

St. Columba of Iona (597AD)

A poet, prophet and monk of royal Irish lineage, Columba went to Scotland to evangelize the pagan Picts. He was a student of Finnian of Clonard. His name means "dove of the Church." Columba was born into a royal clan in Donegal, Ireland. He called Christ "his druid," or teacher. Columcille, his Irish name, or Columba, as he is known in Latin Britain, founded numerous monasteries across the Irish land. All of these had oak groves, the favorite trees of the druids. He was a scholar and writer who found great joy in solitude. A sixth century poem describes him as a gentle sage "with faith in Christ," and states that "being a priest was but one of his callings." Adamnan, an early biographer, writes, "Angelic in appearance, elegant in address, holy in work, he would never spend the space of even one hour without study or prayer or writing." He radiated a divine and celestial light, and is known for the booming power of his voice, and for his amazing authority over the winds and seas and all the natural world. He had such a deep love for the woods and for all of God's creation that he made sure that his monastery was built without a tree being cut down. In one of his poems, he wrote that he was more afraid of the sound of an axe in Derrywood, a nearby forest, than he was of the voice of hell itself. He founded what is reputed to be the largest monastery in Christendom on the coastal island of Iona which became a great center of learning and from which monasticism spread throughout Northern Europe. The character of the monasticism which he built was marked by a commitment to community and keen appreciation for the natural world as the vesture of the Holy Spirit.

True Adoration in the World

I adore not the voice of the birds, nor sneezing, nor lots in this world: My druid is Christ, the son of God, Christ, the son of Mary, the Great Abbot, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost.
~ *Song of Trust*. Quoted in *The National Churches: Volume 3, Church of Ireland*, Thomas Olden, W. Gardner Darton, 1985, p. 51.

The Delights of the World

Delightful would it be to me
to be in Uchd Ailiun (an Irish headland over the sea)
On the pinnacle of a rock,
That I might often see the face of the ocean;
That I might see its heaving waves over the wide ocean,
When they chant music to their Father upon the world's course;
That I might see its level of sparkling strand,
it would be no cause of sorrow;
That I might see the sea-monsters, the greatest of all wonders....
That contrition might come upon my heart upon looking at her;
That I might bewail my evils all,
though it were difficult to compute them;
That I might bless the Lord Who conserves all,
Heaven with its countless bright orders,
land, strand and flood;
That I might search the books all, that would be good for my soul;
At times kneeling to beloved Heaven;
At times psalm singing;
At times contemplating the King of Heaven, Holy the Chief;
At times at work without compulsion,

That would be delightful.

~ *Song of Columba* (Columcille Fecit). Quoted in *Saint Columba of Iona: A Study of His Life*, by Lucy Menzies, J.M. Dent & Sons, 1920, p. 131.

UPCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS

Sat. June 23rd, 30th – Breakfast Buffet from 9am-1pm

Sun. 17th – Fr. Joseph Gall and family will be celebrating the Liturgy –Great Vespers Sat. (16th) at 6pm

Sat. June 23rd – Readers Vespers – 6pm

Sun. June 24th – Divine Liturgy -- Fr. David Smoley and Fr. Dcn. David Donch serving.

Thurs. June 28th – Great Vespers for Sts. Peter and Paul

Fri. June 29th – Patronal Feast Day Divine Liturgy – 9:30
- **Service of Anointing – 2pm**
- **Parish Picnic 4-8pm**

Sun. July 2nd – Panahidka for Nickoli Emelianow following Liturgy – luncheon to follow

Sunday, July 15th – Chicken BBQ– 12noon -3pm

Wed. July 18th 6pm - Parish Council Meeting

July 22-27th –All American Council- St. Louis, MO

July 22-28th – Camp Nazareth

August 6th – Pilgrimage to the Holy Transfiguration Monastery.

MISSIONS TEAM

~ ~ **During the Month of July the team will be collecting items for "Emergency Care Bags" for victims of human trafficking. Items are listed on the Missions Team BB in the hall. See Anna R.**
~Next Meeting to be held on Sunday July 2nd following Coffee Hour.

Fr. Daniel will be on Vacation form June 16-25th and July 4-14th Please contact Fr. David Smoley during this time for any pastoral needs you may have. holysmoley@roadrunner.com 814-823-4707

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Welcome to Fr. Joseph Gall
celebrating Divine Liturgy Today!

GLORY TO JESUS CHRIST! GLORY FOREVER!

3rd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 2. All Saints of Britain and Ireland. Martyrs Manuel, Sabel, and Ismael, of Persia (362).

HAPPY FATHERS DAY!

PLEASE INCLUDE THESE OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN YOUR DAILY PRAYERS: Those in need –Fr. Andrew, Fr. David, Mat. Gail, Mat. Donna, Mat. Pirsilla, Teresa, Pearl, William, Karen, John, Mary, Stavros, Marilyn, Theona, Ann, Timothy, Jeremiah, Delani, The Homebound..., Tanya, Richard, Helen, , Irene, Ruth, Josephine, William, Claudia... Travelers.. Mathewsons, Hargetts,, Galls ...Catechumens – Christian ...Our Missionaries Abroad...Fr. David and Mt. Rozanne, Military servers...Greg ...Departed Orthodox...Newly Departed – Catherine Kirzmanich John Bicko, John Sekel, Ann, Katherine. Vernon, Paul, James, Andrew, Peter, Paul, Margaret, Michael Mary Ann, Timothy... Special requests... Anthony, Ian, Paul, Daleen, Penni, James, Sean, Liam, Susan, James, Joel, Jen, Roger, Jasmine, Cassandra, Raquel, Zera Kim....

Today's Hymns Tone 2 Troparion (*Resurrection*)

When Thou didst descend to death, O Life immortal,
Thou didst slay hell with the splendor of Thy Godhead.
And when from the depths Thou didst raise the dead,
all the powers of heaven cried out://
"O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to Thee!"

Tone 4 Troparion (*from the Menaion, for the Martyrs*)
Thy holy martyrs Manuel, Sabel, and Ismael, O Lord,

through their sufferings have received incorruptible crowns from Thee, our God. For having Thy strength, they laid low their adversaries, and shattered the powerless boldness of demons.// Through their intercessions, save our souls!

Tone 2 Kontakion (Resurrection)
Hell became afraid, O almighty Savior, seeing the miracle of Thy Resurrection from the tomb! The dead arose! Creation, with Adam, beheld this and rejoiced with Thee.// and the world, my Savior, praises Thee forever.

Tone 2 Kontakion (from the Menaion, for the Martyrs)
Because of your perfect faith in Christ, all-blessed martyrs, Ye drank the cup of His sufferings with generous hearts. Ye renounced the idols of Persia, and, yourselves three in number, proclaimed your belief in the Holy Trinity.// We ever beseech you to pray for us all.

Tone 2 Prokeimenon

The Lord is my strength and my song; He has become my salvation. (Ps 117/118:4)
v: The Lord has chastened me sorely, but He has not given me over to death. (Ps 117/118:18)
Tone 2
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!
v: May the Lord hear thee in the day of trouble! May the name of the God of Jacob protect thee! (Ps 19/20:1)
v: Save the King, O Lord, and hear us on the day we call! (Ps 19/20:9)

Today's Scripture Readings:

Romans 5:1-10 (Epistle)

Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. And not only that, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; and perseverance, character; and character, hope. Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us. For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Much more

then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.

Matthew 6:22-33 (Gospel)

The lamp of the body is the eye. If therefore your eye is good, your whole body will be full of light. But if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in you is darkness, how great is that darkness! No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon. Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink; nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air, for they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? Which of you by worrying can add one cubit to his stature? So why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; and yet I say to you that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. Now if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will He not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.

Martyr Nectan of Hartland Commemorated on [June 17](#)

Saint Nectan was born in Wales and lived in the sixth century, but we know few details about his life. He was the oldest of the twenty-four children of Saint Brychan of Brecknock (April 6). While he was still living in Wales, God inspired him to imitate the example of Saint Anthony (January 17) and other ascetics, and to embrace the monastic life.

Seeking greater solitude, Saint Nectan and his companions left Wales, intending to settle wherever their boat happened to land. Divine providence brought them to the northern coast of Devonshire at Hartland, where they lived for several years in a

dense forest. The saint's family would visit him there on the last day of the year. Later, he relocated to a remote valley with a spring.

Once, Saint Nectan found a stray pig and returned it to its owner. In gratitude, the swineherd gave Saint Nectan two cows. The saint accepted the gift, but the cows were soon stolen by two robbers. Saint Nectan found the thieves who took the animals, and tried to preach to them about Christ. They became angry and cut off his head. Then the saint picked up his head and carried it for half a mile, laying it down near the spring by his cell. Seeing this, the man who killed Saint Nectan went out of his mind, but the other thief buried him. From that time, miracles began to take place at Saint Nectan's tomb.

In 937 Saint Nectan appeared on the eve of the Battle of Brunanburgh to a young man from Hartland who was in a tent near King Athelstan's pavilion. Suddenly, he felt himself afflicted with the plague which was then destroying the English army. The young man wept and called upon God and Saint Nectan to help him. His cries were so loud that he woke the king and others around him. Saint Nectan came to the young man just after midnight and touched the afflicted area of his body, healing him. In the morning, he was brought before the king and admitted that it was he who had disturbed Athelstan's sleep. The king asked gently why he had been crying out during the night.

The young man explained that he felt himself stricken with the plague, and was afraid that he would die. Therefore, he entreated God and Saint Nectan to help him, and his prayer was answered.

Athelstan asked for more information about the life and martyrdom of Saint Nectan, which the young man provided. He also urged the king to turn to Saint Nectan with faith, promising that he would be victorious in battle if he did so.

The king promised to honor God and Saint Nectan, and so his faith was rewarded. Not only did he win the battle, but the plague disappeared and his soldiers recovered. The first time that King Athelstan visited Hartland in Devonshire, he donated property to the saint's church. For the rest of his life, the king placed great confidence in the intercession of Saint Nectan. Saint Nectan is the patron of Hartland, Devonshire. The fullest surviving Life dates from the twelfth century (See Vol. 5 of THE SAINTS OF CORNWALL by G. H. Doble for an English translation).

There is an Orthodox house chapel (Russian diocese of Sourozh) dedicated to Saint Simeon and Saint Anna at Combe Martin, N. Devon where Saint Nectan is venerated.