

who were thrown into the furnace at Babylon, mentioned in the book of Daniel: but Chatelain thinks it belonged to the three martyrs, whose bodies were given by the Emperor Zeno to the count of Langres. The church called of St. Geome, or Sancti Gemini, that is, the twins, situated two miles from Langres, belongs to a priory of regular canons, and is famous for devotion to these saints, though great part of their relics was translated by Hariolf duke of Burgundy, and his brother Erlolf, bishop of Langres, into Suabia, and remains in the noble collegiate church of St. Guy, or St. Vitus, at Elvange. These holy martyrs are secondary patrons of the diocess of Langres, and titular saints of many churches in France and Germany. See Chatelain, Notes on Jan. 17, p. 313.

ST. SULPICIUS THE PIOUS, *B.*

ARCHBISHOP OF BOURGES.

THE church of Bourges in France was founded by St. Ursin, who was sent from Rome to preach the faith in Gaul. St. Gregory of Tours, in his history, places his mission in the middle of the third century,(1) yet in his book on the Glory of Confessors,(2) he tell us, that he was ordained by the disciples of the apostles, and governed many years the church of Bourges, which he had planted. He was interred in a common burial place in a field without the city; but his remains were translated thence by St. Germanus, bishop of Paris, and abbot of St. Symphorian's,(3) and by Probianus, bishop of Bourges, and deposited in the church of St. Symphorian, now called St. Ursin's.(4) This saint is honoured in the Roman Martyrology on the 9th of November; at Lisieux and some other places, on the 29th of December. Among the most eminent of his successors, two are called Sulpicius, and both surnamed Pious; the first, who is sometimes called the Severe, sat from the year 584 to 591, and his relics are enshrined in the church of St. Ursin.(5) His name was inserted in the Roman Martyrology by Baronius, on the 29th of January, and occurs in other more ancient calendars.(6)

(1) S. Gr. Tur. Hist. l. 1. c. 28. (2) L. de Gl. Conf. c. 80.

(3) Fortunat. in Vita S. German. Paris.

(4) Gallia Christ. nova, T. 2 p. 4.

(5) See St. Greg. Turon. and Gallia Christ. nov. T. 2. p. 15.

(6) See Benedict XIV. Litter. Apost. præfix. Martyr. Rom. s. 46. p. 83.