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He grew up in Lombardy a region in Italy and came to the Christian faith as a young man. He then began a career in the Roman army. It was said that he passed the gates of Amiens and saw a man freezing on the side of the road. Taking pity on him, Martin ripped his army issue cloak in half and gave it to the man to help comfort him. That night, Martin dreamt of Jesus Christ wearing that half cloak. This vision shook Martin to the core. No longer wanting to be part of the army, he succeeded in attaining a discharge from service. Martin journeyed to the city of Poitiers where he met Bishop Hilary. As was not uncommon at the time, even though Martin already considered himself a Christian, he was not yet baptized. Therefore, Hilary administered the sacrament before Martin left Poitiers. Returning to Gaul, Martin found that the Arian heresy had taken a firm hold. He spoke out against it and was singled out for persecution and forced to flee. The same happened shortly thereafter to Saint Hilary. Martin fled to an island in the Tyrrhenian Sea, living as a hermit. In , Martin discovered that Hilary had regained his seat in Pontiers; this news moved Martin to return to Gaul. Hilary sent Martin to Leguge, a Benedictine monastery, to continue his ways as a hermit; there Martin spent the next ten years. This time Martin was persuaded to accept the responsibility as Bishop of Tours. We remember him for his simple lifestyle and his determination to share the Gospel throughout rural Gaul, as well as his work as bishop in successfully staving off numerous heresies. However, both he and Martin were already acclaimed as saints by general consensus before any official system of canonization was established. Over a millennium later, on St. Coincidentally, much of the world commemorates the armistice ending World War I and honors veterans on 11 November. Thus we also note that St. Martin is a traditional patron saint of soldiers.

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Martin There are also several surviving cycles of pictures showing the life of St. Martin and the Beggar and Baptism of St. Martin Attacked by Soldiers and St. The small, highly detailed embroideries were small marvels in their own right. Martin and the Brigands Scenes from the Life of St. Hilary of Poitiers Scenes from the Life of St. Martin Scenes from the Life of St. Martin is the series of frescoes executed by the Siennese painter, Simone Martini, between and in the Chapel of St. Martin in the lower church of St. Simone Martini, Scenes from the Life of St. Throughout the early scenes St. Martin is imagined as a contemporary early 14th century knight, his Roman world equated with the chivalrous ideal. Martin if Knighted Scenes from the Life of St. Martin Simone Martini, St. Martin Simone Martini, Dream of St. Martin In his dream Martin saw Jesus explain to the angels that he was the beggar to whom Martin had given half his cloak. Martin Meditating Scenes from the Life of St. Martin So great was his devotion that when he raised the host at Mass a ball of light appeared above his head. Simone Martini, Death of St. Martin Simone Martini, Burial of St. These include various miracles wrought by the saint either during his life or afterwards. Francisco Osana, Death of St.

3: ST. MARTIN OF TOURS, BISHOP AND CONFESSOR – MASS PROPERS | oneintheirhearts

Our father among the saints Martin of Tours (Latin: Martinus), was a bishop of Tours in the fourth century. He showed interest in Christianity at an early age. After service in the Roman army, he was baptized and became a disciple of St. Hilary of Poitiers who was prominent in the trinitarian disputes with the Arians.

Wikimedia Commons has media related to Hilaire de Poitiers. Hilary of Poitiers Latin: He was sometimes referred to as the "Hammer of the Arians " Latin: Malleus Arianorum and the " Athanasius of the West. His optional memorial in the General Roman Calendar is 13 January. In the past, when this date was occupied by the Octave Day of the Epiphany , his feast day was moved to 14 January. He received a good pagan education,[5] which included a high level of Greek. At that time Arianism threatened to overrun the Western Church; Hilary undertook to repel the disruption. One of his first steps was to secure the excommunication , by those of the Gallican hierarchy who still remained orthodox Christians, of Saturninus, the Arian Bishop of Arles , and of Ursacius of Singidunum and Valens of Mursa , two of his prominent supporters. The traditional explanation is that Hilary was exiled for refusing to subscribe to the condemnation of Athanasius and the Nicene faith. They bear themselves not as bishops of Christ but as priests of Antichrist. This is not random abuse, but sober recognition of the fact, stated by St. John, that there are many Antichrists. For these men assume the cloak of piety, and pretend to preach the Gospel, with the one object of inducing others to deny Christ. It was the misery and folly of the day that men endeavoured to promote the cause of God by human means and the favour of the world. Hilary asks bishops, who believe in their office, whether the Apostles had secular support when by their preaching they converted the greater part of mankind. She in her turn holds out the threat of exile and prison. It was her endurance of these that drew men to her; now she imposes her faith by violence. She craves for favours at the hand of her communicants; once it was her consecration that she braved the threatenings of persecutors. Bishops in exile spread the Faith; now it is she that exiles bishops. The time of Antichrist, disguised as an angel of light, has come. The true Christ is hidden from almost every mind and heart. Antichrist is now obscuring the truth that he may assert falsehood hereafter. Hilary also attended several synods during his time in exile, including the council at Seleucia which saw the triumph of the homoion party and the forbidding of all discussion of the divine substance. When this council ratified the decisions of Ariminum and Seleucia, Hilary responded with the bitter In Constantium, which attacked the Emperor Constantius as Antichrist and persecutor of orthodox Christians. Thus, a number of synods in Gaul condemned the creed promulgated at Council of Ariminum In , Hilary extended his efforts once more beyond Gaul. He impeached Auxentius , bishop of Milan , a man high in the imperial favour, as heterodox. Emperor Valentinian I accordingly summoned Hilary to Milan to there maintain his charges. However, the supposed heretic gave satisfactory answers to all the questions proposed. Hilary denounced Auxentius as a hypocrite as he himself was ignominiously expelled from Milan. Upon returning home, Hilary in , published the Contra Arianos vel Auxentium Mediolanensem liber, describing his unsuccessful efforts against Auxentius. He also but perhaps at a somewhat earlier date published the Contra Constantium Augustum liber, accusing the lately deceased emperor as having been the Antichrist, a rebel against God , "a tyrant whose sole object had been to make a gift to the devil of that world for which Christ had suffered. While Hilary closely followed the two great Alexandrians, Origen and Athanasius , in exegesis and Christology respectively, his work shows many traces of vigorous independent thought. This is the first Latin commentary on Matthew to have survived in its entirety. Now extant are the commentaries on Psalms 1, 2, 9, 13, 14, , 91, and This was composed largely during his exile, though perhaps not completed until his return to Gaul in These include the Liber II ad Constantium imperatorem, the Liber in Constantium inperatorem, Contra Arianos vel Auxentium Mediolanensem liber, and the various documents relating to the Arian controversy in Fragmenta historica. Reputation and veneration Hilary is the pre-eminent Latin writer of the 4th century before Ambrose. Augustine of Hippo called him "the illustrious doctor of the churches", and his works continued to be highly influential in later centuries. Venantius Fortunatus wrote a vita of Hilary by , but few now consider it reliable. More trustworthy are the notices in Saint Jerome De vir. The spring terms of the English and Irish Law Courts

and Oxford and Dublin Universities are called the Hilary term since they begin on approximately this date. Martin of Tours which spread early to western Britain. In France most dedications to Saint Hilary are styled "Saint-Hilaire" and lie west and north of the Massif Central ; the cult in this region eventually extended to Canada. Hilary as early as

4: SAINT MARTIN OF TOURS By D. G. M. Jackaon

Light from the East: Athanasius of Alexandria --Hearts on fire: Antony of Egypt --New rays of light: Martin of Tours and Hilary of Poitiers --Like a kindling fire: Augustine and Monica --Flashing lightning: Jerome and his female friends --A kind of fire: John Cassian and the desert elders --Golden sparkling flame: Brigit of Kildare and.

As the end approached, the question started coming up. Do you want to go back to school? Homeschooling will be fine. If you want to see how crazy that was, you can click on these links, which should take you to most of the posts I wrote on homeschooling over the past few years. First, what did I envision? To be honest, I really did envision being far more Unschoolish than we ended up being and I do harbor regrets that I never could pull it off. But perhaps it is just his personality. Eh, it was fine. But you know, you know you have to know how to write properly. And this math program is fantastic. Oh, and here are some poems to memorize. Yeah, I know some unschoolers, and I admire them. I guess I should also mention my own personality and how it worked into the homeschooling paradigm. This might be useful to readers, since this is something you have to consider as you get into this. How am I going to fit into homeschooling? I usually explain it by telling a story: For a time, a few years ago, one of my older sons was living with us, right after he returned from some time teaching English in Rome and while he was going to graduate school. At the time, the younger ones were in school. The day would dawn. A couple of hours later, my up-to-then invisible and silent son would come out of his room. Now I can concentrate. They are mostly fantasy, but you know I actually have always found the Myers-Briggs reasonably predictive of my own personality. This means that as a homeschooling parent, there was no way we were going to do a boxed curriculum. It meant that as much as possible, I was going to follow their lead and facilitate as much easier, as I have indicated, with one of them than with the other. And honestly, what it meant was that I spent a lot of time researching resources of all kinds, often late into the night, seeking out interesting nature and history videos, copywork materials, online math, grammar and language games, places for us to go and information about whatever was the topic of the moment. And of course, I love researching. At one point, there was an attempt to bring a hybrid Catholic school into the area: And I would be paying a good chunk of money for it. And we would be constrained in our travel and their other fun classes that they like to do. Homeschoolers are hard to plan for, I tell you. They are an independent lot! My goal was to get what I considered basics in every day: Everything else was ad hoc and geared to the moment. They took lots of classes in the community, and we traveled in the area quite a bit. For you see, this is something I had learned from classroom teaching: So what did I want for them? To develop a lifestyle of looking at the world with open eyes and open minds, learning from every moment, and learning how to understand that world and communicate what they see. I wanted them to see how fluid life is and how our understanding of the world changes through time, and to understand this, as much as possible via the world itself without the mediation of textbook companies and state curricula guidelines and their narrow, shallow, secular viewpoints. I wanted them to see that the world is beautiful, fascinating, but broken, and to be open to the intuitions within them that are prompting them to contribute to that beauty and heal the brokenness, whether that be as an artist, an engineer, a researcher, a physician, a zookeeper.. I took this our first full day in Europe in , and it remains my favorite, expressing everything I hoped for them from that roamschool adventure.

5: St. Martin of Tours - Saints & Angels - Catholic Online

martin of tours (+). It is interesting to note that Veteran's Day has a veteran as its saint of the day. St. Martin was born to a cavalry officer of the Imperial Horse Guard, in Pannonia, an area now part of Hungary.

Having no money, he cut his cloak in two and gave him the half. That night he saw Our Lord clothed in the half cloak, and heard Him say to the angels: He succeeded in converting his mother; but, being driven from his home by the Arians, he took shelter with St. Hilary, and founded near Poitiers the first monastery in France. In he was made Bishop of Tours. His flock, though Christian in name, was still pagan in heart. Unarmed and attended only by his monks, Martin destroyed the heathen temples and groves, and completed by his preaching and miracles the conversion of the people, whence he is known as the Apostle of Gaul. His last eleven years were spent in humble toil to atone for his faults, while God made manifest by miracles the purity of his soul. Mina was an Egyptian soldier in the Roman army, martyred because he refused to recant his Christian faith. After spending five years as a hermit, Mina saw in a revelation the angels crowning the martyrs with glamorous crowns, and longed to join those martyrs. While he was thinking about it, he heard a voice saying: You shall be granted three immortal crowns; one for your celibacy, another for your asceticism, and a third for your martyrdom. His endless sufferings and the tortures that he went through, have attracted many of the pagans, not only to Christianity, but also to martyrdom. Relics " The soldiers who executed Mina set his body on fire for three days but the body remained unharmed. For the vanquished idols, Roman, Celtic, or German, Christ substituted their conqueror, the humble soldier, in the grateful memory of the people. At the very outset he had to encounter Satan, who said to him: He has kept it to this very day: The gratitude of Christ and the rage of Satan, made known by such signs, reveal sufficiently the incomparable labours of the pontiff, apostle, and monk, St. A monk indeed he was, both in desire and in reality, to the last day of his life. He became a catechumen at the age of ten, and at twelve he wished to retire to the desert; all his thoughts were engaged on monasteries and churches. A soldier at fifteen years of age, he so lived as even then to be taken for a monk. After a first trial of religious life in Italy, he was brought by St. Hilary to this solitude of Liguge, which, thanks to him, became the cradle of monastic life in Gaul. To say the truth, Martin, during the whole course of his life, felt like a stranger everywhere else except at Liguge. A monk by attraction, he had been forced to be a soldier, and it needed violence to make him a bishop: He responded to the dignity of a bishop, says his historian, without declining from the rule and life of a monk. Hilary of Poitiers baptizing St. Martin of Tours The holy liturgy refers to St. Hilary the honor of the wonderful virtues displayed by Martin. The most illustrious pontiffs and the greatest doctors have thought that the secular clergy themselves could never be better fitted for spreading and making popular the pure doctrines of the Gospel, than if they could be prepared for their pastoral office by living either a monastic life, or one as nearly as possible resembling it. Read the lives of the greatest bishops both in East and West, in the times immediately preceding or following the peace of the Church, as well as in the Middle Ages: Hilary, the great Hilary, had, with his experienced and unerring glance, perceived the need; he had seen the place that should be occupied by the monastic Order in Christendom, and by the regular clergy in the Church. In the midst of his struggles, his combats, his exile, when he witnessed with his own eyes the importance of the monasteries in the East, he earnestly desired the time when, returning to Gaul, he might at length lay the foundations of the religious life at home. Providence was not long in sending him what was needful for such an enterprise: Martin, his predecessors, and St. Hilary himself, in their common apostolate of Gaul, the illustrious Cardinal says: Still I fear not to say it: The founder of national Christianity, was principally St. And how is it that he, above so many other great bishops and servants of God, holds such pre-eminence in the apostolate? Are we to place Martin above his master Hilary? But what I can say is, that Hilary was chiefly a teacher, and Martin was chiefly a thaumaturgus. Now, for the conversion of the people the thaumaturgus is more powerful than the teacher; and consequently, in the memory and worship of the people, the teacher is eclipsed and effaced by the thaumaturgus. God has not deemed it consistent with His majesty to reason with us. He has spoken; He has said what is and what is not; and as He exacts faith in His word, He has sanctioned His word. But how has He sanctioned it? Not only did

Christ work miracles, but He established the Faith upon the foundation of miracles. And the same Christ-not to confirm His own miracles, which are the support of all others; but out of compassion for us, who are so prone to forgetfulness, and who are more impressed by what we see than by what we hear-the same Jesus Christ has placed in His Church, and that for all time, the power of working miracles. Our age has seen some, and will see yet more. The fourth century witnessed in particular those of St. The working of wonders seemed mere play to him; all nature obeyed him; the animals were subject to him. Who could resist words enforced by so many prodigies? In all these provinces he overthrew the idols one after another, reduced the statues to powder, burnt or demolished all the temples, destroyed the sacred grove. And all the haunts of idolatry. If I study the legislation of Constantine and Constantius, perhaps it was. But this I know: Martin, eaten up with zeal for the house of the Lord, was obeying none but the Spirit of God. With these means Martin changed the face of the country. Whence he found scarcely a Christian on his arrival, he left scarcely an infidel at his departure. The temples of the idols were immediately replaced by temples of the true God; for, says Sulpicius Severns, as soon as he had destroyed the homes of superstition, he built churches and monasteries. It is thus that all Europe is covered with sanctuaries bearing the name of St. Tomb of Saint Martin His beneficial actions did not cease with his death; they alone explain the uninterrupted concourse of people to his holy tomb. Kept everywhere as a holiday of obligation, and bringing with it the brief return of bright weather known as St. Martin was the joy of all, and the helper of all. Martin â€™ Martinmas St. Because of this, St. As at Michaelmas on 29 September, goose is eaten in most places the goose is a symbol for St. It is said that as he was hiding from the people who wanted to make him Bishop, a honking goose gave away his hiding spot , but unlike most Catholics, those of Britain and Ireland prefer pork or beef on this day. The Lord made to him a covenant of peace, and made him a prince: O Lord, remember David: Glory be to the Father. Mennas Grant, we beseech Thee, O almighty God, that we, who venerate the birthday of blessed Mennas, Thy Martyr, may, through his intercession, be strengthened in the love of Thy name. There was not found the like to him who kept the law of the most High. Therefore by an oath the Lord made him to increase among his people He gave him the blessing of all nations, and confirmed His covenant upon his head. He acknowledged him in His blessings; He preserved for him His mercy; and he found grace before the eyes of the Lord. He glorified him in the sight of kings, and gave him a crown of glory. He made an everlasting covenant with him, and gave him a great priesthood: To execute the office of the priesthood, and to have praised in His name, and to offer him a worthy incense for an odor of sweetness. There was not found the like to him, who kept the law of the Most High. That blessed man, St Martin, the bishop of the city of Tours, hath entered into his rest: No man lighteth a candle, and putteth it in a hidden place, nor under a bushel; but upon a candlestick, that they that come in, may see the light. The light of thy body is thy eye. If thy eye be single, thy whole body will be lightsome: Take heed therefore, that the light which is in thee, be not darkness. If then thy whole body be lightsome, having no part of darkness; the whole shall be lightsome; and as a bright lamp, shall enlighten thee. Through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord. The Heavens and the Heavenly hosts together with the blessed Seraphim in triumphant chorus unite to celebrate it. Together with them we entreat Thee, that Thou mayest bid our voices also to be admitted, while we say in lowly praise: Martin of Tours offering the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria Tua. Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini.

6: Full text of "St. Hilary of Poitiers and St. Martin of Tours"

Already, it seems, his friend Martin had engaged in a pioneer venture as a monastic founder in Milan, the political centre of the Western Empire, but when he rejoined St. Hilary on his return to Poitiers () the two of them launched a new monastic movement which was to have revolutionary consequences in the history of Christianity in the West.

Hilary was born to pagan parents of Poitiers, France, in . After training in the classics and philosophy, Hilary married. He and his wife had one daughter, Afra. All who knew Hilary said he was a friendly, charitable, gentle man. He became convinced that there was only one God, whose Son became man and died and rose to save all people. This led him to be baptised along with his wife and daughter. The people of Poitiers chose Hilary to be their bishop in . As Bishop, he was soon taken up with battling what became the scourge of the fourth century, Arianism, which denied the divinity of Christ. The heresy spread rapidly. To this end, he began writing his most important and most famous dogmatic work: *Always firm in his opposition to radical Arians, St. Hilary showed a conciliatory spirit with those who accepted that the Son was similar to the Father in essence, naturally trying to lead them toward the fullness of faith, which says that there is not only a similarity but a true equality of the Father and the Son in their divinity. This also seems characteristic: His conciliatory spirit tries to understand those who still have not yet arrived to the fullness of the truth and helps them, with great theological intelligence to reach the fullness of faith in the true divinity of the Lord Jesus Christ. In or , Hilary was finally able to return from exile to his homeland and immediately resumed the pastoral work in his Church but the influence of his teaching extended, in fact, well beyond its borders. A synod celebrated in Paris in or took up again the language used by the Council of Nicea. Some ancient authors think that this anti-Arian development of the bishops of Gaul was due, in large part, to the strength and meekness of the bishop of Poitiers. On various occasions, Hilary met with St. Martin, the future bishop of Tours founded a monastery near Poitiers, which still exists today. Hilary died in . His feast day is celebrated on Jan.*

7: CATHOLIC ENCYCLOPEDIA: St. Martin of Tours

Hilary of Poitiers's wiki: Hilary (Hilarius) of Poitiers (c. - c. [2]) was Bishop of Poitiers and is a Doctor of the Church. the Old and New Testament.

Hilary, Saint, Bishop of Poitiers, d. Augustine, "the Illustrious Doctor of all the Churches," was born of heathen parents of an illustrious family and great wealth, at Poictiers early in the fourth century. He received, as a heathen, an excellent classical education, so that St. Jerome says of him that he "was brought up in the pompous school of Gaul, yet had culled the flowers of Grecian science, and became the Rhone of Latin eloquence. About he renounced, in company with his wife and daughter, the Pagan religion of his family, and became a devout and devoted Christian. After his baptism he so gained the respect and love of his fellow Christians, that in , upon a vacancy occurring in the see of his native town, he was, although married and a layman, elected to fill it, and received ordination as Deacon and Priest, and consecration as Bishop, "by accumulation," no uncommon occurrence in those days. From that time he was virtually, though not formally, separated from his wife, and lived a very ascetic life. Soon after his consecration he received a visit from St. Martin of Tours who became thenceforward his devoted disciple , and distinguished himself by his unsparing opposition to the Arian heresy, which had gained many powerful adherents in Gaul at that time, obtaining for himself thereby the title in after years of "Malleus Arianorum," the hammer of the Arians. In he was sent by the Emperor Constantius to Phrygia in exile, in consequence of a report made against his moral character by the Arian Council held at Beziers in Languedoc, over which the Arian leader, Saturninus, Bishop of Aries, presided, whose excommunication for heresy Hilary had some time before secured. In spite of his consequent want of permission to do so, he left Poictiers towards the end of the same year, and spent two years in Italy, whence he was again sent back to Gaul in by the new Emperor Valentinian, in consequence of his denouncing Auxentius, the Bishop of Milan, where Hilary was at that time resident, as having been insincere in his acceptance of the creed of Nicaea. Hilary lived for some three years after his final return to Poictiers, and died Jan. The best edition of his works is that of Constant, originally published by the Benedictines, at Paris, in , and reprinted, with some additions, at Verona, in 2 vols. Hilary was a sacred poet as well as a theologian, though most of his writings of this character perished, probably, in his Liber Hymnorum, which is one of his books that has not come down to us. It seems to have consisted of hymns upon Apostles and Martyrs, and is highly spoken of by Isidore of Seville in his *De Officio Ecclesiastico*. Written as these hymns were in the first infancy of Latin hymnody, and before the metres of the old heathen Latin poets had been wholly banished from the Christian service of song, or the rhyming metres, which afterwards became so general and so effective, had been introduced into such compositions, they can scarcely be expected to take very high rank. At the same time they are not without a certain rugged grandeur, well befitting the liturgical purposes they were intended to serve. Containing as they also do the first germs of Latin rhymes, they have great interest for all students of hymnody, as thus inaugurating that treatment of sacred subjects in a form which was to culminate presently in the beautiful Church poetry of the 12th century. Isidore of Seville and Jerome both speak of Hilary as a hymn writer, but it is by no means certain that any of his genuine hymns have survived. Watson, in his *St. He thinks that the recently discovered Liber Hymnorum* see p. Mason in the *Journal of Theological Studies*, vol. A later article by the Rev. He was sometimes referred to as the "Hammer of the Arians" Latin: *Malleus Arianorum* and the "Athanasius of the West. His optional memorial in the General Roman Calendar is 13 January. In the past, when this date was occupied by the Octave Day of the Epiphany, his feast day was moved to 14 January.

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Martin of Tours ? Martin of Tours is a saint of great magnitude. Although he flourished in ancient times, we know a good deal about him—a further proof of his wide popularity. Martin was the son of an Italian officer of the Roman army. He was born in what is now Szombathely, Hungary, when his father was on a military tour of duty; but before long his parents returned to Pavia, Italy, and it was there that the son grew up. Although the parents were pagans, Martin became a Christian catechumen at age 7. Roman law required that the sons of soldiers also be soldiers, so Martin took the military oath at 15, and was discharged only in 20. But his life was more Christian than soldierly, especially after his baptism at 7. From his earliest military years dates the story, legendary but characteristic, of his encounter with the poor man of Amiens, France. One wintry day, says the tale, Martin encountered at the city gate a man who stood begging alms, shaking with cold but spurned by passersby. Touched by the sight, the young soldier wanted to help. Since he had no coins on his person, he took off his military cloak, cut it in two with his sword, gave the beggar one part, and donned the other part himself. Some bystanders laughed at this soldier dressed in a ragged half-cape. Then he returned home and converted his mother and others to Christianity but not his father. For a while he campaigned against the local Arian heretics. They denied the divinity of Christ. Then, fascinated by the monastic life that was becoming popular among devout Christians, he took up the life of a hermit on an island near Genoa. After a while he contacted St. Hilary. This was around 375. During the next decade he not only helped form his disciples in the religious life but preached throughout the countryside of Gaul, which was still largely pagan. Gifted with the power of miracles, he was a very successful missionary. In 372, the people of Tours insisted that Martin be their bishop. But after they had tricked him into being consecrated, he finally accepted the task. Unwilling to abandon his monastic life, he set up a new monastery at Marmoutier, near Tours. In a short time the community grew to 80 monks. In this district, too, Bishop Martin became an effective missionary; indeed, he moved out from Touraine into northern Gaul including Paris and into the southeast of France. The longer Martin lived, the more his influence increased, in matters of state as well as church. Thus he intervened successfully with a tyrannical army officer to prevent him from torturing and executing a number of prisoners. He was less successful, however, in his effort to prevent the government from executing some Priscillianists. Not that he approved the errors of these Christian heretics. He simply believed that the Church, not the civil government, should handle the case, and that death was not an appropriate penalty. Martin was still engaged in his tireless labors when it was revealed to him that his death was approaching. He died in the harness on November 8, 397. Burial was at Tours on November 11, which became his feastday. There the oldest existing church in the country, near Canterbury, is dedicated to him. And to this day, the feast of St.

St. Hilary had been exiled too, and once St. Hilary returned to Poitiers, St. Martin joined him. Shortly after, St. Martin was chosen to be bishop of Tours, which he accepted reluctantly. Knowing he would've refused, the people of Tours tricked him by sending a sick person to lure him into the city.

Martin of Tours St. Martin of Tours Please help support the mission of New Advent and get the full contents of this website as an instant download. In his early years, when his father , a military tribune, was transferred to Pavia in Italy , Martin accompanied him thither, and when he reached adolescence was, in accordance with the recruiting laws enrolled in the Roman army. Touched by grace at an early age, he was from the first attracted towards Christianity , which had been in favour in the camps since the conversion of Emperor Constantine. His regiment was soon sent to Amiens in Gaul , and this town became the scene of the celebrated legend of the cloak. At the gates of the city, one very cold day, Martin met a shivering and half-naked beggar. Moved with compassion, he divided his coat into two parts and gave one to the poor man. The part kept by himself became the famous relic preserved in the oratory of the Frankish kings under the name of "St. Martin, who was still only a catechumen , soon received baptism , and was a little later finally freed from military service at Worms on the Rhine. As soon as he was free, he hastened to set out to Poitiers to enrol himself among the disciples of St. Hilary, the wise and pious bishop whose reputation as a theologian was already passing beyond the frontiers of Gaul. Desiring, however, to see his parents again, he returned to Lombardy across the Alps. The inhabitants of this region, infested with Arianism , were bitterly hostile towards Catholicism , so that Martin, who did not conceal his faith , was very badly treated by order of Bishop Auxentius of Milan , the leader of the heretical sect in Italy. His example was soon followed, and a great number of monks gathered around him. Martin remained about ten years in this solitude, but often left it to preach the Gospel in the central and western parts of Gaul, where the rural inhabitants were still plunged in the darkness of idolatry and given up to all sorts of gross superstitions. The memory of these apostolic journeyings survives to our day in the numerous local legends of which Martin is the hero and which indicate roughly the routes that he followed. But, as Martin remained deaf to the prayers of the deputies who brought him this message, it was necessary to resort to a ruse to overcome his resistance. A certain Rusticius, a rich citizen of Tours , went and begged him to come to his wife, who was in the last extremity, and to prepare her for death. Without any suspicions, Martin followed him in all haste, but hardly had he entered the city when, in spite of the opposition of a few ecclesiastical dignitaries, popular acclamation constrained him to become Bishop of the Church of Tours. Consecrated on 4 July, Martin brought to the accomplishment of the duties of his new ministry all the energy and the activity of which he had already given so many proofs. He did not, however, change his way of life: Thus, to an untiring zeal Martin added the greatest simplicity, and it is this which explains how his pastoral administration so admirably succeeded in sowing Christianity throughout Touraine. Nor was it a rare occurrence for him to leave his diocese when he thought that his appearance in some distant locality might produce some good. He even went several times to Trier , where the emperors had established their residence, to plead the interests of the Church or to ask pardon for some condemned person. His role in the matter of the Priscillianists and Ithacians was especially remarkable. Against Priscillian, the Spanish heresiarch, and his partisans, who had been justly condemned by the Council of Saragossa, furious charges were brought before Emperor Maximus by some orthodox bishops of Spain , led by Bishop Ithacius. Martin hurried to Trier , not indeed to defend the Gnostic and Manichaean doctrines of Priscillian, but to remove him from the secular jurisdiction of the emperor. Maximus at first acceded to his entreaty, but, when Martin had departed, yielded to the solicitations of Ithacius and ordered Priscillian and his followers to be beheaded. Deeply grieved, Martin refused to communicate with Ithacius. However, when he went again to Trier a little later to ask pardon for two rebels, Narses and Leucadius, Maximus would only promise it to him on condition that he would make his peace with Ithacius. To save the lives of his clients, he consented to this reconciliation, but afterwards reproached himself bitterly for this act of weakness. After a last visit to Rome , Martin went to Candes, one of the religious centres created by him in his diocese , when he was attacked by the malady which

ended his life. Ordering himself to be carried into the presbytery of the church, he died there in according to some authorities, more probably in at the age of about 81, evincing until the last that exemplary spirit of humility and mortification which he had ever shown. The Church of France has always considered Martin one of her greatest saints , and hagiographers have recorded a great number of miracles due to his intercession while he was living and after his death. His cult was very popular throughout the Middle Ages , a multitude of churches and chapels were dedicated to him, and a great number of places have been called by his name. His body, taken to Tours , was enclosed in a stone sarcophagus, above which his successors, St. Perpetuus , built first a simple chapel , and later a basilica Euphronius, Bishop of Autun and a friend of St. Perpetuus , sent a sculptured tablet of marble to cover the tomb. A larger basilica was constructed in which was burned down in to be rebuilt soon on a still larger scale This sanctuary was the centre of great national pilgrimages until , the fatal year when the Protestants sacked it from top to bottom, destroying the sepulchre and the relics of the great wonder-worker, the object of their hatred. The ill-fated collegiate church was restored by its canons, but a new and more terrible misfortune awaited it. The revolutionary hammer of was to subject it to a last devastation. It was entirely demolished with the exception of the two towers which are still standing and, so that its reconstruction might be impossible, the atheistic municipality caused two streets to be opened up on its site. In December, , skilfully executed excavations located the site of St. These precious remains are at present sheltered in a basilica built by Mgr Meignan, Archbishop of Tours which is unfortunately of very small dimensions and recalls only faintly the ancient and magnificent cloister of St. On 11 November each year the feast of St. Martin is solemnly celebrated in this church in the presence of a large number of the faithful of Tours and other cities and villages of the diocese. About this page APA citation. In The Catholic Encyclopedia. Robert Appleton Company, This article was transcribed for New Advent by Michael C. Farley, Archbishop of New York. The editor of New Advent is Kevin Knight. My email address is webmaster at newadvent. Dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

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