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On December 28, 2018, the Holy Synod of the Russian Orthodox Church was the first Orthodox patriarchate to establish the “Feast of the Synaxis of All Saints Who Shone Forth in the Spanish and Portuguese Lands.” This added eighty saints, whose lives had been collected and presented by local Orthodox bishops, to the Russian Orthodox liturgical calendar.

Earlier in the year, more than two hundred pre-schism saints of Spain and Portugal were glorified locally in Zaragoza, Spain by hierarchs of the Romanian and Russian Orthodox Churches including Bishop Nestor of Korsun, whose diocese includes parishes of the Moscow Patriarchate in Italy, Spain, France, and Switzerland.

Although a full list of the Iberian saints who were officially glorified is yet to become available, we have compiled here a partial list of first-millenium saints and martyrs venerated for centuries throughout the Iberian lands.

First Century AD

Apostle James the Greater (by tradition).

Seven Apostolic Men: Christian clerics said to have been ordained in Rome by Saints Peter and Paul and sent to evangelize Hispania. They include Sts. Torquatus, Hesychius, Caecilius, Ctesiphon, Euphrasius, Indaletius, and Secundius.
100s

Quiterie and Liberate of Gallaecia (+2nd century) Sisters and martyrs in Gaul
Marina of Aguas Santas (+139) Martyr

200s

Lawrence the Deacon of Valencia (+258) Martyred in Rome
Augurius of Tarragona (+259) Martyr
Columba of Sens (+273) Martyr
Justa and Rufina (+268, 270) Martyrs
Fructuosus of Tarragona (+259) Bishop
Honestus of Pamplona, (+270) Martyr
Marcellus of Leon (+298) Martyred in Tangier

300s

Leticia, Virgin companion of St. Ursula (+ 4th century) Martyr
Pecinne (+4th century) Fled Diocletian’s persecution and founded women’s hermitage in France.
Medir and Bishop Severus of Barcelona (+ Early 4th century) Martyrs
Matrona of Barcelona (+ c. 300) Martyred in Thessalonica
Celedonius and Emeterius (+ c. 300) Brothers, Roman legionaires, and martyrs
Fermin of Pamplona (+303) Martyr
Centola and Elena of Burgos (+304) Martyrs
Valerius of Saragosa (+315) Bishop of Saragosa
Hosius of Cordoba (+359) Bishop who presided at the First Council of Nicea
Damascus I (+ 384) Pope of Rome
Vincent of Saragosa (+304) Deacon and Martyr. Patron saint of Lisbon.
Servandus and St. Germanius, (+304) Martyrs
Eulalia of Barcelona (+304) Martyr, Co-patron of Barcelona.
Eulalia and Julia of Merida (+304) Martyrs
Felix of Girona (+304) Martyr from Carthage
Cucuphas of Catalonia (+304) Martyr
Juliana and Semproniana (+304) Martyrs
Acisclus and Victoria of Cordoba (+304) Martyrs
Maginus of Tarragona (+306) Martyr
Narcissus of Girona (+307) Bishop and Martyr
Pacianus (+391) First bishop of Barcelona

400s

Turibius of Astorga (+460) Bishop

500s

Laureano of Bourges (+546) Archbishop born in Hungary
Nebridius (+547), Justus (+527), Elpidius (?), Justinian (+?) Brothers and bishops.
Emilian of Cogolla (+574)
Martin of Braga (+579) Bishop
Hermenegild (+585) King of Tarragona, Martyr
600s

Leander of Seville (+600) Archbishop, brother of Isidore of Seville
Florentina of Cartagena (+ 612) Abbess, Sister of Isidore of Seville
Fulgentius of Cartagena (+630) Bishop, brother of Isidore of Seville
Isidore of Seville (+636) Archbishop
Brauilo of Saragoza (+651) Bishop
Eugenius the Younger (+657) Archishop of Toledo
Illdephonsus of Toledo (+667) Bishop
Julian of Toledo (+690) First archbishop to have jurisdiction over the Iberian peninsula.

700s

Lambert of Saragossa, (8th century?) Martyr
Eurosia of Jaca (+714 or 880) Martyr

800s

St. Gines of Jara (+9th century)
Beatus of Liebana (+800)

Forty-Eight Martyrs of Cordoba (Executed for their faith between 850 and 859 during the reign of the Muslim ruler Abd ar-Rahman II, Emir of Cordoba. They include: Sts. Prefectus; Isaac; Sanctius (Sancho); Peter, Walabonsus, Sabinian, Wistremundus, Habentius, Jeremiah, and Sisenandus; Paul of St. Zoilus; Theodemir; Flora and Maria; Gumesindus and Servus-dei; Leovigild and Christopher; Emilas and Jeremiah; Rogelius and Servus-Dei; Fandilas; Anastasius, Felix and Digna; Benelidis, Columba, Pomposa; Abundius; Amator, Peter and Louis, Witesindus; Elias, Paul and Isidore;
Argymirus; Geroge, Aurelius, Natalia, Sabigotho, Felix and Liliosa; Aurea; Rudericus and Salomon; Eulogius of Cordoba; Leocritia (Lucretia); Sandila.

Nunilo and Alodia +842, +851 Child Martyrs
Laura of Cordoba (+864) Abbess and Martyr
Columba of Spain (Cordova) (+853) Woman Martyr

900s

Senorina of Basto (+982) Abbess
Pelagius of Cordoba (+926) Martyr
Atila of Zamora (c. +920) Bishop

1000s

Ermengol of Urgell (+1035) Bishop
Casilda of Toledo (+1050)

The following saints reposed after 1054, but lived the majority of their lives in pre-schism Spain and Portugal.

Inigo of Ona (+1057) Abbot
Aurea of San Millan (+1070) Anchorite
Dominic of Silos (+1073)
Dominic de la Calzado (+1109) Built bridges, hostels and roads to Camino de Santiago. ♦