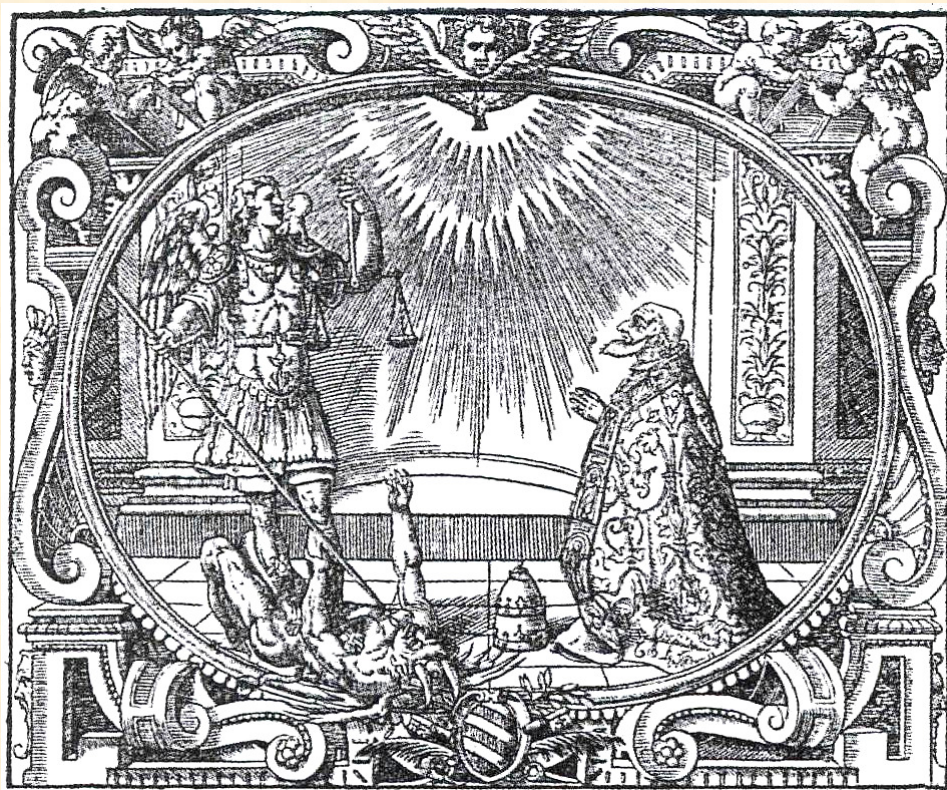


ON ALL SUNDAYS AND DAYS OF OBLIGATION,
COMMENCING WITH THE LITURGICAL YEAR 2010/2011,

HOLY MASS IN THE ANCIENT ROMAN RITE

IS CELEBRATED AT 12.00 O'CLOCK
IN BUDAPEST, AT THE INNER CITY PARISH CHURCH
OF OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION



The Holy Masses are offered

in accordance with the *Motu Proprio Summorum Pontificum* of H. H. Pope BENEDICT XVI
and with the permission and support of the Pastor of the Parish, the Rev. Fr ZOLTÁN OSZTIE

by Norbertine Father

ERVIN GELLÉRT KOVÁCS

with liturgical assistance provided by the

CAPITULUM LAICORUM SANCTI MICHAELIS ARCHANGELI

The **Capitulum Laicorum S. Michaelis Archangeli (CLSMA; Lay Chapter of St Michael the Archangel)** is a lay association of Roman Catholic faithful in Hungary, established for the celebration of the traditional Latin liturgy. Its main goals are the singing of the Divine Office as a public act of worship, the reinvigoration — as far as possible — of the local variants of the Roman rite and of the religious orders, the maintenance and cultivation of authentic vernacular liturgy, and the continuous education, both spiritually and intellectually, of its members.

Ordinary members make a commitment to participating regularly in solemn Night Offices (Matins and Lauds) and serving at Holy Masses, to reciting at least one Hour of the Office, and to making a monthly financial contribution. Extraordinary members or supporters are those who, though not in a position to fulfil the responsibility and obligations of ordinary membership, can still identify with the spirituality and objectives of the Chapter, and feel inclined to support its activity with prayers, Mass offerings, and financial, intellectual or institutional assistance. Among the extraordinary members a special group is comprised of those in major clerical orders (i.e. who are ordained at least subdeacons).



The process of having the CLSMA legally recognised in Hungary is underway; internationally the Chapter is a member of the *Fœderatio Internationalis «Iuventutem»*, an organisation of young Catholics attached to the traditional Roman rite and based in Bern, Switzerland. The history of the Lay Chapter began on 28 February 2004, on the eve of the First Sunday of Lent, when a few students from the Church Music Department of the Ferenc Liszt Music Academy, with other likeminded individuals, gathered together in Budapest for the first time to sing Matins and Lauds in an ecclesiastical setting and in a historically authentic, unabbreviated form according to the medieval liturgical use of Esztergom. The occasion was followed by others, and it became a regular event with regular attendance. The preparation of the textual and melodic material as well as its musical and ceremonial performance eventually lead to the habitual assignment of tasks and liturgical roles. Thus the notion of a “lay chapter” was born as an organisational form, conceived to emulate and uphold the primarily liturgical function of traditional clerical chapters (which is often reduced to naught nowadays). By the end of 2010 the CLSMA had 56 members: 18 ordinary and 38 supporters.

It followed from this interest in Latin liturgical traditions that in early 2005, having become acquainted with other communities abroad who were attached to the older (so-called “Tridentine”) form of the Roman rite — such as the Priestly Fraternity of Saint Peter (*Fraternitas Sacerdotalis Sancti Petri [FSSP]*) —, the members of the Chapter felt inspired to expand their liturgical concerns and to extend their activity also to the celebration of Holy Mass, in fact, to all the sacraments and sacramentals. In the autumn of 2006, at the request of the CLSMA and in accordance with the *Motu Proprio Ecclesia Dei* issued in 1988 by Pope JOHN PAUL II, the Archdiocesan Authority of Esztergom-Budapest gave permission for traditional Latin Masses in the Jáki Chapel, situated in the Public City Park (Városliget), to be celebrated by a priest of the FSSP, who was able to make travels from Cracow to Budapest nearly on a monthly basis.

The juridical situation was radically altered when Pope BENEDICT XVI decided to normalise the use of the ancient Roman liturgy in a new law promulgated on 7 July 2007. The *Motu Proprio Summorum Pontificum* makes this liturgy, as the extraordinary form of the Roman rite, juridically equal to the ordinary form introduced by Pope PAUL VI after the Second Vatican Council. The new norms allow any priest of the Roman rite to celebrate Mass privately according to the extraordinary form, while its public celebration is to be authorised by the local parish priest at the request of a stable group of the faithful. Thus the Rev. Fr ZOLTÁN OSZTIE, Pastor of the Inner City Parish Church of Our Lady of the Assumption, made it possible for the CLSMA to celebrate, from 18 November 2007, its own Masses (i.e. by now independently of the FSSP) at 15.30 o’clock on each Sunday and Day of Obligation, which time, from 28 November 2010, was changed to 12 o’clock. In case this church is not available (due to another scheduled event or feastsdays occurring on weekdays), the Masses are transferred to the King St Stephen Chapel of the Pauline “Cave Church” (Sziklatemplom) on Gellért Hill or to the Church of St Michael the Archangel (Mary Ward Sisters / Angolkisasszonyok) in Váci street. The Matins and Lauds usually take place in the same Church of St Michael the Archangel.



Further information and regular announcements on the activity of the Capitulum Laicorum S. Michaelis Archangeli:

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