

Seven
Lady
Saintes

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MARTHA (OF BETHANY)
KILLED A DRAGON BY HERSELF.

ACCORDING TO SOME RATHER
UNCLEAR LOGIC, THIS DEED
EARNED HER THE TITLE OF
PATRON SAINTE OF COOKS &
HOUSEWIVES.



AGATHA

IS THE PATRON SAINTE AGAINST FIRE & DISEASES OF THE BREAST. SHE WAS FAMOUS FOR HER BEAUTY & HER DEVOTION TO GOD. HER LOOKS ATTRACTED QUINTIANUS, THE PAGAN KING OF SICILY. HE TRIED TO WIN HER WITH GIFTS & FLATTERY, BUT SHE REJECTED HIS ADVANCES WITH A SNEER. HE EVEN TRIED TO BRING HER AROUND BY PLACING HER IN THE HANDS OF A WICKED WOMAN & HER NINE WILD & WICKED DAUGHTERS. NOTHING WORKED. MANY TORTURES FOLLOWED, INCLUDING THE WRETCHED ACT OF TEARING HER BREASTS OFF WITH PINCERS. HER BREASTS GREW BACK OVERNIGHT. QUINTIANUS WAS SO ANGRY, HE HAD AGATHA BURNT TO HER DEATH IN A BIG FIRE.



FINA IS THE PATRON **SAINTE** OF SAN GEMIGNANO. SHE WAS VERY YOUNG (LESS THAN 15) & WORKING AS A SEAMSTRESS. WHEN SHE FELL ILL, DEATH WAS PREDICTED TO BE IMMINENT. SHE WANTED TO SUFFER (TO BETTER SHOW HER DEVOTION TO GOD). SHE INSISTED ON ENDING HER DAYS ON A HARD WOODEN PALLET. A GANG OF RATS HELPED TO SPEED HER DEATH BY EATING BITS OF HER BEFORE SHE ACTUALLY DIED. WHEN HER REMAINS WERE SCRAPED FROM THE PALLET, RUMORS CLAIM THE WOODEN BED WAS COVERED WITH WHITE VIOLETS & THE SMELL WAS LOVELY & SWEET.



REPARATA WAS A THIRD CENTURY VIRGIN MARTYR WHOSE HEAD WAS CUT OFF WITH A SWORD. AS HER HEAD LEFT HER BODY, HER MOUTH OPENED AS IF TO SCREAM. NO SOUND CAME OUT. INSTEAD HER SOUL, IN THE SHAPE OF A WHITE BIRD, FLEW OUT & OFF TO HEAVEN. REPARATA WAS THE PATRON SAINTE OF FLORENCE FOR A WHILE BUT SHE WAS REPLACED.



LUCY

IS THE PATRON SAINT OF SYRACUSE, AND AGAINST DISEASES OF THE EYE. A BEAUTIFUL & EARNEST CHRISTIAN, SHE TOOK AN EARLY VOW OF CHASTITY, AND REFUSED TO TAKE ANY OF HER NUMEROUS SUITORS. ONE SUITOR CLAIMED TO LOVE HER FOR HER BEAUTIFUL EYES, SO SHE SENT HIM HER EYES — ON A DISH, AFTER DIGGING THEM OUT WITH AN AWL. HE WAS PLUNGED INTO REMORSE BY HER ACT & HE BECAME A CHRISTIAN. SHORTLY AFTER THIS, HER EYES WERE RESTORED TO HER, IN GOOD & ATTRACTIVE WORKING ORDER. ANOTHER REJECTED SUITOR DENOUNCED HER TO THE AUTHORITIES AS A CHRISTIAN, SO THE GOVERNOR TRIED TO BURN HER. THE FIRE FAILED TO HARM HER & THE MOST THEY COULD DO WAS TO STAB HER IN THE NECK WITH A PONIARD TO PLEASE THE GOVERNOR.

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URSULA

URSULA IS THE PATRON SAINT OF TEACHERS. SHE WAS VERY BEAUTIFUL. SHE RESISTED WHEN HER FATHER TRIED TO MARRY HER OFF TO A PAGAN PRINCE. TO STALL THE MARRIAGE, SHE ASKED FOR 10,000 VIRGINS, 10,000 SOLDIERS (FOR PROTECTION), & 3 YEARS IN WHICH TO MAKE A PILGRIMAGE TO ROME. EVERYBODY SAID ONLY THE PRINCE, WHO WAS TERRIBLY IMPRESSED WITH HER COURAGE, WENT TOO. HE CONVERTED TO CHRISTIANITY DURING THE JOURNEY. ON THE WAY BACK THEY WERE ATTACKED BY A PAGAN HORDE, WHO KILLED EVERYONE EXCEPT URSULA (THE BEAUTIFUL). THE KING OFFERED HER HER LIFE IF SHE WOULD MARRY HIM. OF COURSE SHE COULDN'T MARRY A PAGAN, SO SHE SAID NO. HE KILLED HER WITH A GOLDEN ARROW. SHE IS SOMETIMES PORTRAYED WITH HER 10,000 VIRGINS, BUT IT IS ALSO NORMAL TO SEE HER ALONE, AS DRAWING 10,000 VIRGINS IS NO EASY TASK.



CECILIA

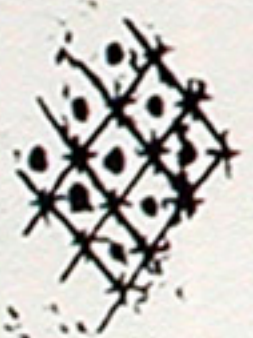
IS THE PATRON SAINT OF MUSIC & MUSICIANS. LIKE SO MANY OF THESE LADIES, SHE WAS TERRIBLY PIOUS, CHASTE & BEAUTIFUL. SHE SANG SO BEAUTIFULLY THAT THE ANGELS CAME DAILY TO LISTEN. SHE COULD PLAY EVERY INSTRUMENT, & INVENTED THE ORGAN ONE DAY IN ORDER TO BETTER EXPRESS HER DEVOTION TO GOD. SHE WAS MARRIED & CONVINCED HER GROOM TO RESPECT HER VOW OF CHASTITY, WHICH HE DID. HER GUARDIAN ANGEL GAVE THEM EACH CROWNS OF RED & WHITE ROSES. NUMEROUS ATTEMPTS WERE MADE ON CECILIA'S LIFE. ONE ATTEMPT WAS TO SUBMERGE HER IN BOILING WATER; ANOTHER WAS TO CUT OFF HER HEAD. THE EXECUTIONER WAS A NERVOUS SORT - HE MADE THREE GASHES ON HER NECK & GAVE UP. SHE LIVED FOR THREE DAYS WITH HER BLEEDING WOUNDS - UNTIL SHE COULDN'T SING ANY MORE. THEN SHE DIED.





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