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**IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER AND THE SON AND THE HOLY SPIRIT,
ONE GOD. AMEN.**

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On this day died Jeremiah the prophet, the son of Hilkiah the priest, who was one of the Great Prophets. This just man prophesied in the days of Josiah, the son of Amon, the King of Judah, and Jehoiakim, the son of Zedekiah. Concerning this pure man God spoke, saying, "I sanctified thee before thou didst come forth from thy mother's womb, and I have set thee to be the prophet of the Gentiles, and the rebuker of the people" (Jeremiah 1:5). And this prophet rebuked the children of Israel because they forsook the Lord God, and rejected the Law, and he said unto them, "Take heed and repent so that the wrath of God may not come upon you." And he informed them, saying, "If ye do not turn to God He will raise up Nebuchadnezzar, King of the Chaldeans, and he shall lead you into captivity," and even so it came to pass for Nebuchadnezzar did carry them away captive. And he prophesied that the people would remain in captivity for seventy years, and also concerning the coming of our Lord and Redeemer, and concerning His Passion and the thirty pieces of silver which Judas Iscariot took; and he prophesied concerning the going forth of the Law of the Gospel from Zion, and many other matters. And the Jews wished to kill him many times, and they scourged him, and shut him up in prison on several occasions, but he prayed to God continually and made petitions to Him on their behalf. And God said concerning them, "Pray not, neither make entreaty on behalf of this people, and make not intercession with Me for them, for I will not hearken to thy petition for them." When Nebuchadnezzar carried the people away captive from Jerusalem, he did not take Jeremiah with them, and the remnant of the people took him with them and departed to the land of Egypt. And by his prayer God destroyed the wild beasts, and the lions, which were in the valley of Egypt, and which used to harm the Egyptians. And having finished the days of his prophecy and pleased God, he died in peace in the city of Alexandria, and the Egyptians made a feast in his honor, even as at this day. Salutation to Jeremiah, one of the Great Prophets.

Glory be to God Who is glorified in His Saints. Amen.