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## Saint Grata

<b>BIRTH</b>	unknown
<b>DEATH</b>	unknown
<b>BURIAL</b>	Monastero delle Benedettine di Santa Grata Bergamo, Provincia di Bergamo, Lombardia, Italy
<b>PLOT</b>	Chiesa del Monastero.
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Roman Catholic Saint. According to an old tradition, Grata of Bergamo was the sister of Asteria, virgin and martyr, who lived between the IV and VI centuries and whose liturgical memory is celebrated on August 10. Shortly after the execution of Saint Alessandrino, patron of Bergamo, Grata is said to have secured safe burial to his severed body of which the head remains lost to this day. Successively she zealously pursued the mission of Christian burial for martyrs and so did her sister, Asteria. Considered as the foundress of three churches built in honour of Saint Alessandrino: Sant'Alessandro in Colonna, Sant'Alessandro della Croce and the former cathedral basilica built atop the place considered as the saint's burial site, eventually demolished to make way for the Venetian walls built in the sixteenth century, tradition also counts her the foundress of the churches of Sant'Eufemia, San Giovanni and Santo Stefano (later renamed Santo Salvatore). She is said to have led her parents to Christianity along with her husband and following the latter's death, spent her remaining years assisting the poor and the sick in a hospital she initiated. Passing away somewhere around 305-307, her body was interred in Borgo Canale, outside the city walls of Bergamo in the church of her hospital. On August 9, 1027, Bishop Ambrose II had her remains solemnly transferred to the church of Santa Maria Vecchia, later renamed Santa Grata alle Colonnate, where the present Benedictine monastery which houses her relics was eventually established. In 1707, the Congregation of Rites had her liturgical celebration fixed on August 27 but in later years was transferred to May 12. Others attribute her memorial day as April 15 and September 4. Co-patron of the city of Bergamo, she is still highly venerated by the locals to this day, with a monastery and a parish dedicated to her memory.