

List of African Saints

Name	Year of Death	Description	Feast Day
St. Fulgentius	533	Bishop of Ruspe, Tunisia	January 1
St. Paul	342	Egyptian Hermit and founder of Monastic life in Thebes	January 15
St. Anthony	356	Founder of monastic life in the desert of Egypt	January 17
St. John the Alms Giver	619	Patriarch of Alexandria	January 23
St. Gelasius	496	Bishop of Rome and third African Pope (492-496)	
SS. Perpetua and Felicity	202	Martyred in Carthage along with 6 other companions	March 7
St. Maximilian (Marmilian)	295	Martyred at Theveste, Numidia after refusing to serve in the Roman army	March 12
St. Benedict the Black	1585	Sicilian, son of African parents; the first African to be canonized through the regular canonical process	April 12
St. Zeno	380	Born at Cherchell, Algeria; missionary in Verona, Italy, where he become Bishop of Verona (c.362)	April 12
St. Marcellinus	4th Cent.	He was an African missionary to France	April 20
St. Athanasius	373	Bishop of Alexandria	May 2
SS. Timothy and Maura	298	Husband and wife martyred in Southern Egypt	May 3
St. Isidore of Chios	251	Alexandrian army officer beheaded for his faith	May 15

Blessed Josephine Bakhita	1947	Sudanese slave girl who joined the Canossian Sisters, Italy, lived a holy life, and beatified May 17, 1992. Canonization of Josephine Bakhita by Pope John Paul II is scheduled on October 1, 2000	
St. Julia of Tunisia	?	Slave girl crucified for her faith	May 22
St. Charles Lwanga and Companions	1886	Martyrs, canonized by Pope Paul VI in 1964. The 22 young court servant were martyred for their faith by the Buganda King Mwanga in 1886. Along with them were 80 young Anglicans	June 3
St. Onuphrius	4th Cent.	Egyptian hermit	June 12
St. Orsiesius	c.380	Abbot of Tabennisi Monastery, Egypt	June 15
St. Cyril of Alexandria	444	Patriarch of Alexandria (412-444)	June 27
St. Shenute	c.450	Founder of monastic life in Egypt	July 1
St. Anatolius	c.282	Philosopher and scientist of Alexandria	July 3

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St. Pantaenus	190	Head of Alexandrian Catechetical School and missionary to Persia (Iran)	July 9
St. Eugenius	5th Cent.	Archbishop of Carthage, Tunisia	July 20
St. Speratus and Companions	180	The 12 martyrs of Scillum, Carthage, Tunisia	July 17
St. Aurelius	5th Cent.	Archbishop of Carthage, Tunisia	July 20
St. Victor I	199	Bishop of Rome and first African Pope (189-199)	July 23
St. Rutilius	4th Cent.	North African martyr	August 2
Blessed Isidore Bakanja	1909	A Congolese laborer and catechist martyred for his faith	August 17
Blessed Victoire Rasoamanarivo	1894	Foundress of the Catholic Action in Madagascar, beatified in 1989	August 21
153 martyrs of Utica	c.260	Thrown into a pit of quicklime in Utica, Tunisia	August 24
St. Monica	387	Mother of St. Augustine of Hippo, widowed at age 40	August 27
St. Poemen	c.400	A desert monk known for his holiness, and who encouraged frequent Communion	August 27
St. Augustine of Hippo	354-430	Bishop of Hippo Regius (modern Annaba) on coast of Algeria, Doctor of the Church	August 28
St. Moses the Black	395	A slave, gang leader, who after conversion died a martyr of non-violence on August 28, his feast day. The date providentially coincides with the march to Washington by 200,000 African Americans in 1963	August 28
Blessed Ghebre Mikha'el	1855	Ethiopian priest and martyr	September 2
St. Donatian and Companions	257	9 Bishops, several deacons and lay persons who died in a marble quarry in North Africa	September 10
St. Maurice and his Theban Legion (from Egypt)	287	Martyrs, who were killed at Agauno, Switzerland for refusing to sacrifice to pagan divinities	September 22
St. Matthew	1st Cent.	Apostle and Evangelist. According to one ancient tradition, he was the first evangelizer of Nubia (modern Sudan)	September 21
St. Raissa	c.300	Virgin and martyr from Alexandria	September 22
SS. Aizan and Sazan	360	Twin Brothers; Aizan was the first Christian Emperor of the Kingdom of Axum, Ethiopia	October 1
St. Thais	c.350	Egyptian penitent, converted after many years as a prostitute	October 8
St. Cerbonius	573	African missionary Bishop in Italy	October 10
St. Michael Aragave	4th Cent.	One of the first Ethiopian Monks	October 11
St. Sarmata	357	A disciple of St. Anthony of Egypt, martyred by Saracens in the Egyptian desert	October 11
5000 African martyrs and confessors of the faith	483	African martyrs deported and killed for their faith by the Vandal King Huneric	October 12
Commemoration of the Saints of the Ethiopian Church: St.	380	Syriac monks and founders of the Church in Ethiopia	October 27

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Frumentius (Abba Salama) and Aedesius			
St. Elesbaan	555	An Ethiopian King who died as a monk in Jerusalem	October 27
St. Lalibala (Ghebre Mesgel)	1255	An Ethiopian Emperor revered for his faith	October 27
St. Tekla Hymanot	1313	A great Ethiopian reformer of monasticism	October 27
St. Martin de Porres	1639	Born in Peru, son of a Spanish father and an African slave mother, who became a pharmacist at an early age and later joined the Dominican Order, where he continued to dispense medicine to the poor, while living a humble and austere life, with great devotion to the Eucharist	November 3
St. Pierius	4th Cent.	Head of the Catechetical School in Alexandria	November 4
St. Achilias	312	Head of religious instruction in Alexandria	November 7
St. Nennas	c.300	An Egyptian soldier in Phygia, who fled from persecution and became a hermit	November 11
St. Arcadius and Companions	437	Martyrs, victims of the Arian Kind of the Vandals, Genseric	November 13

St. Gelasius	496	Bishop of Rome and third African Pope (492-496), liturgical reformer, who ordered the reception of Communion under both species	November 21
St. Catherine of Alexandria	4th Cent.	Virgin and martyr who suffered martyrdom in Alexandria. Her relics are said to be kept in the monastery of St. Catherine on Sinai	November 25
St. Peter Martyr of Alexandria	311	Patriarch of Alexandria during the Roman persecution	November 25
Blessed Anuarite Nengapeta	1964	Virgin and martyr, a member of the Holy Family Sister in Congo Kinshasa, martyred by the Simba rebels	December 1
St. Cassian of Tangiers	298	A lawyer who resigned and became Christian and died as a martyr	December 3
St. Melchiades	314	Bishop of Rome and second African Pope (311-314)	December 10

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<https://archny.org/ministries-and-offices/cultural-diversity-apostolate/black-ministry/venerable-pierre-toussaint/>

Mother Lange Guild

<https://www.motherlange.org/mother-lange>

Julia Greeley Guild

<https://juliagreeley.org/>

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