



STS. CHRYSANTHUS AND DARIA
ΑΓΙΟΙ ΧΡΥΣΑΝΘΟΣ ΚΑΙ ΔΑΡΕΙΑ

MARCH 19

NAME _____ GRADE _____

Sts. Chrysanthus and Daria (+283)

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Patronage:

Venerated in:

*Eastern Orthodox Church
Coptic Orthodox Church
Oriental Orthodox Church
Roman Catholic Church*

Relics:

- *Church of Chrysanthus and Daria, Bad Münstereifel, Germany*
- *Monastery of Belli Locus, Centre-Val de Loire, France*
 - *Cathedral of Regio Emilia, northern Italy*



Chrysanthus came from a prominent pagan family who moved to Rome from Alexandria. He received a good education, also reading pagan books that discussed Christianity. Wanting to read a book written by Christians, he found a copy of the New Testament, which enlightened his soul.

After becoming baptized in the Christian faith, he began to preach the Gospel. His father, Polemon, was very angry and disappointed that Chrysanthus had converted to Christianity and tried desperately to bring him back to paganism.

Having tried everything, Polemon arranged for his son to be married to a beautiful pagan woman named Daria, hoping that she would be able to turn him away from Christ. Instead, Chrysanthus taught Daria about Christianity and she too was baptized. Chrysanthus and Daria decided to live their married life as brother and sister rather than husband and wife. They openly preached the Gospel and converted many to Christianity.

Chrysanthus and Daria were eventually reported and handed over to the tribune Claudius to be tortured. Claudius admired them for enduring their tortures and their strong faith. Through the grace of God, Claudius, his wife Ilaria, their sons, Jason and Maurus, and all their household staff and soldiers all accepted Holy Baptism and became Christians.

When Emperor Numerian heard of this, he ordered for all of them to be executed, including Claudius and his family. Claudius was drowned at sea, and his sons and soldiers were beheaded. Christians buried them in a nearby cave, where Ilaria would go to pray for her husband and sons. She was eventually followed, caught and sentenced to die. She asked for several moments of prayer, at which at the end she died. A servant buried the saint in the cave alongside her sons.

Chrysanthus and Daria endured many tortures, but they were always protected from God and were saved. Finally, they were buried alive in a pit and covered with stones.

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