

A Synaxis of Latin Saints (Plain Reading)

March 8th

On March 8th we commemorate Saint Felix of Dunwich, Apostle to East Anglia. Born in Burgundy in France, he went to England to work for the enlightenment of East Anglia. In about 631 he went to Dunwich, or possible Felixstowe, and built his Cathedral, now beneath the sea. He preached with great success in Norfolk, Suffolk and Cambridgeshire and is honoured as the Apostle of East Anglia, where several places are named after him and Orthodox still honour his memory.

Verses

On this day we commemorate Saint Humphrey of Prüm and Therouanne. A monk at the monastery of Prüm in Germany, he became Bishop of Therouanne in France and was Abbot of St Bertin. He was a source of strength and comfort to the people during the Norman invasion. He kept the feast of the Dormition with special splendour.

On this day we commemorate Saint Julian of Toledo. A monk at Agali in Spain under St Eugene, whom he succeeded first as Abbot and in 680 as Archbishop of Toledo. He was the first Metropolitan of All Iberia. Presiding over several national Councils, revising and developing the Mozarabic liturgy, he was a prolific writer and outstanding churchman.

On this day we commemorate Saint Senan of Ireland. Saint Senan became a monk in Kilmanagh, Ireland. Having founded a monastery, probably in Enniscorthy, he is said to have visited Rome and on his way home stayed with St David in Wales. On his return to Ireland he founded more churches and monasteries, notably one in Iniscarra near Cork. Finally, he settled on Scattery Island in the Shannon estuary where he was buried.

By the intercessions of Thy Saints, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.