

## Sts. Cosmas & Damian -- مار قزمان ودميان



Sts. Cosmas & Damian's Feast Day is celebrated on November 1.

It is believed that Saints Cosmas and Damian were born in Cilicia, (Turkey) in the third century and died as martyrs around the year 287. They may have been twin brothers, and were known to be physicians who practiced their profession in the seaport of Ayas, Adana, then in the Roman province of Syria. Accepting no payment for their services led to them being named "The Holy Moneyless Ones". By this, they attracted many to the Christian faith.

According to Christian traditions, during the persecution under Diocletian, Cosmas and Damian were arrested and tortured that they may recant their Christian faith. However, they stayed true to their faith, enduring being hung on a cross, stoned, and shot by arrows. Finally they were martyred by beheading.

Their most famous miraculous exploit was the grafting of a leg from a recently deceased Ethiopian to replace a patient's ulcerated leg, and was the subject of many paintings and illuminations.

Sts. Cosmas and Damian are regarded as the patrons of physicians and surgeons and are sometimes represented with medical emblems.