SEPTEMBER 9, ST. GORGONIUS, MARTYR

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The body of this martyr was interred in the cemetery on the *Via Labicana*, and Pope Damasus adorned his tomb with the following inscription: "This sepulchre hollowed out of the hill-side contains the body of the martyr Gorgonius, who thus watches before the altar of Christ. Whosoever comes to seek the tombs of the saints in this place will find that other blessed ones rest here, who were led to heaven by the same faith."

INTROIT Psalms 63: 11 Lætábitur justus in Dómino, et sperábit in eo: et laudabúntur omnes recti corde. (Ps. 63: 2) Exáudi, Deus, oratiónem meam, cum déprecor: a timóre inimíci éripe ánimam meam. Glória Patri et Fílio et Spirítui Sancto, sicut erat in princípio, et nunc, et semper, et in sǽcula sæculórum. Amen. Lætábitur justus in Dómino, et sperábit in eo: et laudabúntur omnes recti corde.	The just shall rejoice in the Lord, and shall hope in Him: and all the upright in heart shall be praised. (Ps. 63: 2) Hear, O God, my prayer when I make supplication to Thee: deliver my soul from the fear of the enemy. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. The just shall rejoice in the Lord, and shall hope in Him: and all the upright in heart shall be praised.
COLLECT Sanctus tuus, Dómine, Gorgónius sua nos intercessióne lætíficet: et pia fáciat sollemnitáte gaudére. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sǽcula sæculórum.	May Gorgonius, Thy saint, O Lord, gladden us by his intercession, and make us joyful on his propitious festival. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.
EPISTLE **2 Timothy 2: 8-10; 3: 10-12** Caríssime: Memor esto, Dóminum Jesum Christum resurrexísse a mórtuis ex sémine David, secúndum Evangélium meum, in quo labóro usque ad víncula, quasi male óperans: sed verbum Dei non est alligátum. Ideo ómnia sustíneo propter eléctos, ut et ipsi salútem consequántur, quæ est in Christo Jesu, cum glória cælésti. Tu autem assecútus es meam doctrínam, institutiónem, propósitum, fidem, longanimitátem, dilectiónem, patiéntiam, persecutiónes, passiónes: quália mihi facta sunt Antiochíæ, Icónii et Lystris: quales perseditiónes sustínui, et ex ómnibus erípuit me Dóminus. Et omnes, qui pie volunt vívere in Christo Jesu, persecutiónem patiéntur.	Dearly beloved, be mindful that the Lord Jesus Christ is risen again from the dead, of the seed of David, according to my gospel. Wherein I labor even unto bands, as an evildoer: but the word of God is not bound. Therefore I endure all things for the sake of the elect, that they may also obtain the salvation, which is in Christ Jesus, with heavenly glory. But thou hast fully known my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, long-suffering, love, patience, persecutions, afflictions, such as came upon me at Antioch, at Iconium, and at Lystra; what persecutions I endured and out of them all the Lord delivered me. And all that will live godly in Jesus Christ shall suffer persecution.
GRADUAL Psalms 36: 24 Justus cum cecíderit, non collidétur: quia Dóminus suppónit manum suam. (Ps 36: 26) Tota die miserétur, et cómmodat: et semen ejus in benedictióne erit.	When the just man shall fall, he shall not be bruised: for the Lord putteth His hand under him. (Ps 36: 26) He showeth mercy and lendeth all the day long: and his seed shall be in blessing.
LESSER ALLELUIA John 8: 12 Allelúja, allelúja. Qui séquitur me, non ámbulat in ténebris: sed habébit lumen vitæ ætérnæ. Allelúja.	Alleluia, alleluia. He that followeth Me walketh not in darkness, but shall have the light of life eternal. Alleluia.
GOSPEL Matthew 10: 26-32 In illo témpore: Dixit Jesus discípulis suis: Nihil est opértum, quod non revelábitur; et occúltum, quod non sciétur. Quod dico vobis in ténebris, dícite in lúmine: et quod in aure audítis, prædicáte super tecta. Et nolíte timére eos, qui occídunt corpus, ánimam autem non possunt occídere; sed pótius timéte eum, qui potest et ánimam et corpus pérdere in gehénnam. Nonne duo pásseres asse véneunt: et unus ex illis non cadet super terram sine Patre vestro? Vestri autem capílli cápitis omnes numerári sunt. Nolíte ergo timére: multis passéribus melióres estis vos. Omnis ergo, qui confitébitur me coram homínibus, confitébor et ego eum coram Patre meo, qui in cælis est.	At that time, Jesus said to His disciples, Nothing is covered that shall not be revealed; nor hid that shall not be known. That which I tell you in the dark, speak ye in the light; and that which you hear in the ear, preach ye upon the house-tops. And fear ye not them that kill the body, and are not able to kill the soul; but rather fear Him that can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a farthing, and not one of them shall fall to the ground without your Father. But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not therefore: better are you than many sparrows. Everyone therefore that shall confess Me before men, I will also confess him before my Father Who is in heaven.
OFFERTORY Psalms 20: 4-5 Posuísti, Dómine, in cápite ejus corónam de lápide pretióso: vitam pétiit a te, et tribuísti ei.	O Lord, Thou hast set on his head a crown of precious stones: he asked life of Thee, and Thou hast given it to him.
SECRET Grata tibi sit, Dómine, nostræ servitútis oblátio: pro qua sanctus Gorgónius Martyr intervéntor exsístat. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sǽcula sæculórum.	May the oblation of our homage, O Lord, be pleasing unto Thee, Thy holy martyr Gorgonius being our advocate. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.
COMMUNION John 12: 26 Qui mihi mínistrat, me sequátur: et ubi sum ego, illic et minister meus erit.	If any man minister to Me, let him follow Me; and where I am, there also shall My minister be.
POSTCOMMUNION Famíliam tuam, Deus, suávitas ætérna contíngat et végetet: quæ in Mártyre tuo Gorgónio Christi, Fílii tui, bono júgiter odóre pascátur: Qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sǽcula sæculórum.	May everlasting sweetness be the portion of Thy household, O Lord, and strengthen it, that through Gorgonius, Thy martyr, it may constantly be sustained in the sweet odor of Christ, Thy Son. Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.