

A Synaxis of Latin Saints (Plain Reading)

October 12th

On October 12th we commemorate Saint Wilfrid the Enlightener of the Frisians in Sussex. Born in Ripon in England, he became a monk at Lindisfarne. After a short stay in Canterbury he went to France and Rome (653-657). On his return to Northumbria he founded the monastery of Ripon and in 668 played a leading part in the Council of Whitby. The rest of his life was occupied with journeys and missionary work among the Frisians and in Sussex. His zeal made him an important if controversial figure.

Verses

On this day we commemorate Saint Edwin the Martyr King of Northumbria. In 616 he became King of Northumbria in England, married Ethelburgh of Kent and was baptised by St Paulinus. He fell in battle at Hatfield Chase fighting against pagan Mercians and Welsh and was venerated as a martyr.

On this day we commemorate Saints Felix and Cyprian the Martyrs. Two bishops in North Africa, leaders of a great multitude of Orthodox - the number of four thousand nine hundred and sixty-six is usually given- driven to starvation and death in the Sahara Desert by the Arian Vandal King, Hunneric.

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