

May 12th

Saint EPIPHANIUS, Bishop of Constancia (Salamis) in Cyprus

In Cyprus: Memorial

Elsewhere: Optional Memorial

St. Epiphanius (315-403) was born near Eleuteropolis (Beit Djibrin) in Palestine, where he founded a monastery that he ruled for thirty years. He was later appointed Bishop of Constantia (Salamis) and Metropolitan of Cyprus. He greatly valued poverty and devoted himself entirely to the poor and unfortunate.

He devoted his life to teaching the people the truths of the faith and fought vigorously against heretics or those whom he thought such. After his death in 403, his cult spread quickly in Cyprus and in the surrounding area.

St. Paul's description (1 Cor 4: 1-5) was lived by St. Epiphanius in an outstanding way and still remains true for all of us as well: the Apostles are the ministers of God whose essential quality is to be faithful to the mission entrusted to them. Jesus tells us: "Go into the whole world and proclaim the Good News."

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON 1 Sam 2: 35

I will choose a faithful priest who shall do what I have in heart and mind, said the Lord.

COLLECT

Lord, you have sent us your Son without whom no one can come to you. We beseech you: in your mercy, through the intercession of the Bishop Saint Epiphanius, draw your servants towards You by the path of the Gospel.

Through Jesus Christ ...

FIRST READING

A reading from the first letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians 4: 1-5

Brethren, thus should one regard us: as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. Now it is of course required of stewards that they be found trustworthy. It does not concern me in the least that I be judged by you or any human tribunal; I do not even pass judgment on myself; I am not conscious of anything against me, but I do not thereby stand acquitted; the one who judges me is the Lord. Therefore, do not make any judgment before the appointed time, until the Lord comes, for he will bring to light what is hidden in darkness and will manifest the motives of our hearts, and then everyone will receive praise from God.

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 110: 1.3.4. (R. 4bc)

R. You are a priest forever, in the line of Melchizedek.

1. The LORD's revelation to my LORD:

"Sit at my right hand,
until I make your foes your footstool."

2. With you is princely rule on the day of your power.

In holy splendor, from the womb before the dawn,

I have begotten you.

3. The LORD has sworn an oath he will not change:

"You are a priest forever,
in the line of Melchizedek."

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Matt 28: 19a. 20b

R. Alleluia. Alleluia.

"Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, said the Lord. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age."

R. Alleluia.

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to saint Mark

16: 15-20

Jesus said to them, "Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved; whoever does not believe will be condemned. These signs will accompany those who believe: in my name they will drive out demons, they will speak new languages. They will pick up serpents with their hands, and if they drink any deadly thing, it will not harm them. They will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover". So then the Lord Jesus, after he spoke to them, was taken up into heaven and took his seat at the right hand of God. But they went forth and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the word through accompanying signs.

The Gospel of the Lord.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Accept, O Holy Father, the gifts we offer you in memory of St. Epiphanius. Enlightened by your Spirit, may we guard faithfully the integrity of the faith.
Through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

John 15: 16

It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name he will grant you.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We humbly beseech you, Lord: through these sacraments that we have received, illumine and warm our hearts so that they may recognize You in purity of faith and love you with unfailing love.
Through Christ our Lord.