

January 3d

DEDICATION ANNIVERSARY OF THE "HOLY NAME OF JESUS" PATRIARCHAL PROCATHEDRAL OF JERUSALEM

Feast

The "Holy Name of Jesus" patriarchal CHURCH of Jerusalem was built between 1860 and 1872 by the Patriarch Joseph Valerga. He wanted to dedicate it to the Descent of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles, but the denial of the divinity of Christ by Renan led him to dedicate it to the Holy Name of Jesus. By this church is the headquarters of the Brotherhood of Dying Heart of Jesus, which was approved by Pius IX August 23, 187, and brings together a large number of Catholics in the Holy City.

The anniversary of the dedication of a cathedral is important because the church made out of stones is the place where the chosen people gather to meet God and worship Him; it is as the center around which the community is "the living temple edificated to His glory".

In commemorating the dedication of this church to the Holy Name of Jesus, let us renew our faith in Him who became one of us in order to save us, and whose very name means Savior.

Entrance Antiphon            Phil 2: 10-11

At the name of Jesus every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

or else:                      Rev 21: 2

I also saw the holy city, a new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

COLLECT

O Lord, as you call your people to be your Church, may those who gathered in your name, love You evermore and walk in the footsteps of Christ until they reach Jerusalem on High, through our Lord Jesus Christ...

First reading

A reading according to the Acts of the Apostles            4: 8-12

Then Peter, filled with the holy Spirit, answered them, "Leaders of the people and elders: If we are being examined today about a good deed done to a cripple, namely, by what means he was saved, then all of you and all the people of Israel should know that it was in the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarean whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead; in his name this man stands before you healed. He is "the stone rejected by you, the builders, who has become the cornerstone". There is no salvation through anyone else, nor is there any other name under heaven given to the human race by which we are to be saved."

PSALM

Ps 84: 3. 4. 9-10. 11 (v. 1 or else: Rev 21: 3b)

R. How lovely is Your dwelling place, <sup>[1]</sup><sub>[SEP]</sub>  
O LORD of hosts!

or: Behold, God's dwelling is with the human race.

1. My soul is longing and yearning  
for the courts of the LORD.

My heart and my flesh cry out  
to the living God.

2. Even the sparrow finds a home,  
and the swallow a nest for herself  
in which she sets her young, at your altars,  
O LORD of hosts, my king and my God.

3. O LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer;  
give ear, O God of Jacob.  
Turn your eyes, O God, our shield;  
look on the face of your anointed.

4. One day within your courts  
is better than a thousand elsewhere.  
The threshold of the house of God  
I prefer to the dwellings of the wicked.

Second reading

A reading from the letter of saint Paul to the Philippians

2: 6-11

Who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped. Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance, he humbled himself, becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross. Because of this, God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Acts 4: 12

R. Alleluia. Alleluia. Nor is there any other name under heaven given to the human race by which we are to be saved.

R. Alleluia.

Gospel

A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew

1, 18-25

Now this is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about. When his mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found with child through the holy Spirit. Joseph her husband, since he was a righteous man, yet unwilling to expose her to shame, decided to divorce her quietly. Such was his intention when, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home. For it is through the holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her. She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: "Behold, the virgin shall be with child and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means "God is with us." When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had

commanded him and took his wife into his home. He had no relations with her until she bore a son, and he named him Jesus.

## PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Deign to receive our gifts, Father Almighty, in the name of your Son, in whom we trust to obtain everything we ask, as he promised us in his goodness. He who lives ...

### Preface I

It is truly right and just, always, and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God. In your goodness to your people, you want to live in this house of prayer so that your given grace makes us be a temple of the Spirit, resplendent of your holiness. Every day you sanctify the Bride of Christ, the Church which our churches within this world are the image, until She enters the glory of heaven, happy to have given You so many sons.

Therefore, with all angels and saints we sing and proclaim your glory:

Holy ...

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In the concathedral church, the three readings of this feast day are to be read, along with the following preface:

### Preface II

It is truly right and just, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Christ Our Lord.

In this house you have given us, where you welcome your people in its walk towards you, you offer us a wonderful sign of thy covenant: here, to your glory you build the living temple we are to be, here, you built your Church, the universal Church, that is the Body of Christ, and this work will achieve in the joyous contemplation of the heavenly New Jerusalem.

Therefore, with the great multitude of saints, in this place which you have blessed, we glorify you, and give you thanks, saying:

Holy, holy, holy...

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COMMUNION RITE                      2 Pet 2: 5

Like living stones, let yourselves be built 4 into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

In your mercy, grant us, Lord, to worship worthily in these sacred mysteries the Lord Jesus in whose name, according to your will, every knee will bow, and in them allow us all and the whole of mankind to find salvation. Through Christ ...