

A Synaxis of Latin Saints (Plain Reading)

May 12th

On May 12th we commemorate Saint Aethelhard, Archbishop of Canterbury and Abbot of Louth, England. Born in Louth in Lincolnshire in England, he became the fifteenth Archbishop of Canterbury in 793. This was a time of political upheaval under Offa of Mercia who tried to abuse and dominate the Church like Charlemagne on the Continent. St Aethelhard resisted him and maintained the faith uncorrupted by political intrigue.

Verses

On this day we commemorate Saint Flavia Domitilla, Euphrosyna and Theodora. Saint Flavia Domitilla was a great-niece of the Emperors Domitian and Titus and St Flavius Clemens. She became Orthodox. On refusing to marry a pagan she was exiled from Rome and martyred with her foster sisters, Euphrosyna and Theodora, in Terracina in Italy.

On this day we commemorate Saint Rictrudis. Born in Gascony in France, she married Saint Adalbald, by whom she had four children - all saints, Maurontius, Eusebia, Clotsindis and Adalsindis. After her husband's repose she became a nun and founded the convent of Marchiennes in the north of France.

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