SEPTEMBER 27, STS. COSMAS & DAMIAN, MARTYRS

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These twin brothers, distinguished themselves as physicians. They gave their lives for the Faith at Cyrus in Syria where they were buried. Besides using their skill for the healing of diseases they sought to spread the Faith in Christ. After many tortures they died about the year 285 in the persecution under Diocletian. The fame of their miracles spread over the whole world; many churches were erected in their honor at Rome and elsewhere. Their names are mentioned in the Canon of the Mass and in the Litany of the Saints.

INTROIT Ecclesiasticus 44: 15, 14 Sapiéntiam sanctórum narrent pópuli, et laudes eórum núntiet Ecclésia: nómina autem eórum vivent in sæculum sæculi. (Psalms 32: 1) Exsultáte, justi in Dómino: rectos decet collaudátio. Glória Patri et Fílio et Spíritui Sancto, sicut erat in princípio, et nunc, et semper, et in sæcula sæculórum. Amen. Sapiéntiam sanctórum narrent pópuli, et laudes eórum núntiet Ecclésia: nómina autem eórum vivent in sæculum sæculi.	Let the people show forth the wisdom of the Saints, and the Church declare their praise: and their names shall live unto generation and generation. (Psalms 32: 1) Rejoice in the Lord, O ye just: praise becometh the upright. 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. Let the people show forth the wisdom of the Saints, and the Church declare their praise: and their names shall live unto generation and generation.
COLLECT Præsta, quæsumus, omnípotens Deus: ut, qui sanctórum Mártyrum tuórum Cosmæ et Damiáni natalítia cólimus, a cunctis malis imminéntibus, eórum intercessiónibus, liberémur. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.	Grant, we beseech Thee, O almighty God, that we who celebrate the feast day of Thy holy martyrs, Cosmas and Damian, by their intercession may be delivered from all dangers that threaten us. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.
LESSON Wisdom 5: 16-20 Justi autem in perpétuum vivent, et apud Dóminum est merces eórum, et cogitátio illórum apud Altíssimum. Ideo accípient regnum decóris, et diadéma speciéi de manu Dómini: quóniam déxtera sua teget eos, et bráchio sancto suo deféndet illos. Accípiet armatúram zelus illíus, et armábit creatúram ad ultiónem inimicórum. Índuet pro thórace justítiam, et accípiet pro gálea judícium certum. Sumet scutum inexpugnábile, æquitátem.	But the just shall live for evermore: and their reward is with the Lord, and the care of them with the most High. Therefore shall they receive a kingdom of glory, and a crown of beauty at the hand of the Lord: for with his right hand he will cover them, and with his holy arm he will defend them. And his zeal will take armor, and he will arm the creature for the revenge of his enemies. He will put on justice as a breastplate, and will take true judgment instead of a helmet. He will take equity for an invincible shield.
GRADUAL Psalms 33: 18-19 Clamavérunt justi, et Dóminus exaudívit eos: et ex ómnibus tribulatiónibus eórum liberávit eos. Juxta est Dóminus his, qui tribuláto sunt corde: et húmiles spíritu salvábit.	The just cried, and the Lord heard them: and delivered them out of all their troubles. The Lord is nigh unto those who are troubled in heart, and the humble in spirit shall be saved.
LESSER ALLELUIA Allelúja, allelúja. Hæc est vera fratérnitas, quæ vicit mundi crímina: Christum secúta est, ínclita tenens regna cæléstia. Allelúja.	Alleluia, alleluia. This is the true brotherhood that overcometh the wickedness of the world; it hath followed Christ, holding fast to the glorious heavenly kingdom. Alleluia.
GOSPEL Luke 6: 17-23 In illo témpore: Descéndens Jesus de monte, stetit in loco campéstri, et turba discipulórum ejus, et multitúdo copiósa plebis ab omni Judæa, et Jerúsalem, et maritíma, et Tyri, et Sidónis, qui vénerant, ut audírent eum et sanaréntur a languóribus suis. Et, qui vexabántur a spirítibus immúndis, curabántur. Et omnis turba quærébat eum tángere: quia virtus de illo exíbat, et sanábat omnes. Et ipse, elevátis óculis in discípulos suos, dicébat: Beáti, páuperes: quia vestrum est regnum Dei. Beáti, qui nunc esurítis: quia saturabímini. Beáti, qui nunc fletis: quia ridébitis. Beáti éritis, cum vos óderint hómines, et cum separáverint vos et exprobráverint, et ejécerint nomen vestrum tamquam malum, propter Fílium hóminis. Gaudéte in illa die et exsultáte: ecce enim, merces vestra multa est in cælo.	At that time, Jesus coming down from the mountain stood in a plain place, and the company of His disciples, and a very great multitude of people from all Judea and Jerusalem, and the seacoast both of Tyre and Sidon, who were come to hear Him, and to be healed of their diseases. And they that were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all the multitude sought to touch Him, for virtue went out from Him, and healed all. And He, lifting up his eyes on His disciples, said, Blessed are ye poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are ye that hunger now, for you shall be filled. Blessed are ye that weep now, for you shall laugh. Blessed shall you be when men shall hate you, and when they shall separate you, and shall reproach you, and cast out your name as evil, for the Son of man's sake: be glad in that day and rejoice, for behold, your reward is great in heaven.
OFFERTORY Psalms 5: 12-13 Gloriabúntur in te omnes, qui díligunt nomen tuum, quóniam tu, Dómine, benedíces justo: Dómine, ut scuto bonæ voluntátis tuæ coronásti nos.	All they that love Thy name shall glory in Thee, for Thou, O Lord, wilt bless the just: O Lord, Thou hast crowned us, as with a shield of Thy good will.
SECRET Sanctórum tuórum nobis, Dómine, pia non desit orátio: quæ et múnera nostra conciliet, et tuam nobis indulgéntiam semper obtíneat. Per Dóminum nóstrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.	May the loving prayers of Thy saints not be wanting to us, O Lord, to win us Thy gifts and ever to obtain us Thy pardon. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.
COMMON PREFACE Vere dignum et justum est, æquum et salutáre, nos tibi semper, et ubique grátias ágere: Dómine sancte, Páter omnípotens,ætérne Deus: per Christum Dóminum nostrum. Per quem majestátem tuam laudant Ángeli, adórant Dominatiónes, tremunt Potestátes. Cæli cælorúmque Virtútes, ac beáta Séraphim, sócia exsultatióne concélebrant. Cum quibus et nostras voces, ut admítti júbeas deprecámur, súpplici confessióne dicéntes:	It is truly fitting and just, proper and beneficial, that we should always and everywhere, give thanks unto Thee, holy Lord, Father almighty, everlasting God, through Christ our Lord. Through whom the Angels praise Thy majesty, the Dominations adore, the Powers tremble: the heavens and the hosts of heaven, and the blessed Seraphim, together celebrate in exultation. With whom, we pray Thee, command that our voices of supplication also be admitted in confessing Thee saying:
COMMUNION Psalms 78: 2-11 Posuérunt mortália servórum tuórum, Dómine, escas volatílibus cæli, carnes Sanctórum tuórum béstiis terræ: secúndum magnitúdinem bráchii tui pósside fílios morte punitórum.	They have given the dead bodies of Thy servants, O Lord, to be meat for the fowls of the air, the flesh of Thy saints to the beasts of the earth: according to the greatness of Thy arm take possession of the children of them that have been punished by death.
POSTCOMMUNION Prótegat, quæsumus, Dómine, pópulum tuum et participátio cæléstis indúlta convívii, et deprecátio colláta Sanctórum. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.	May Thy people, we beseech Thee, O Lord, be protected by the privilege of participation in the heavenly banquet and by the prayer of the saints made in their behalf. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.