translated to Toledo in Spain... At Nola in Campania, blessed Felix, bishop and martyr, who was renowned for miracles from his fifteenth year. He completed the combats of his martyrdom with thirty others, under the governor Marcian... At Edessa in Mesopotamia, the martyrdom of St. Abibus, deacon, who was torn with iron hooks and cast into the fire in the time of Emperor Licinius and the governor Lysanias... In the same place, the holy martyrs Gurias and Samonas, under Emperor Diocletian and the governor Antoninus... In Africa, the holy martyrs Secundus, Fidentian, and Varicus... At Archingeay, in the neighborhood of Saintes, the birthday of St. Malo, bishop of Aleth, in France. He was born in England and from his earliest years was famed for

his miracles... At Verona, St. Luperius, bishop and confessor... At Klosterneuburg, near Vienna in Austria, St. Leopold, margrave of that province of Austria.

16th Day of the 11th Month

St. Gertrude, virgin of the Order of St. Benedict, who was called to everlasting happiness by her heavenly Spouse on the 17th day of the 11th month... At Edinburgh, Scotland, the birthday of St. Margaret, queen of the Scots and widow, renowned for her love of the poor and her voluntary poverty. Her feast is celebrated on the 10th day of the 6th month... In Africa, the holy martyrs Rufinus, Mark, Valerius, and their fellows... The same day, the holy martyrs Elpidius, Marcellus, Eustochius, and their companions. Elpidius, who was a senator, perseveringly confessed the Christian faith before Julian the Apostate, and, with his companions, was tied to wild horses and dragged by them, thus fulfilling a glorious martyrdom... At Lyons in France, the birthday of St. Eucherius, bishop and confessor, a man of extraordinary faith and learning. He renounced the senatorial dignity to embrace the religious life, and for a long time voluntarily shut himself up in a cave, where he served Christ in prayer and fasting. Afterwards, through the revelation of an angel, he was solemnly installed in the episcopal chair of the city of Lyons... At Padua, St. Fidentius, bishop... At Canterbury, England, St. Edmund, archbishop and confessor, who was sent into exile for having maintained the rights of his church. He died a most holy death at Provins, a town near Sens... The same day, the death of St. Othmar, abbot.

17th Day of the 11th Month

At Hedelfs in Saxony, the birthday of St. Gertrude, virgin of the Order of St. Benedict, who was famous for her revelations. Her feast is observed on the preceding day... In Palestine, in the first year of Diocletian's persecution, the holy martyrs Alpheus and Zachaeus, who underwent beheading after many tortures... At Cordova in Spain, during the same persecution, the holy martyrs Acisclus and his sister Victoria, who were most cruelly tortured by order of the governor Dion, and thus merited to be crowned by our Lord for their glorious sufferings... At Alexandria, St. Denis, bishop, a man of very great

learning. In the time of Emperors. Valerian and Gallienus, renowned for often having confessed the faith, and illustrious for the various sufferings and torments he had endured, full of days he rested in peace a confessor... At Orleans in France, St. Anian, bishop, the value of whose death in the sight of the Lord is attested by frequent miracles... In England, St. Hugh, bishop, who was called to rule the church of Lincoln. He ended his holy life in peace, renowned for many miracles... At Tours in France, St. Gregory, bishop... At Florence, St. Eugene, confessor, the deacon of blessed Zenobius, bishop of that city.

18th Day of the 11th Month

At Rome, the dedication of the basilicas of the holy apostles Peter and Paul during the 4th century AD in the time of the Holy Roman Emperor St. Constantine the Great... At Antioch, the birthday of St. Romanus, martyr, in the time of Emperor Galerius. When the prefect Asclepiades attacked the Church and attempted to destroy it, Romanus exhorted the Christians to resist him. After being subjected to severe torments and the cutting out of his tongue (without which, however, he spoke the praises of God), he was strangled in prison and crowned with a glorious martyrdom. Before him suffered a young boy named Barula, who being asked by him whether it was better to worship one God or several gods, and having answered that we must believe in the one God whom the Christians adore, was scourged and beheaded... Also at Antioch, the holy martyr Hesychius, a soldier. Hearing the order that anyone refusing to sacrifice to idols should lay aside his military belt, he immediately took off his. For this reason he was cast into the river with a large stone tied to his right hand... On the same day, St. Oriculus and his companions, who suffered for the Catholic faith in the Vandal persecution... At Mainz, St. Maximus, a bishop, who suffered greatly at the hands of the Arians, and died a confessor in the time of Constantius... At Tours in France, the translation of blessed Odo, abbot of Cluny... At Antioch, St. Thomas, a monk honored with an annual solemnity by the people of Antioch, for bringing the end of a plague by his prayers... At Lucca in Tuscany, the translation of St. Frigidian, bishop and confessor.

19th Day of the 11th Month

St. Pontian, pope and martyr, whose birthday occurs on the 30th day of the 10th month... At Marburg in Germany, the death of St. Elizabeth, widow, daughter of King Andrew of Hungary, and member of the Third Order of Francis. After a life spent in the performance of works of piety, she went to heaven, having a reputation for miracles... At Samaria in Palestine, the holy prophet Abdias... At Rome, on the Appian Way, the birthday of St. Maximus, priest and martyr, who suffered in the persecution of Valerian and was buried near St. Sixtus... At Ecijo in Spain, blessed Bishop Crispin, who obtained the glory of martyrdom by beheading... St. Faustus, deacon of Alexandria, who had been banished with St. Denis in the persecution of Valerian; later, in the persecution of Diocletian, being far advanced in age, his martyrdom was accomplished by the sword... At Caesarea in Cappadocia, St. Barlaam, martyr, who, though unpolished and ignorant, was armed with the wisdom of Christ to overcome the tyrant, and by the constancy of his faith, subdued fire itself... At Vienne, the holy martyrs Severinus, Exuperius and Felician. Their bodies, after the lapse of many years, were found through their own revelation, and being taken up with due honors by the bishop, clergy, and people of that city, were buried with becoming solemnity... In Isauria the martyrdom of St. Azas and his soldier companions, to the number of one hundred and fifty, under Emperor Diocletian and the tribune Aquilinus.

20th Day of the 11th Month

St. Felix of Valois, priest and confessor, who founded the Order of the Most Holy Trinity for the Redemption of Captives, and who fell asleep in the Lord on the 4th day of the 11th month... In Persia, the martyrdom of St. Nersas, bishop, and his companions... At Messina in Sicily, the holy martyrs Ampelus and Caius... At Turin, the holy martyrs Octavius, Solutor, and Adventor, soldiers of the Theban Legion, who fought valiantly for the faith under Emperor Maximian and who were crowned with martyrdom... At Caesarea in Palestine, in the time of Emperor Galerius Maximian, the holy martyr Agapius, who was condemned to be devoured by the beasts; but being unhurt by them, he was cast into the sea with stones

tied to his feet... At Silistria in Rumania, St. Dasius, bishop, who, for refusing to consent to the unholy rites of the Saturnalia, was put to death under the governor Bassus... At Nicaea in Bithynia, the holy martyrs Eustace, Thespesius, and Anatolius, in the persecution of Maximinus... At Heraclea in Thrace, the holy martyrs Bassus, Denis, Agapitus, and forty others... In England, St. Edmund, king and martyr... At Constantinople, St. Gregory of Decapolis, who suffered many things for the veneration of sacred images... At Milan, St. Benignus, a bishop who, amid great troubles caused by the barbarians, governed the Church entrusted to him with greatest constancy and piety... At Chalons in France, St. Sylvester, a bishop who went to God in the forty-second year of his priesthood, full of days and virtues... At Verona, St. Simplicius, bishop and confessor... At Hildesheim in Saxony, St. Bernard, bishop and confessor.

21st Day of the 11th Month

The Old Testament Lesser Prophets: Osee, Joel, Amos, Abdias, Jonas, Michaeas, Nahum, Habacuc, Sophonias, Aggeus, Zacharias, and Malachias... The birthday of blessed Rufus, mentioned by the apostle St. Paul in his Epistle to the Romans... At Rome, the martyrdom of the Saints Celsus and Clement... At Rheims, St. Albert, bishop of Liege and martyr, who was put to death for defending the liberty of the Church... At Ostia, the holy martyrs Demetrius and Honorius... In Spain, the holy martyrs Honorius, Eutychius, and Stephen... In Pamphylia, St. Heliodorus, martyr, in the persecution of Aurelian under the governor Aetius. After his death his executioners were converted to the faith and were cast into the sea... At Rome, Pope St. Gelasius, distinguished for learning and sanctity... At Verona, St. Maur, bishop and confessor... In the monastery of Bobbio, the death of St. Columban, abbot who founded many monasteries and governed a large number of monks. He died at an advanced age, celebrated for many virtues.

22nd Day of the 11th Month

St. Cecilia, virgin and, martyr, who, on the 16th day of the 9th month, purpled with her own blood, departed to her heavenly Spouse... At Colossae in Phrygia, during the reign of Nero, Saints Philemon and Apphias, disciples of St. Paul. When the heathen

rushed into the church on the feast of Diana, they were arrested and the rest of the Christians fled. By command of the governor Artocles they were scourged, enclosed up to their waists in a pit, then overwhelmed with stones... At Rome, St. Maur, a martyr. He came from Africa to visit the tombs of the apostles, and suffered martyrdom there under Celerinus, prefect of the city in the reign of Emperor Numerian... At Antioch in Pisidia, the martyrdom of the Saints Mark and Stephen, under Emperor Diocletian... At Autun, St. Pragmatius, bishop and confessor.

23rd Day of the 11th Month

The birthday of Pope St. Clement, who held the sovereign pontificate the third after the blessed apostle Peter. In the persecution of Trajan, he was banished to Chersonesus, where, being thrown into the sea with an anchor tied to his neck, he was crowned with martyrdom. During the pontificate of Pope Adrian II, his body was translated to Rome by the brothers Saints Cyril and Methodius, and buried with honor in the church that had already been built and named for him... At Rome, St. Felicitas, mother of seven martyred sons. After them she was beheaded for Christ by order of Emperor Marcus Antoninus... At Cyzicum, in the Hellespont, St. Sisinius, martyr, who after many torments was put to the sword in the persecution of Diocletian... At Merida in Spain, St. Lucretia, virgin and martyr, whose martyrdom was fulfilled in the same persecution, under the governor Dacian... At Girgenti, the death of St. Gregory, bishop... In the town of Hasbein in Belgium, St. Trudo, priest and confessor. Both the monastery which he had erected on his land, and the town which soon afterwards arose, were later named after him.

24th Day of the 11th Month

The birthday of St. Chrysogonus, martyr. After a long imprisonment in chains for the constant confession of Christ, he was ordered by Diocletian to be taken to Aquileia, where he completed his martyrdom by being beheaded and thrown into the sea... At Rome, St. Crescentian, martyr, whose name is mentioned in the Acts of blessed Pope Marcellus... At Corinth, St. Alexander, martyr, who fought unto death for the faith of Christ, under Julian the Apostate and the governor Sallust... At Perugia,

St. Felicissimus, martyr... At Amelia in Umbria, during the persecution of Diocletian, St. Firmina, virgin and martyr. After being subjected to various torments, to hanging, and to burning with flaming torches, she yielded up her spirit... At Cordova in Spain, the holy virgins and martyrs Flora and Mary, who after a long imprisonment were slain with the sword in the Arab persecution... At Milan, St. Protase, bishop, who defended the cause of Athanasius before Emperor Constans in the Council of Sardica. Having sustained many labors for the church entrusted to him and for religion, he departed this life to go to the Lord... In the neighborhood of Auvergne, St. Portian, an abbot who was renowned for miracles in the time of King Theodoric. His name was given to the monastery that he had governed and also to the town which was later built there... In the town of Blaye, St. Romanus, a priest, whose holiness is proclaimed by glorious miracles.

25th Day of the 11th Month

At Alexandria, St. Catherine, virgin and martyr, in the time of Emperor Maximinus. For the confession of the Christian faith she was cast into prison, endured a long scourging with whips set with metal, and finally ended her martyrdom by having her head cut off. Her body was miraculously carried by angels to Mount Sinai... At Rome, St. Moses, priest and martyr, who, along with others detained in prison, was often consoled by the letters of St. Cyprian. He withstood with unbending courage not only the heathen, but also the Novatian schismatics and heretics, and according to the words of Pope St. Cornelius, he was finally crowned with a martyrdom which fills the mind with admiration, in the persecution of Decius... At Antioch, St. Erasmus, martyr... At Caesarea in Cappadocia, St. Mercury, a soldier, who vanquished the barbarians and triumphed over the cruelty of Decius through the protection of his guardian angel. Finally, having acquired great glory from his sufferings, he was crowned with martyrdom and went to reign forever in heaven... In Emilia, a province of Italy, St. Jucunda, virgin.

26th Day of the 11th Month

At the Holy Temple in Jerusalem, the purification of St. Anne, which took place eighty days after the birth of the most blessed virgin Mary, according to

the Old Testament precept... At Fabriano in Piceno, St. Sylvester, abbot, founder of the Congregation of Sylvestrine monks... At Alexandria, the birthday of St. Peter, bishop of that city, graced with every virtue, who was beheaded by command of Galerius Maximian... There suffered also at Alexandria in the same persecution the holy martyrs Faustus, a priest, Didius, and Ammonius; likewise, Phileas, Hesychius, Pachomius, and Theodore, Egyptian bishops, with six hundred and sixty others, whom the sword of persecution sent to heaven... In the village of Fracta, St. Bellinus, bishop of Padua and martyr. The noble defender of the rights of the Church was cruelly attacked by assassins, inflicting many wounds upon him, and then slaying him... At Nicomedia, in the time of Constantius, St. Marcellus, a priest, who died a martyr by being hurled from a rock by the Arians... At Rome, St. Siricius, pope and confessor, celebrated for his learning, piety, and zeal for religion, who condemned various heretics and published salutary laws concerning ecclesiastical discipline... At Autun, St. Amator, bishop... At Constance in Germany, St. Conrad, bishop... In the district of Rheims, the birthday of St. Basolus, confessor.

27th Day of the 11th Month

Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal... At Antioch, the holy martyrs Basileus, a bishop, Auxilius, and Saturninus... At Sebaste in Armenia, in the reign of Emperor Diocletian and under the governor Maximus, the holy martyrs Hirenarchus, Acacius, a priest, and seven women. Struck with the constancy of these women, Hirenarchus was converted to Christ, and with Acacius died under the axe... In Galicia, on the River Cea, the Saints Facundus and Primitivus, who suffered under the governor Atticus... In Persia, St. James Intercisus, a distinguished martyr. In the time of Theodosius the Younger he denied Christ in order to please King Isdegerd, but his mother and his wife for this reason withdrew from his company. Coming to himself, he returned to the king to declare his faith in our Lord, whereupon the angry monarch condemned him to be cut in pieces and beheaded. Countless other martyrs suffered at this time in the same country... At Aquileia, St. Valerian, bishop... At Riez in France, St. Maximus, bishop and confessor, who, from his tender years, was endowed with every grace and virtue. Being first superior of the monastery of

Lerins, and afterwards bishop of the Church of Riez, he was celebrated for the working of miracles and prodigies... At Salzburg in Germany, St. Virgil, bishop and apostle of Carinthia... In India, near the Persian boundary, the Saints Barlaam and Josaphat... At Paris, the death of St. Severin, monk and solitary.

28th Day of the 11th Month

St. Catherine Laboure, who was given the Miraculous Medal by the Blessed Mother in 1830... At Corinth, the birthday of St. Sosthenes, disciple of the blessed apostle Paul, who is mentioned in his Epistle to the Corinthians. He was chief of the synagogue when converted to Christ, and as a glorious beginning, consecrated the first fruits of his faith by being scourged before the proconsul Gallio... At Rome, St. Rufus, who was martyred with all his family by Diocletian... In Africa, under the Arian king Genseric, in the persecution of the Vandals, the holy martyrs Papinian and Mansuetus, bishops, who, for the Catholic faith, were burned in every part of their bodies with hot plates of iron, which ended their glorious trial. At this time also, other holy bishops, Valerian, Urban, Crescens, Eustachius, Cresconius, Crescentian, Felix, Hortulanus, and Florentian ended the course of their lives in exile... At Constantinople, in the time of Constantine Copronymus, the holy martyrs Stephen the Younger, Basil, Peter, Andrew, and their companions, numbering three hundred and thirty-nine monks, who were subjected to diverse torments for the veneration of holy images, and confirmed the Catholic truth with the shedding of their blood.

29th Day of the 11th Month

At Rome, on the Salarian Way, the birthday of the holy martyr, Saturninus, an aged man, and the deacon Sisinius, in the time of Emperor Maximian. After a long imprisonment, by order of the prefect of the city they were placed on the rack, stretched with ropes, scourged with rods and whips garnished with

metal, then exposed to the flames, taken down from the rack and beheaded... At Toulouse, in the time of Decius, the holy bishop Saturninus, who was taken to the capital of that city by the heathen and thrown down the steps from the highest part of the building. The fall having crushed his head, dashed out his brain and mangled his whole body, he rendered his worthy soul to our Lord... Also, the martyrdom of the Saints Paramon and his companions, to the number of three hundred and seventy-five under Emperor Decius and the governor Aquilinus... At Ancyra, St. Philomenus, martyr. During the persecution of Emperor Aurelian, under the governor Felix, he was first exposed to the flames, then having his hands, feet, and head pierced with nails, he fulfilled his martyrdom... At Veroli, the holy martyrs Blaise and Demetrius... At Todi in Umbria, St. Illuminata, virgin.

30th Day of the 11th Month

At Patras in Achaia, the birthday of the apostle St. Andrew, who preached the gospel of Christ in Thrace and Sythia. He was apprehended by the proconsul Aegeas, imprisoned, and severely scourged, and finally, being hung on a cross, he lived two days on it, teaching the people. Having besought our Lord not to permit him to be taken down from the cross, he was surrounded with a great brightness from heaven, and when the light disappeared he breathed his last... At Rome, the martyrdom of the Saints Castulus and Euprepis... At Constantinople, St. Maura, virgin and martyr... Also, St. Justina, virgin and martyr... At Rome, St. Constantius, confessor, who bravely opposed the Pelagians, and by enduring many injuries from them, gained a place among the holy confessors... At Saintes in France, St. Trojan, bishop and confessor, a man of great sanctity, who shows by many miracles that he lives in heaven, though his body is buried on earth... In Palestine, blessed Zosimus, confessor, who was distinguished for his sanctity and miracles in the time of Emperor Justin.

TWELFTH MONTH

1st Day of the 12th Month

The prophet Nahum, who was buried in Bagabar... At Rome, the holy martyrs Diodorus, a priest, and Marian, a deacon, with many others, while they were observing the birthdays of the martyrs in the catacombs. They were made partakers in the glory of martyrdom when the persecutors, by order of Emperor Numerian, walled up the door of the oratory and piled up a great mass of stones against it... Also, the martyrdom of the Saints Lucius, Rogatus, Cassian, and Candida... At Narni, St. Proculus, bishop and martyr, who, after performing many good works, was beheaded by order of Totila, king of the Goths... At Casale, St. Evasius, bishop and martyr... The same day, St. Ansanus, martyr, who confessed Christ at Rome, and was cast into prison in the time of Emperor Diocletian. Afterwards he was taken to Siena in Tuscany, where he ended the course of his martyrdom by beheading... At Amelia in Umbria, St. Olympias, ex-consul, who was converted to the faith by blessed Firmina, was tortured on the rack, and under Diocletian achieved martyrdom... At Arbela in Persia, St. Ananias, martyr... At Milan, St. Castritian, bishop, who was eminent for virtues and the practice of pious and religious deeds during the greatest troubles of the Church... At Brescia, St. Ursicinus, bishop... At Noyon in Belgium, St. Eligius, bishop, whose life is rendered illustrious by a considerable number of miracles... At Verdun in France, St. Agericus, bishop... The same day, St. Natalia, wife of the blessed martyr Adrian, in the time of Emperor Diocletian. She long served the holy martyrs imprisoned at Nicomedia, and when their trials were over, went to Constantinople where she peacefully went to her rest in the Lord.

2nd Day of the 12th Month

At Rome, the martyrdom of the saintly virgin Bibiana, under the sacrilegious Emperor Julian. For the sake of our Lord she was scourged with leaded whips until she expired... At Rome, the holy martyrs Eusebius, a priest, Marcellus, a deacon, Hippolytus, Maximus, Adria, Paulina, Neon, Mary, Martana, and Aurelia, who fulfilled their martyrdoms under the judge Secundian in the persecution of Valerian... Also at Rome, St. Pontian, martyr, with four others... In

Africa, the birthday of the holy martyrs Severus, Securus, Januarius, and Victorinus, who were there crowned with martyrdom... At Aquileia, St. Chromatius, bishop and confessor... At Verona, St. Lupus, bishop and confessor... At Edessa, St. Nonnus, bishop, by whose prayers Pelagia the penitent was converted to Christ... At Troas in Phrygia, St. Silvanus, bishop, renowned for miracles... At Brescia, St. Evasius, bishop.

3rd Day of the 12th Month

The Old Testament Kings and other Rulers: Joseph, Josue, King David, King Ezechias, King Josias, and Nehemias... In Judea, the holy prophet Sophonias... At Rome, the holy martyrs Claudius, a tribune, and Hilaria, his wife, with Jason and Maur, their sons, and seventy soldiers. By the command of Emperor Numerian, Claudius was fastened to a large stone and thrown into the river; the soldiers and the sons of Claudius were condemned to capital punishment. But blessed Hilaria, after having buried the bodies of her sons, and while praying at their tomb, was arrested by the pagans, and shortly after departed for heaven... At Tangier in Morocco, St. Cassian, martyr. After having been a recorder for a long time, at length, by an inspiration from heaven, he deemed it a hateful thing to contribute to the massacre of the Christians, and therefore abandoned his office, and making a profession of Christianity, he deserved to obtain the triumph of martyrdom... Also in Africa, the holy martyrs Claudius, Crispin, Magina, John, and Stephen... In Hungary, St. Agricola, martyr... At Nicomedia, the martyrdom of the Saints Ambicus, Victor, and Julius... At Milan, St. Mirocles, bishop and confessor, sometimes mentioned by St. Ambrose... At Dorchester in England, St. Birinus, who was the first bishop of that city... At Chur in Germany, St. Lucius, king of the Britons, who in the time of Pope Eleutherius, was the first of their kings to receive the faith of Christ... At Siena in Tuscany, St. Galganus, hermit.

4th Day of the 12th Month

At Nicomedia, the passion of St. Barbara, virgin and martyr, in the persecution of Maximinus. After a series of sufferings, a long imprisonment, the burning with torches, and the cutting away of her breasts, her martyrdom was fulfilled by the sword... At Constantinople, St. Theophanes and his companions...

In Pontus, blessed Meletius, bishop and confessor, who joined to an eminent gift of knowledge the more distinguished glory of fortitude and integrity of life... At Bologna, St. Felix, bishop, was one time deacon of the Milanese Church under St. Ambrose... In England, St. Osmund, bishop and confessor... At Cologne, St. Anno, bishop... In Mesopotamia, St. Maruthas, bishop, who restored the churches of God that had been ruined in Persia by the persecution of King Isdegerd. Being renowned for many miracles, he merited to be honored even by his enemies.

5th Day of the 12th Month

In Judea, St. Sabbas, abbot, who was born in the town of Mutala in Cappadocia. He gave a wondrous example of holiness and labored most zealously for the Catholic faith against those who attacked the holy Council of Chalcedon. He rested in peace in the monastery later named for him in the diocese of Jerusalem... At Nice, near the river Var, St. Bassus, bishop. In the persecution of Decius and Valerian, he was tortured by the governor Perennius for the faith of Christ, burned with hot plates of metal, beaten with rods and whips garnished with pieces of iron, and thrown into the fire. When he came out of it unhurt, he was pierced with two spikes, and thus completed an illustrious martyrdom... At Pavia, St. Dalmatius, bishop and martyr, who suffered in the persecution of Maximian... At Corfinio in Peligno, St. Pelinus, bishop of Brindisi, at the time of Julian the Apostate. When the temple of Mars fell to the ground at his prayer, he was severely scourged by the priests of the temple, and being pierced with eighty-five wounds, he merited the crown of martyrdom... Also, St. Anastasius, martyr, who in his ardent desire for martyrdom gave himself up voluntarily to the persecutors... At Thagura in Africa, the holy martyrs Julius, Potamias, Crispin, Felix, Gratus, and seven others... At Thebaste in Africa, St. Crispina, a woman of the highest nobility who refused to sacrifice to idols during the reign of Diocletian and Maximian, and was beheaded by order of the proconsul Anolinus. Her praises are often celebrated by St. Augustine... At Treves, St. Nicetius, bishop, a man of great sanctity... At Polybotum in Asia, St. John, bishop, surnamed the Wonderworker during the time of the Iconoclasts.

6th Day of the 12th Month

At Myra, which is the metropolis of Lycia, the birthday of St. Nicholas, bishop and confessor, of whom it is related, among other miracles, that, while at a great distance from the Holy Roman Emperor St. Constantine, he appeared to him in a vision and moved him to mercy so as to deter him from putting to death some persons who had implored his assistance... On the same day, St. Polychronius, priest, who was surprised while offering Mass at the altar and slain by the Arians, in the reign of Emperor Constantius... In Africa, St. Majorcus, son of St. Dionysia, who, being quite young and dreading the torments, was strengthened by the looks and words of his mother, and becoming stronger than the rest, expired in torments. His mother took him in her arms, and having buried him in her own home, was wont to pray diligently at his tomb... In the same place, the holy women Dionysia, who was the mother of St. Majorcus the martyr, Dativa, and Leontia; also a pious man named Tertius, Emilian a physician, Boniface, and three others. In the persecution of the Vandals, under the Arian king Hunneric, they were subjected to numberless most painful tortures for the Catholic faith, and thus merited to rank among the confessors of Christ... At Rome, St. Asella, virgin, who lived to old age in fasting and prayer.

7th Day of the 12th Month

The Vigil of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary... St. Ambrose, bishop and doctor of the Church, who fell asleep in the Lord on the 4th day of the 4th month; his feast is kept on this day, the day on which he assumed the government of the Church of Milan... At Rome, blessed Eutychian, pope, who with his own hand buried three hundred and forty-two martyrs in various places. He himself was joined with them, crowned with martyrdom under Emperor Numerian, and was buried in the cemetery of Callistus... At Alexandria, the birthday of blessed Agatho, soldier. In the persecution of Decius, because he prevented some people from mocking the bodies of the martyrs, a sudden clamor was raised against him by the crowd. Being brought before the judge, and persisting in his confession of Christ, he was sentenced to death for his reverence... At Antioch, the holy martyrs Polycarp and Theodore... At Tuburbum in Africa, during the persecution of the Vandals, under the Arian king Hunneric, St. Servus, martyr, who,

being for a very long time beaten with rods, lifted up on high with pulleys, and suddenly dropped on flint-stones with his whole weight, and rubbed over with sharp stones, obtained the palm of martyrdom... At Teano in Campania, St. Urban, bishop and confessor... At Saintes in France, St. Martin, abbot, at whose tomb frequent miracles have been worked through the power of God... At Faremoutiers, in the diocese of Meaux, the commemoration of St. Phara, who is also called Burgundofara, abbess and virgin. Her birthday is on the 3rd day of the 4th month.

8th Day of the 12th Month

The Immaculate Conception of the glorious and ever Virgin Mary, Mother of God... At Treves, St. Eucharius, a disciple of blessed Peter the Apostle, first bishop of that city... At Alexandria, St. Macarius, martyr, whose constancy in professing the faith increased with the efforts made by the judge to persuade him to deny Christ. He was finally condemned to be burned alive... In Cyprus, the holy bishop Sophronius, who was a devoted protector of orphans and widows, and a helper of the poor and oppressed... In the monastery of Luxeuil in France, St. Romaricus, abbot, who left the highest station at the court of King Theodobert, renounced the world, and surpassed others in the observance of monastic discipline... At Constantinople, St. Patapius, solitary, renowned for virtues and miracles... At Rome, the finding of the holy martyrs Nemesis, a deacon, his daughter Lucina, a virgin, Symphronius, Olympius the tribune and his wife Exuperia and his son Theodulus, whose commemoration is made on the 25th day of the 8th month... At Verona, the ordination of St. Zeno, bishop.

9th Day of the 12th Month

At Carthage, St. Restitut, bishop and martyr, on whose feast St. Augustine delivered a discourse to the people in which he set forth his praises... Also in Africa, the holy martyrs Peter, Successus, Bassian, Primitivus, and twenty others... At Toledo in Spain, the birthday of the holy virgin Leocadia, a martyr in the persecution of Emperor Diocletian. She was condemned to a cruel imprisonment by Dacian, prefect of Spain, and was pining away when, hearing of the barbarous tortures of blessed Eulalia and the other martyrs, she knelt down to pray and yielded up her undefiled spirit to Christ... At Limoges in Aquitaine,

St. Valeria, virgin and martyr... At Verona, during the persecution of Diocletian, St. Proculus, bishop, who was buffeted, scourged with rods, and driven out of the city. Being at length restored to his church, he died in peace... At Pavia, St. Syrus, first bishop of that city, who was renowned for apostolic signs and virtues... At Apamea in Syria, blessed Julian, bishop, who flourished in holiness in the time of Severus... At Perigueux in France, St. Cyprian, abbot, a man of great sanctity.

10th Day of the 12th Month

St. Melchiades, pope and martyr, whose birthday is mentioned on the 11th day of the 1st month... At Rome, on the Ostian Way, the Dedication of the Basilica of St. Paul the Apostle. The yearly commemoration of this dedication, together with that of St. Peter, prince of the apostles, is observed on the 18th day of the 11th month... Also, the holy martyrs Carpophorus, a priest, and Abundius, a deacon, in the persecution of Diocletian. They were first cruelly beaten with rods, then imprisoned and denied food and drink; being placed on the rack a second time and again thrown into prison, they were finally beheaded... At Alexandria, the holy martyrs Mennas, Hermogenes, and Eugraphus, who suffered under Galerius Maximian... At Lentini in Sicily, the holy martyrs Mercurius and his soldier companions, who were slain by the sword under the governor Tertyllus, in the reign of Emperor Licinius... At Ancyra in Galatia, St. Gemellus, martyr, who, after severe torments, fulfilled his martyrdom by being crucified in the time of Julian the Apostate... At Merida in Spain, in the time of Maximian, the martyrdom of the holy virgin Eulalia, who at twelve years of age suffered many torments for the confession of Christ by order of the governor Dacian. She was stretched on the rack, torn with iron claws, had her sides burned with flaming torches, and swallowing the fire she expired... Also, in the same city St. Julia, virgin and martyr, the slave and companion of the blessed Eulalia, who would not be separated from her when the latter went to suffer... At Rome, Pope St. Gregory III, who departed for heaven renowned for his sanctity and good works... At Vienne in France, St. Sindulph, bishop and confessor... At Brescia, St. Deusdedit, bishop... At Loretto in Piceno, the Translation of the Holy House of Mary the Mother of God, wherein the Word was made flesh.

11th Day of the 12th Month

At Rome, St. Damasus, pope and confessor, who condemned the heresiarch Apollinaris, and restored to his See, Peter, bishop of Alexandria, who had been driven from it. He also discovered the bodies of many holy martyrs and composed verses in their honor... Also at Rome, St. Thrason. He was arrested by order of Maximian for supporting with his goods the Christians who labored in the baths and at other public works, and those confined in jail. He was crowned with martyrdom with two others, Pontian and Praetextatus... At Amiens in France, the holy martyrs Victorinus and Fuscian, under the same emperor. By order of Governor Rictiovarus, they had iron pins driven into their ears and nostrils, heated nails into their temples, and arrows into their bodies and their eyes torn out. They were beheaded with St. Gentian, their guest, and they passed to the Lord... In Persia, St. Barsabas, martyr... In Spain, St. Eutychius, martyr... At Piacenza, St. Sabinus, bishop, renowned for miracles.

12th Day of the 12th Month

Our Lady of Guadalupe, the Mother of God, who appeared to St. Juan Diego in Mexico on the 9th day of the 12th month... At Alexandria, in the time of Decius, the holy martyrs Epimachus and Alexander, who were kept in chains a long time and subjected to various torments, but as they persevered in the faith, they were finally consumed by fire. The feast of St. Epimachus together with that of St. Gordian the martyr is observed on the 10th day of the 5th month... At Rome, the holy martyr Synesius, who was ordained lector in the time of blessed Pope Sixtus. Having converted many to Christ, he was accused before Emperor Aurelian, and being put to the sword, received the crown of martyrdom... On the same day, the holy martyrs Hermogenes, Donatus, and twenty-two others... At Treves, the holy martyrs Maxentius, Constantius, Crescentius, Justinus, and their companions, who suffered in the persecution of Diocletian, under the governor Rictiovarus... At Alexandria, the holy women Ammonaria, virgin, Mercuria, Dionysia, and another Ammonaria. The first named, after having triumphed over unheard-of kinds of torments, in the same persecution of Decius, ended her blessed life by beheading. As to the three others, the judge, being ashamed to be overcome by women, and fearing that by resorting to tortures he would be

vanquished by their constancy, ordered them to be beheaded immediately.

13th Day of the 12th Month

At Syracuse, in Sicily, the birthday of St. Lucy, virgin and martyr, in the persecution of Diocletian. By order of the proconsul Paschasius, she was delivered to profligates, that her chastity might be insulted by the people; but when they attempted to lead her away they were not able to move her, either with ropes or by means of many yoke of oxen. Then having hot pitch, resin, and burning oil applied to her body without being injured, she finally had a sword driven through her throat, and thus completed her martyrdom... In Armenia, the martyrdom of the holy martyrs Eustratius, Auxentius, Eugene, Mardarius, and Orestes, in the persecution of Diocletian. Eustratius was the first subjected alone to barbarous torments under Lysias. Then he was conducted to Sebaste, where he was tortured together with Orestes under the governor Agricolaus, and being cast into a furnace, yielded up his soul; but Orestes being laid on a bed of heated iron, rendered his soul to God. The others were made to endure most grievous torments among the Arabraci, under the governor Lysias, and fulfilled their martyrdom in different ways. Their relics were afterwards carried to Rome and placed with due honors in the church of St. Apollinaris... At Sardinia, in the island of Sulci, the martyrdom of St. Antiochus, under Emperor Hadrian... At Cambrai in France, St. Aubert, bishop and confessor... In the parts of Ponthieu in France, St. Judoc, confessor... In the territory of Strasbourg, St. Otilie, virgin.

14th Day of the 12th Month

Hanukkah, the rededication of the Temple in Jerusalem by the Machabees... At Rheims in France, holy Bishop Nicasius, his sister, the virgin Eutropia, and their companions, martyrs, who were put to death by barbarians hostile to the Church... At Alexandria, the holy martyrs Heron, Arsenius, Isidore, and the boy Dioscorus. In the persecution of Decius, the first three were subjected to all the refinements of cruelty by the judge, who, seeing them displaying the same constancy, ordered that they should be cast into the fire. But Dioscorus, after repeated scourgings, was set free by the intervention of Providence to the great consolation of the faithful... At Antioch, the birthday of the holy martyrs Drusus, Zosimus, and Theodore...

On the same day, the martyrdom of Saints Justus and Abundius, who were cast into the flames in the time of Emperor Numerian and the governor Olybrius, but escaping all injury, they were smitten with the sword... In the island of Cyprus, the birthday of blessed Spiridion, bishop. He was one of those confessors who were condemned by Galerius Maximian to labor in the mines, after suffering the loss of his right eye and the cutting of the sinews of his left knee. This prelate was renowned for the gift of prophecy and glorious miracles, and in the Council of Nicaea he confounded a heathen philosopher, who had insulted the Christian religion, and brought him to the faith... At Bergamo, St. Viator, bishop and confessor... At Pavia, St. Pompey, bishop... At Naples in Campania, St. Agnellus, abbot. Illustrious for the gift of miracles, he was often seen with the standard of the Cross, delivering the city besieged by enemies... At Milan, St. Matronian, hermit.

15th Day of the 12th Month

The Octave of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary... At Rome, the holy martyrs Irenaeus, Anthony, Theodore, Saturninus, Victor, and seventeen others who suffered for Christ in the persecution of Valerian... In Africa, the martyrdom of Saints Faustinus, Lucius, Candidus, Caelian, Mark, Januarius, and Fortunatus... In the same country, the holy bishop Valerian, who, being upwards of eighty years of age, in the persecution of the Vandals, under the Arian king Genseric, was asked to deliver the vessels of the Church, and as he constantly refused, an order was issued to drive him all alone out of the city, and all persons were forbidden to allow him to stay in their houses or on their land. For a long time he remained lying on the public road, in the open air, and thus in the confession and defense of Catholic truth he ended his blessed life... In the territory of Orleans, St. Maximin, confessor... Among the Iberians across the Euxine Sea, St. Christiana, a maidservant, who by virtue of her miracles led that people to the faith of Christ, in the time of the Holy Roman Emperor St. Constantine the Great... At Vercelli, the ordination of St. Eusebius, bishop and martyr.

16th Day of the 12th Month

The three young men, Ananias, Azarias, and Misael, whose bodies are buried in a cave near Babylon... At Vercelli, St. Eusebius, bishop and martyr. His birthday

is commemorated on the 1st day of the 8th month and his ordination on the 15th day of the 12th month. For the confession of the Catholic faith he was banished to Scythopolis in Palestine, and thence to Cappadocia. Afterwards, returning to his church, he suffered martyrdom in the persecution of the Arians... At Ravenna, the holy martyrs Valentine, an officer of the army, Concordius, his son, Navalis, and Agricola, who suffered for Christ in the persecution of Maximian... At Mola di Gaeta in Campania, St. Albina, virgin and martyr, under Emperor Decius... In Africa, many holy virgins who reached a happy end of their martyrdom in the persecution of the Vandals under the Arian king Hunneric by having heavy weights tied to them and burning plates of metal applied to their bodies... At Vienne in France, blessed Ado, bishop and confessor... In Ireland, St. Bean, a bishop... At Gaza in Palestine, St. Irenion, bishop.

17th Day of the 12th Month

The Old Testament Major Prophets: Isaias, Jeremias, Baruch, Ezechiel, and Daniel... At Constantinople, blessed Lazarus, the brother of Saints Martha and Mary of Bethany, of whom we read in the Gospel that our Lord called him His friend and raised him from the dead... At Eleutheropolis, the holy martyrs Florian, Calanicus, and their fifty-eight companions, who were slain by the Saracens because of the faith of Christ, during the reign of Emperor Heraclius... In the monastery of Fulda, the holy abbot Sturm, apostle of Saxony... At Bigarden, near Brussels, St. Wivina, virgin, whose eminent sanctity is attested to by frequent miracles... At Constantinople, St. Olympias, widow... At Andenne, at the Seven Churches, blessed Begga, a widow, the sister of St. Gertrude... Also, the translation of St. Ignatius, bishop and martyr, who, the third after the blessed Apostle Peter, governed the Church of Antioch. His body was taken from Rome, where he had suffered martyrdom under Trajan on the 20th day of the 12th month, and deposited in the church cemetery near the Gate of Daphne at Antioch. His relics were later carried back to Rome and placed with the highest reverence in the church of St. Clement, together with the body of that blessed pope and martyr.

18th Day of the 12th Month

At Philippi in Macedonia, the birthday of the holy martyrs Rufus and Zosimus, who were of the number

of disciples by whom the primitive church was founded among the Jews and the Greeks. Their happy martyrdom is mentioned by St. Polycarp in his Epistle to the Philippians... At Laodicea in Syria, the martyrdom of the Saints Theotimus and Basilian... In Africa, the holy martyrs Quinctus, Simplicius, and others who suffered in the persecution of Decius and Valerian... In the same country, St. Moses, martyr... Also in Africa, the holy martyrs Victorinus, Victor, Victorinus, Adjutor, Quartus, and thirty others... At Mopsuestia in Cilicia, St. Auxentius, bishop, who, being at first a soldier under Licinius, preferred to surrender his military insignia rather than offer grapes to Bacchus. Having been made a bishop, he was renowned for merit, and died in peace... At Tours in France, St. Gratian, appointed first bishop of that city by Pope St. Fabian. Celebrated for many miracles, he calmly went to his repose in the Lord.

19th Day of the 12th Month

At Rome, the death of Pope St. Anastasius I, a man who was rich in his poverty and filled with apostolic zeal. Rome did not deserve to possess him long, lest the capital of the world should be devastated under so fine a bishop, for shortly after his death Rome was taken and sacked by the Goths... At Auxerre, St. Gregory, bishop and confessor... In Morocco, St. Timothy, deacon, who after severe imprisonment for the sake of Christ was cast into the fire and achieved martyrdom... At Alexandria in Egypt, blessed Nemesius, martyr, who first was denounced before the judge as a robber, and being freed from that charge, soon after, in the persecution of Decius, was accused before the judge Emilian of being a Christian. He was twice subjected to torture and condemned to be burned alive with robbers, thus bearing a resemblance to our Saviour, Who was crucified with thieves... At Nicaea, the Saints Darius, Zosimus, Paul, and Secundus, martyrs... At Nicomedia, the holy martyrs Cyriac, Paulillus, Secundus, Anastasius, Sindimius, and their companions... At Gaza in Palestine, the martyrdom of Saints Meuris and Thea... At Orleans in France, St. Adjutus, abbot, famous for the spirit of prophecy... At Rome, St. Fausta, mother of St. Anastasia, renowned for her noble birth and her holiness.

20th Day of the 12th Month

At Rome, the birthday of St. Zephyrinus, pope and martyr... In the same city, the martyrdom of St.

Ignatius, bishop and martyr. He was the third after St. Peter the Apostle to rule the church of Antioch, and in the persecution of Trajan was condemned to the beasts. By order of Trajan he was sent to Rome in fetters, and there tortured and afflicted with the most cruel torments in the midst of the assembled Senate. Finally he was cast to the lions, and being ground by their teeth became a sacrifice for Christ. His feast is observed on the 1st day of the 2nd month... At Rome, the holy martyrs Liberatus and Bajulus... In Arabia, the holy martyrs Eugene and Macarius, priests. For reproving Julian the Apostate for his impiety, they received severe stripes, were banished to a vast desert, and finally were put to the sword... At Alexandria, the holy martyrs Ammon, Zeno, Ptolemy, Ingen, and Theophilus, soldiers. Standing near the tribunals, and seeing a Christian under the torture and almost ready to apostatize, they endeavored to encourage him by their looks and by signs. When on account of this the crowd raised an outcry against them, they stepped forward and declared themselves Christians. In their victory Christ also Who had given them fortitude triumphed... At Gelduba in Germany, St. Julius, martyr... At Antioch, the birthday of St. Philogonius, bishop, who was called by the will of God from the office of lawyer to the government of that church. With the saintly bishop Alexander and his companions, he engaged in the first contest for the Catholic faith against Arius. Renowned for merits he rested in the Lord... At Brescia, St. Dominic, bishop and confessor.

21st Day of the 12th Month

At Mylapore, the birthday of the blessed Apostle Thomas, who preached the Gospel to the Parthians, Medes, Persians, and Hyrcanians. Having finally penetrated into India, and instructed those nations in the Christian religion, he died pierced with lances at the order of the king. His remains were first taken to the city of Edessa in Mesopotamia, and then to Ortona... At Antioch, St. Anastasius, bishop and martyr. During the reign of Emperor Phocas he was cruelly murdered by Jews in a riot which they had instigated against the Christians... At Nicomedia, St. Glycerius, priest. During the persecution of Diocletian he was subjected to many torments, and finally fulfilled his martyrdom by being cast into the flames... In Tuscany, the holy martyrs John and Festus... In Lycia, St. Themistocles, martyr. In the reign of Emperor Decius he offered himself to take the place of

Dioscorus, whom they were seeking to slay. He was tortured on the rack, dragged over rough ways and scourged, and thus obtained the crown of martyrdom... At Treves, St. Severinus, bishop and confessor.

22nd Day of the 12th Month

At Rome, on the Lavican Way, between the two laurels, the birthday of thirty holy martyrs who were all crowned with martyrdom on the one day in the persecution of Diocletian... In the same city, St. Flavian, an ex-prefect, the husband of blessed Dafrosa the martyr, and the father of the holy virgin martyrs, Bibiana and Demetria. He was condemned under Julian the Apostate to be branded for Christ, and was exiled to Aquae Taurinae, where he gave up his soul to God in prayer... In Egypt, St. Chaeremon, bishop of Nilopolis, and many other martyrs. While the persecution of Decius was raging, some of them were dispersed in flight, and wandering through deserts were killed by wild beasts; others perished by famine, cold, and sickness; others again were murdered by barbarians and robbers, and thus all were crowned with a glorious martyrdom... At Ostia, the holy martyrs Demetrius, Honoratus, and Florus... At Alexandria, St. Ischyrius, martyr. Because he despised all the injuries he was made to suffer in attempts to force him to sacrifice to idols, his bowels were pierced with a sharp stake, bringing his death... At Nicomedia, St. Zeno, a soldier who mocked Diocletian for sacrificing to Ceres, wherefore his jawbones were broken, his teeth knocked out, and his head struck off.

23rd Day of the 12th Month

The Machabees: Mathathias, John, Simon, Judas, Eleazar, and Joannan... At Rome, St. Victoria, virgin and martyr, during the persecution of Emperor Decius. She had been promised in marriage to a pagan named Eugene, but because she refused to marry him and to offer sacrifice to idols, and because by working many miracles she had brought many virgins to the service of God, the executioner thrust a sword into her heart at the request of her spouse... At Nicomedia, the passion of Saints Migdonius and Mardonius, one of whom was burned alive in the same persecution, and the other died in a pit where he had been thrown. A deacon of St. Anthimus, bishop of Nicomedia, suffered at the same time. He had been arrested by the heathen when he was carrying letters to the martyrs, and being

overwhelmed with stones, went to our Lord... Likewise, the birthday of twenty holy martyrs, whom the persecution of Diocletian made martyrs for the faith of Christ, after subjecting them to the most painful torments... In Crete, the holy martyrs Theodulus, Saturninus, Euporus, Gelasius, and Evaristus, who were beheaded after suffering cruel torments in the persecution of Decius... At Rome, blessed Servulus of whom St. Gregory writes that from his early years to the end of his life he was a paralytic and had remained lying in a porch near St. Clement's Church, and being invited by the chant of angels, he went to enjoy the glory of Paradise. At his tomb frequent miracles are wrought by God.

24th Day of the 12th Month

The Vigil of the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ... At Spoleto, St. Gregory, priest and martyr. In the time of Emperors Diocletian and Maximian, he was first beaten with rough clubs, exposed on the gridiron and imprisoned, struck on the knees with iron carding instruments, burned on the sides with firebrands, and finally beheaded... At Tripoli in Phoenicia, the holy martyrs Leucian, Metrobius, Paul, Zenobius, Theotimus, and Drusus... At Nicomedia, during the persecution of Diocletian, St. Euthymius, martyr, who sent many before him to martyrdom, and being pierced with a sword, followed them to share their crown... At Antioch, the birthday of forty holy virgins who suffered martyrdom by divers torments in the Decian persecution... At Bordeaux, St. Deiphinus, bishop, who was renowned for holiness in the time of the Holy Emperor St. Theodosius... At Rome, the birthday of the holy virgin Tharsilla, aunt of Pope St. Gregory, who writes of her that at the hour of her death she saw Jesus coming to her... At Treves, St. Irmina, virgin, daughter of King Dagobert.

25th Day of the 12th Month

THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST, ACCORDING TO THE FLESH, in the year from the creation of the world in 4004 BC, when in the beginning God created heaven and earth; from the flood in 2348 BC; from the call of Abraham in 1921 BC; from Moses and the coming of the Israelites out of Egypt in 1491 BC; from the anointing of King David in 1070 BC; in the 65th week, according to the prophecy of Daniel; in the 194th Olympiad; in the year 752 from the founding of the

city of Rome; in the 42nd year of the empire of Octavian Augustus, when the whole world was at peace, in the fourth age of the world, Jesus Christ, eternal God, and Son of the eternal Father, desirous to sanctify the world by his most merciful coming, having been conceived of the Holy Spirit, and nine months having elapsed since his conception, is born in Bethlehem of Juda, having become Man of the Virgin Mary...¹ The same day, the birthday of St. Anastasia, who, in the time of Diocletian, first suffered a severe and harsh imprisonment on the part of her husband Publius, in which, however, she was much consoled and encouraged by the confessor of Christ, Chrysogonus. Afterwards she was thrown into prison again by order of Florus, prefect of Illyria; and finally, having her hands and feet stretched, she was tied to stakes with a fire kindled about her, in the midst of which she ended her martyrdom on the island of Palmaria, whither she had been brought with two hundred men and seventy women, who have made martyrdom a glorious thing by the various kinds of death they so courageously endured... At Rome, in the cemetery of Apronian, St. Eugenia, virgin, the daughter of blessed Philip, martyr. In the time of Emperor Gallienus, after displaying many signs and virtues, gathering to Christ holy choirs of virgins, and after long trials under Nicetius, prefect of the city, she was finally put to the sword... At Nicomedia, many thousand martyrs, who had assembled for divine service on our Lord's Nativity. When Emperor Diocletian ordered the doors of the church to be closed, fire to be kindled here and there, a vessel with incense to be put before the entrance, and a man to cry out that those who wished to escape from the fire should come out and burn incense to Jupiter, all with one voice answered that they preferred to die for Christ. They were consumed in the fire, and thus merited to be born in heaven on the day on which Christ vouchsafed to be born on earth for the salvation of the world... Pope St. Hadrian I, who ruled the Church in the 8th century, in the time of the Holy Roman Emperor St. Charlemagne. His feast is celebrated on the 30th day of the 12th month.

¹ This chronology is based on James Ussher's chronology, which I (RJMI) believe to be the most accurate, based upon the opinion that from the beginning of this world until its end when Jesus Christ comes the second time is 6000 years, reflecting the creation of the world in six days—one day equals 1000 years. And the 7th day, the day of rest, is when Jesus Christ creates the earthly paradise, which lasts forever in which all the elect will be at rest, peace, and in everlasting holiness.

26th Day of the 12th Month

At Rome, St. Marinus, a man of senatorial rank. In the time of Emperor Numerian and the prefect Marcian, he was arrested for the Christian religion, racked and torn with iron claws like a slave, then thrown into a burning caldron; but being delivered because the fire became like dew, he was exposed to the beasts without being injured by them, and finally being led to the altar, the idols of which toppled over at his prayer, he was struck with the sword, and thus obtained the triumph of martyrs... Likewise at Rome, on the Appian Way, the death of Pope St. Denis, who sustained many labors for the Church, and was renowned for his doctrinal writings... In the same city, St. Zosimus, pope and confessor... In Mesopotamia, St. Archelaus, bishop, famous for learning and holiness... At Majuma, in Palestine, St. Zeno, bishop... At Rome, St. Theodore, sacristan of the church of St. Peter, who is mentioned by blessed Pope Gregory.

27th Day of the 12th Month

At Constantinople, the holy confessors Theodore and Theophanes, brothers, who were brought up from their childhood in the monastery of St. Sabbas. Afterwards, they strove zealously for the veneration of holy images against Leo the Armenian, and at his command they were scourged and banished. After his death they again firmly opposed Emperor Theophilus, who was imbued with the same impiety, and were scourged a second time and driven into exile, where Theodore died in prison. Theophanes, after peace had at length been restored to the Church, was made bishop of Nicaea, and there, famous for his glorious witness of the faith, rested in the Lord... At Alexandria, St. Maximus, bishop, well known and renowned by reason of his confession... At Constantinople, St. Niceras, virgin, who was renowned for sanctity in the time of Emperor Arcadius.

28th Day of the 12th Month

At Ancyra in Galatia, the holy martyrs Eutychius, a priest, and Domitian, a deacon... In Africa, the birthday of the holy martyrs Castor, Victor, and Rogatian... At Nicomedia, the holy martyrs Indes, a eunuch, Domna, Agapes, and Theophila, virgins, and their companions, who, after long trials, attained to the crown of martyrdom by various kinds of death, during

the persecution of Diocletian... At Arabissus in Lower Armenia, St. Caesarius, martyr, who suffered under Galerius Maximian... At Rome, St. Domnio, priest... In the monastery of Lerins in France, St. Anthony, a monk famed for his miracles.

29th Day of the 12th Month

At Canterbury in England, the birthday of St. Thomas Becket, bishop and martyr, who, for the defense of justice and ecclesiastical immunity, was struck with the sword in his own basilica by a faction of wicked men, and thus went to Christ as martyr on this day... At Arles, the birthday of St. Trophimus, mentioned by St. Paul in his Epistle to Timothy. Being ordained bishop by that apostle, he was the first sent to preach the gospel of Christ in that city. From his preaching, as from a fountain, according to the expression of Pope St. Zosimus, all France received the waters of salvation... At Rome, the holy martyrs Callistus, Felix, and Boniface... In Africa, the passion of the holy martyrs Dominic, Victor, Primian, Lybosus, Saturninus, Crescentius, Secundus, and Honoratus... At Constantinople, St. Marcellus, abbot... In the country of Hiesmes in France, St. Ebruif, abbot and confessor, in the time of King Childebert... At Vienne in France, the commemoration of St. Crescens, bishop and martyr. He was a disciple of St. Paul the Apostle and was the first bishop of that city. His birthday is mentioned on the 27th day of the 6th month.

30th Day of the 12th Month

Pope St. Hadrian I, who ruled the Church in the 8th century, in the time of the Holy Roman Emperor St. Charlemagne... At Rome, the birthday of St. Felix I, pope and martyr, who governed the Church during the reign of Emperor Aurelian. His feast day is the 30th day of the 5th month... At Spoleto, the birthday also of the holy martyrs Sabinus, bishop, Exuperantius and Marcellus, deacons, and also Venustian, governor, along with his wife and sons, under Emperor Maximian. Marcellus and Exuperantius were first racked, then severely beaten with rods; afterwards

being torn with iron hooks, and burned in the sides, they fulfilled their martyrdom. Not long after, Venustian was put to the sword with his wife and sons. St. Sabinus, after having his hands cut off, and being a long time confined in prison, was scourged to death. The martyrdom of these saints is commemorated on the same day, although it occurred at different times... At Alexandria, the Saints Mansuetus, Severus, Appian, Donatus, Honorius, and their martyr companions... At Thessalonica, St. Anysia, martyr... Likewise, St. Anysius, bishop of the city... At Milan, St. Eugene, bishop and confessor... At Ravenna, St. Liberius, bishop... At Aquila, in Abruzzi, St. Rainer, bishop.

31st Day of the 12th Month

At Rome, the birthday of Pope St. Silvester I, confessor, who healed the Holy Roman Emperor St. Constantine the Great from leprosy, baptized him, and confirmed the council of Nicaea. After performing many other holy deeds, he rested in peace... At Rome, on the Salarian Way, in the cemetery of Priscilla, the holy martyrs Donata, Paulina, Rustica, Nominanda, Serotina, Hilaria, and their companions... At Sens, the blessed Sabinian, bishop, and Potentian. They had been sent there to preach by the Roman Pontiff, and that metropolitan church was illustrated by their confession and martyrdom... At Catania in Sicily, the passion of the Saints Stephen, Pontian, Attalus, Fabian, Cornelius, Sextus, Flos, Quinctian, Minervinus, and Simplician... At Sens, St. Columba, virgin and martyr, who, after having triumphed over fire, was beheaded during the persecution of Emperor Aurelian... On the same day, St. Zoticus, a Roman priest who went to Constantinople and undertook the work of caring for orphans... At Ravenna, St. Barbatian, priest and confessor... At Retiers, St. Hermes, exorcist... Also, St. Melinia the Younger, who withdrew from Rome with her husband Pinian, and went to Jerusalem, where both embraced the religious life, she among the women consecrated to God, and he among the monks, and ended their career in peace.