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**The famous curse of the parish priest of Masullas.**

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**The excommunication of Priest Antioco VIII.**

Excommunication: directed at those who stole the goats, those who aided them, those who know of it, and those who ate the animals' flesh.

So let us begin:
let them be excommunicated
and subject to anathema
*ab homine et latae sententiae (340)*
*interditae suspensionis*
condemnation of all evil
by major excommunication
let this be imposed upon them
by the Roman Curia (345)
by the entire communion
of Popes and Cardinals
together with the masters of ceremonies;
I say it and I repeat it:
let them be excommunicated (350)
and subject to anathema
all those who have entered
through the Vicar's gate,
let there be no distinction
between profession, (355)
rank and social status;
let them be excommunicated
and subject to anathema
all the leaders of the thieves,
those who have shielded and incited them… (360)
(which is why in our village
there are so many scoundrels…)
all those who knew and know
what has been stolen from me
and have said nothing. (365)
Let them be excommunicated
and anathematized,
those who have given aid
or counsel,
be it great or small, (370)
father or son,
and what I say applies to all
it must be understood without a doubt
to men and women alike.
And all those who have killed (375)
one of my animals,
let them be excommunicated
along with those who have eaten it,
whether at lunch or dinner,

and let them suffer the punishment (380)
as if they had urinated
in the Holy of Holies,

(…)

And when all this is over,
so that they may die of fear, (425)
it is necessary that from all the churches
in the villages and in Cagliari
the bells ring out the death knell
with a hammering toll,
for Moors and Christians (430)
for Turks and tax collectors,
and so that this may be clear
I cast aside the candles,
the stole and the missal
and all the vestments there are (435)
so that they may be trampled underfoot,
and so they shall be trampled underfoot,
children of perdition,
*maledictus in igne eternum,*
*cun malis et tentationis* (440)
*et stercus demoniorum.*
Thunder, lightning and storm
and winds of every kind
may accompany them

(…)