Hippolytus

13 August, RC

d. 235
Theologian, Antipope, and Martyr

* Rival of Callistus, Bp of Rome; first “antipope”
* Upheld stricter ethics than his more lenient, “pastoral” adversaries
* Prolific writer: Apostolic Tradition, Refutation of All Heresies, commentaries and sermons
* Died in the mines of Sardinia with Pontian, Bp of Rome; bodies of both returned to Rome, buried with honors; both acclaimed as saints

If anyone offers cheese and olives, he shall say thus:
“Sanctify this milk which has been coagulated, coagulating us also to your love. Make this fruit of the olive tree not to depart from your sweetness, which is an example of your richness which you have poured from the tree, for life to those who hope in you.”

But in every blessing shall be said:
“To thee be glory, to the Father and to the Son, with the Holy Spirit in the Holy Church, now and forever and world without end. Amen.”

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