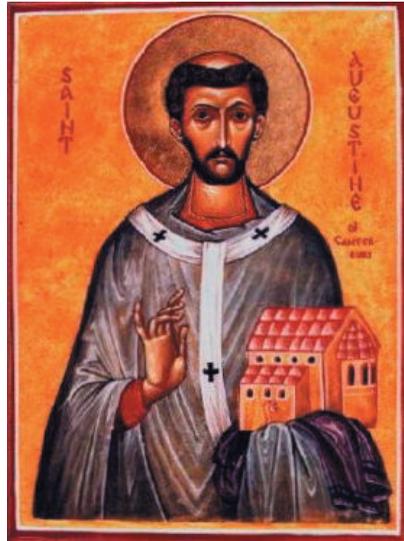


A Saint Who Both Succeeded and Failed



On May 26 we remember Saint Augustine of Canterbury, Evangelist of England and first Archbishop of Canterbury.

Augustine of Canterbury is sometimes confused with the more well-known theologian, Augustine of Hippo, who articulated many of the Roman Catholic Church's teachings. But the work of Augustine of Canterbury was mission rather than writing. A Roman, born in the later sixth century, Augustine entered a Benedictine monastery while young. He served under Pope Gregory, whom we know as Gregory Dialogos, the compiler of the Presanctified Liturgy. The Pope had hoped to convert the pagan "Angles"—inhabitants of England—for several years. He would say of them, "The Angles indeed are worthy to be angels of God." So when he heard that many Angles were ready to accept the Christian faith if they could have good teachers, he seized the opportunity, appointing Augustine

to lead a group of about forty missionaries to go and preach the faith in England. The men set out in June of 596. As they traveled through Gaul (now France) the locals told them unpleasant tales about the uncouth English, wild and ignorant people who couldn't be taught anything. This discouraged the missionaries so much that some wanted to give up and turn back. Augustine felt the same, and offered to return to Rome and tell Pope Gregory about the enormous difficulties they were sure to face. He went, but the Pope was not about to give up on his long-cherished hope. He said, "Go, in God's name! The greater your hardships, the brighter your crown." So Augustine rejoined his companions, and they made their way to Paris, where they spent the winter. When spring arrived, they set sail from a port city (possibly Boulogne) and landed on the Isle of Thanet, near Ramsgate in England. King Ethelburt came from the royal capital of Canterbury, described then as squalid and half in ruins, to meet them. He was gracious, but he wasn't remotely interested in this new faith they had come to preach. He gave them a building to live in, wished them well, and said they were free to gain as many converts as they could. As time went on, King Ethelburt became deeply impressed with Augustine's gentle manner and simple teaching. Encouraged by his Christian wife, the king asked to receive instruction, and then baptism. On Christmas Day in 597 more than 10,000 people were also baptized by Augustine, now Archbishop. Yet this same man whose unassertive way of teaching converted a king was completely unsuccessful in his attempts to introduce uniform liturgical practices across the country. The Celtic bishops of South Britain found him to be overbearing and arrogant, and refused to cooperate with his suggestions. To the king he seemed humble and gentle; to some English bishops he seemed a too-proud Roman. Saints do struggle, and seldom please every person. That they can still be pleasing to God gives hope to the rest of us.

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May 23, 2010

✦ *Holy Pentecost* ✦

Epistle Reading:
 Acts 2:1-11

Gospel Reading:
 John 7:37-52;8:12

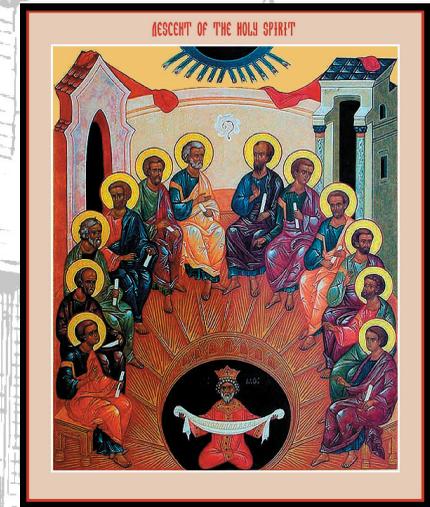
Schedule of Services

Wednesday, May 26
 Daily Vespers 6:pm

Thursday, May 27
 Akathist to St. Alexis of WB 10:am

Saturday, May 29
 Great Vespers 4: pm

Sunday, May 30
 Divine Liturgy 9:30 am



Troparion - Tone 8 - Blessed art You O Christ Our God, You have revealed the fishermen as most wise By sending down upon them the Holy Spirit Through them You drew the world into Your net, O Lover of Man, Glory to You!

Kontakion - Tone 8 - When the most High came down and confused the tongues, He divided the nations; But when he distributed the tongues of fire He called all to unity. Therefore, with one voice, we glorify the All-holy Spirit!



Announcements

- ✦ **WELCOME FATHER DEACON PATRICK SMITH!:** What a great joy indeed to have Father Patrick with us to serve our Festal Pentecost Liturgy with us. We welcome him with thanks!
- ✦ **MANY THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROUS DONATIONS:** We seem to have been given a fair amount of generous donations toward quality incense. Many thanks to all for generosity. Your ongoing stewardship is pleasing to God.
- ✦ **LOVE TO THE POWER OF 10 IN 2010:** Keep those number 10 cans coming! We have gotten off to a great start gathering cans to feed the hungry. Whenever you go to the grocery store to fill your cupboards, remember to grab a #10 and bring it to Church to be shared with those who have less than we do. Let this become our spiritual discipline in 2010 and beyond. The little parish that CAN is feeding the hungry! This indeed is pleasing to God. **So far we have delivered almost 110 number 10 cans and other items to the St. Vincent DePaul Soup Kitchen in Wilkes Barre. May we have given 1000 by year's end!** God is Good!
- ✦ **PAN ORTHODOX EDUCATION TRAINING:** For all all Orthodox Church School Directors and Teachers. "Educating Ourselves and Our Children in Godliness" June 5th from 8:30 am - 4:30 pm at Holy resurrection cathedral, Wilkes Barre. See Father Adam for details.
- ✦ **MONASTERY PILGRIMAGE - YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!:** Memorial Day Monday is the day! Our parish's timeslot is from 10:15-1:30. Ten volunteers needed. Sign up sheet is in the narthex. Please consider lending a hand. Bus is leaving at 9:am to head up, reserve your seat today with Father or Matushka.
- ✦ **AKATHIST & PASTOR'S BREAKFAST RESUME THIS THURSDAY:** I hope to see increased attendance as we continue with this prayer effort and week-day fellowship. We have such a good time at these. You should BE THERE!
- ✦ **PANCAKES IN EDWARDSVILLE:** St. John's in Edwardsville will be hosting a Potato Pancake Sale on June 18 from 12 noon until 6PM
- ✦ **FELLOWSHIP COFFEE HOUR:** is sponsored today by Bonnie Yurkon, Frank Fedock, and Jack Sarochinsky. Thanks, folks! The Fellowship Coffee Hour list is in the back with a couple of open slots. Pick a day, share the love!

✦ Intercessory Prayer ✦

THE LIVING

- ✦ All of our shut-ins and those in nursing homes:

MaryAnn Kremenic	John Kremenic
Mary Ruduski	Mary Zaleta
Margaret Mesh	Helen Kasian
Mary Zupko	Paul Ecrote
- ✦ Those who lie in sickness:

Margaret Mesh	
Annie Guravich	Pearle Zupko
John Lipinski	Daria Yackimowicz
John Zelinski	Matushka Olga
Archpriest Alexander	Michael Calabro
Melanie Hoats Smith	Karen Schinski
Cheryl Connaghan	Helen
Vera Campbell	Jeffrey Lasoski
Andrea Godomski	Amy Issa
Joseph Calabro	Erika Hasinus

 & Welcome baby Lauren Ashley Hasinus!

- ✦ Those who have asked for our prayers: All staff, volunteers and residents at the Birchwood and the Catherine McAuley House, Missionary Christina, Rev. Deacon Daniel & Rachael, Fr. Isaac & Mat. Anastasia, Gregory & Amy, This God-protected City of Nanticoke and the Hanover Section, our Mayor, City Council, Police and Fire Companies

NEWLY DEPARTED

- ✦ Marian Glita
- ✦ Eleanore
- ✦ Mary Staniorski
- ✦ Paul Ragan

PREPARING FOR ILLUMINATION & INQUIRERS

- ✦ Allen Uhas, Jr.
- ✦ Martin Amrowski
- ✦ Marcia Haggett & children
- ✦ Julie & Geraldo
- ✦ Karen Kochaba
- ✦ Alicia & Timothy
- ✦ Lori

FOR OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS

- ✦ Justin Cunard
- ✦ Charlotte Ebert
- ✦ All who attend LCCC at the end of our Street
- Jessica Yackimowicz
- Devon Wolfkiel

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

- ✦ May 25 Marie Teston (1941)
- ✦ May 26 Marie & Bob Teston (? year)
- ✦ May 28 Helen "Babe" Solinski (1926)
- ✦ May 29 Reader Joseph P. Paprota (1950)

DEPARTED

- ✦ May 25 Margaret Thomas (1994)
- ✦ May 30 Zinovia Shewczuk (1992)

✦ Candle Offerings ✦

VIGILS

- ✦ For the Health of Marian Babiak, Susan Shiposki, Hope Cain, Faith Hughes, & wasenda family
- In Memory of Anna Fedock, John & Theresa Klos,

