

building; it has a heavy Romanesque façade; a wide portal surmounted by a gallery and balustrade, flanked by two massive towers, recalling the more graceful and successful example of Traù. Legend has it that S. Tryphonius died at the age of eighteen, a martyr under the Emperor Decius. His body was brought by sailor-folk to Cattaro in 809, when the cathedral was built in his honour by the architect Andreazzo de Saracenis, and in his memory was founded the Guild of the "Marinerezza", embracing all the sailor population of the Bocche. The Venetian Republic fostered and strengthened the Guild, finding it a useful machine for recruiting its navy and a ready instrument for the government of the Bocche, that important outpost of its Adriatic dominions. Enrolment in the Guild was compulsory for all the seafaring population. The Guild owned warehouses in which was stored all the necessary armament of ships, and members were at liberty to hire these for their own use. The funds were raised by annual subscription among members, port dues on native shipping and heavy dues on foreign. The Guild was governed by an "admiral", who ranked next after the Venetian governor, and had his place by the governor's side in all State functions. He