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Sts. Cosmas and Damian

Compiled sources (Catholic Encyclopedia; Golden Legend) · *1908 / 1900 · Gabriel Meier, Catholic Encyclopedia (1908); Caxton/Ellis Golden Legend (1900)*

Early Christian physicians and martyrs whose feast is celebrated on 27 September. They were twins, born in Arabia, practised the art of healing, accepted no pay, and were called anargyroi, “the silverless.” So Gabriel Meier’s 1908 Catholic Encyclopedia article begins. The file also holds a Golden Legend chapter (Ellis, 1900). Byzantine miracle collections are not included. Name the compiled limit. For grades 6–12. Gravity; no gore spectacle. Quote this wording.

THE CENTRAL QUESTION

How should a school read this file as a compiled dossier of Meier’s 1908 article and a Golden Legend chapter, beginning with unpaid physician-twins, rather than as a Byzantine miracle collection?

“Early Christian physicians and martyrs whose feast is celebrated on 27 September. They were twins”

The Catholic Encyclopedia (1908): “Sts. Cosmas and Damian”

A compiled hosted file: Gabriel Meier’s Catholic Encyclopedia article “Sts. Cosmas and Damian” (1908), and the Golden Legend chapter on SS. Cosmo and Damian (Caxton, Ellis, 1900). Byzantine miracle collections are not included. The article begins: Early Christian physicians and martyrs whose feast is celebrated on 27 September. They were twins, born in Arabia, practised the art of healing, accepted no pay, and were called anargyroi, “the silverless.” For grades 6–12. Gravity; no gore spectacle. Name the compiled limit. Quote this wording.

KEY CHARACTERS

Sts. Cosmas and Damian
Twins, born in Arabia, early Christian physicians and martyrs, called anargyroi, “the silverless,” for accepting no pay

Gabriel Meier
The author of the 1908 Catholic Encyclopedia article in this file

HOW TO BEGIN THIS COMPILED FILE

> *“Early Christian physicians and martyrs whose feast is celebrated on 27 September. They were twins”*
>
> The Catholic Encyclopedia (1908): “Sts. Cosmas and Damian”

> *“They accepted no pay for their services and were, therefore, called anargyroi, "the”*
>
> The Catholic Encyclopedia (1908): “Sts. Cosmas and Damian”

Grades 9–12
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01

Early Christian Physicians and Martyrs

THE 1908 ARTICLE

Early Christian physicians and martyrs whose feast is celebrated on 27 September. The article begins with a calling, and with a feast day, together.

- Keep “physicians and martyrs” and “27 September.”
- 6–12.
- The encyclopedia article, first in the file.
- Quote this wording.

> *“Early Christian physicians and martyrs whose feast is celebrated on 27 September. They were twins”*
>
> The Catholic Encyclopedia (1908): “Sts. Cosmas and Damian”

02

Twins, Born in Arabia

THE 1908 ARTICLE

They were twins, born in Arabia, and practised the art of healing in the seaport Ægea. A birthplace, and a work of healing, are named at once.

- Keep “twins, born in Arabia” and “practised the art of healing.”
- 6–12. Keep “Ægea” if you continue the sentence.
- Quote this wording.
- Not a later popular retelling only.

> *“They were twins, born in Arabia, and”*
>
> The Catholic Encyclopedia (1908): “Sts. Cosmas and Damian”

03

Anargyroi, the Silverless

THE 1908 ARTICLE

They accepted no pay for their services and were, therefore, called anargyroi, “the silverless.” The unpaid work is named as a title.

- Keep “accepted no pay” and “anargyroi, ‘the silverless.’”
- 6–12.
- In this way, the article says, they brought many to the Catholic Faith.
- Quote this wording.

> *“They accepted no pay for their services and were, therefore, called anargyroi, "the”*
>
> The Catholic Encyclopedia (1908): “Sts. Cosmas and Damian”

04

Here Follow the Lives of SS. Cosmo and Damian

THE GOLDEN LEGEND CHAPTER

Here follow the Lives of SS. Cosmo and Damian, and first of their names. The second document in the file uses Caxton’s spelling, Cosmo. Name which part of the file you are in.

- Keep “Here follow the Lives of SS. Cosmo and Damian.”
- 6–12. Gravity; no gore spectacle.
- The Golden Legend chapter, after the article.
- Quote this wording.

> *“Here follow the Lives of SS. Cosmo and Damian, and”*
>
> The Golden Legend (Caxton, ed. Ellis, 1900)

05

A Compiled File, Byzantine Collections Not Included

THE EDITION

Gabriel Meier, Catholic Encyclopedia, 1908, and the Golden Legend chapter on SS. Cosmo and Damian, Ellis, 1900, complete as hosted. Byzantine miracle collections are not included. Name the compiled limit. For grades 6–12. Gravity; no gore spectacle. Quote this wording, including Ægea and “anargyroi.” One map cannot teach every page.

- Name Meier, 1908, the Golden Legend chapter, and what is not included.
- 6–12. Gravity, no spectacle.
- Physicians, twins, and the silverless.
- Quote this English.

> *“Early Christian physicians and martyrs whose feast is celebrated on 27 September. They were twins”*
>
> The Catholic Encyclopedia (1908): “Sts. Cosmas and Damian”

Physicians, and a feast day

Twins, born in Arabia

No pay: the silverless

A Golden Legend chapter, after the article

A compiled file, honestly limited

What to watch for as you read

GRADES 9–12

1. The 1908 article begins: “Early Christian physicians and martyrs whose feast is celebrated on 27 September. They were twins, born in Arabia, and practised the art of healing… They accepted no pay for their services and were, therefore, called anargyroi, ‘the silverless.’”
2. This file is compiled: Gabriel Meier’s Catholic Encyclopedia article (1908) and the Golden Legend chapter on SS. Cosmo and Damian (Caxton, Ellis, 1900). Byzantine miracle collections are not included. Name the limit.
3. The Golden Legend chapter begins: “Here follow the Lives of SS. Cosmo and Damian.” Name which part of the file you are in.
4. For grades 6–12. Gravity; no gore spectacle. Quote this wording, including Ægea and “anargyroi.”

Quotations are verbatim from the Gabriel Meier, Catholic Encyclopedia (1908); Caxton/Ellis Golden Legend (1900), The Catholic Encyclopedia (1908); The Golden Legend, Temple Classics ed. F. S. Ellis (1900), the public-domain text hosted at classicslaunch.org/works/sts-cosmas-and-damian/. Citations give book and chapter (or canto and line) so every line can be checked.