

Blessed Nicholas Charnetsky and Companions, Memorial (June 28): Readings

Opening Prayer

Glorious and ever living God,
you brought salvation to humanity
through the Cross of Christ.

By the merits and intercession of the
blessed bishop Nicholas, and his
companion martyrs, Vasyl, Zenon, and
Ivan,

grant that, in difficult times we may be
steadfast in the faith
and enjoy eternal happiness in their
company.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ,
you Son,

who lives and reigns with you

In the unity of the Holy Spirit,

One God for ever and ever. Amen.

First Reading

A reading from the Second Letter of Paul to Timothy (2 Timothy 2:8-13; 3:10-12).

Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David – that is my gospel, for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal.

But the word of God is not chained.

Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. The saying is sure: If we have died with him, we will also live with him; if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he will also deny us; if we are faithless, he remains faithful – for he cannot deny himself. Now you have observed my teaching, my conduct, my aim in life, my faith, my patience, my love, my steadfastness, my persecutions, and my suffering the thing that happened to

me in Antioch, Iconium, and Lystra. What persecutions I endured! Yet the Lord rescued me from all of them. Indeed, all who want to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted.

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

R: Those who lay down their life for the Lord's sake, will rise with the Lord.

“If the Lord had not been on our side,”
this is Israel's song. *(R)*

“If the Lord had not been on our side
when men rose against us.
then would they have swallowed us alive
when their anger was kindled.” *(R)*

“Then would the waters have engulfed us,
the torrent gone over us;
over our head would have swept

the raging waters.” (R)

O God, do not stay far off:

My God, make haste to help me! (R)

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia!

We praise you, O Lord, and we bless your name.

The mighty army of martyrs praises you.

Alleluia! alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew (10:17-22)

Jesus said to his disciples: “Beware of them, for they will hand you over to councils and flog you in their synagogues; and you will be dragged before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony

to them and the Gentiles. When they hand you over, do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say; for what you are to say will be given to you at that time. It is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death; and you will be hated by all because of my name. But the one who endures to the end will be saved.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Prayer over the gifts

Receive the gifts of your people, Lord, in memory of Blessed Nicholas and his companions.

May the Eucharist which sustained them
in their martyrdom
obtain for us dignity and patience when
our faith is tested.
Through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Preface

Presider :

The Lord be with you.

Assembly :

And with your spirit.

Presider :

Lift up your hearts.

Assembly :

We lift them up to the Lord.

Presider :

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Assembly :

It is right and just.

Father, all powerful and ever-living God,
we do well always and everywhere to give
you thanks.

Your holy martyrs, Nicholas, Vasyl, Zenon
and Ivan,

followed the example of Christ,
and gave their lives for the glory of your
name.

Their death reveals your power
Shining through our human weakness.

You choose the weak to make them
strong in bearing witness to you
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

In our unending joy we echo on earth
the song of the angels in heaven
as they praise your glory for ever:

Communion Antiphon

“Those who lose their life for my sake,
and for the sake of the gospel, will save it;,
says the Lord (Mk 8:35).

Prayer after Communion

Lord, you have welcomed us at your table
on this memorial day of your martyrs
Nicholas, Vasyl, Zenon and Ivan.
Grant us the manifold riches of your grace
so that from their glorious witness
we may learn to be strong in the hour of
testing
and to rejoice in the hope of victory.
We make this prayer through Christ our
Lord. Amen.