A Synaxis of Latin Saints **(Plain Reading)**

July 31st

On July 31st we commemorate Saint Germanus Bishop of Auxerre. Saint Germanus was born in a wealthy Gaulish family and was raised to become lawyer and statesman. Saint Germanus chose rather to devote his life to Christ and ascetism in poverty and austerity. He and his wife became servants of the Church, and Saint Germanus built the monastery of Saint Cosmas and Damian on the banks of Yonne. He was made Bishop of Auxerre, and was noted for his bravery in defending his people. When the Roman General Aetius sent the barbarian king Goar to suppress Amorica, Saint Germanus stood and rebuked Goar face to face. He traveled to Ravenna to appeal and defend his people from barbarian suppression, but reposed in Ravenna in 450. His body was brought back to Amorica, and buried alongside the faithful of Amorica.

Verses

On this day we commemorate Saint Neot the Hermit of Cornwall. After living in seclusion and prayer for years, the Holy Spirit revealed Saint Neot to the peoples of Britain. His unwanted fame led to him being summoned to Rome, where the Pope asked him to build a monastery in Cornwall. Saint Neot remained obedient and became abbot in Cornwall. He reposed peacefully in the 9th century.

On this day we also commemorate Calimerius, Apostle to the Pro Valley; Saint Fabius the Martyr; the Twelve Solder-Martyrs of Rome and Saint Firmus of Tagaste, Carthage.

By the intercessions of Thy Saints, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.