

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross



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"Let the little children come to me, and do not forbid them, for to such is the Kingdom of Heaven." Mark 10:14

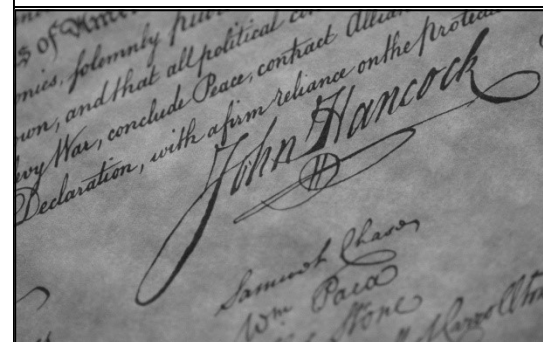
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Sign your name!



Have you ever written your name on something you were very proud of? Maybe you finished writing a story or drawing a great picture, and you were proud to sign your name on it. You might have wanted everybody to know it was *your* work.

Anyone can find Hancock's name!

Many years ago, America was just becoming a new country. The leaders had to sign the Declaration of Independence, to show that they really believed that America should break away from England. They knew it was a big deal, and the leaders had to put all their hearts into it. The first one to sign was John Hancock. He signed his name *really* big so that everybody could see it. He wanted everyone to know he believed America should be free.

Today, in the Epistle, we hear something a little funny. Saint Paul writes in his letter, "See with what large letters I am writing to you." Why was he writing with such big letters? Well, because he really believed what he was writing. He was proud to be a Christian.

We can always learn from Saint Paul, but we can learn from John Hancock here too! When we are proud to be Christians, we really want to show it! When we really believe, we want everybody to know. Always remember it's ok for others to know you are a Christian!

WORD SEARCH

Can you find these words in the jumble?

- Cross
- Epistle
- Exaltation
- Feastday
- Good News
- Mirin
- Mission
- Paisley
- Scotland
- Signature

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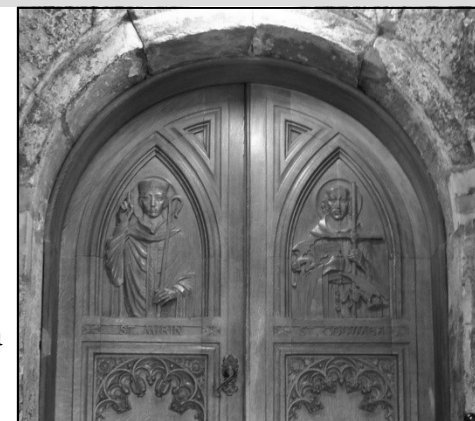
Here is a special icon of Saint Mirin, found in the big abbey in Paisley, Scotland.

This week, we celebrate the feast-day of the Holy Cross. Do you see how St. Mirin looks to the Cross for help and protection too?



SAINT MIRIN OF PAISLEY, SCOTLAND

Can you imagine visiting a king or queen and having to ask for something? Or maybe even your mayor? Or your principal? You'd be nervous, wouldn't you?



These doors on the church in Paisley, Scotland show Saint Mirin on the left and his helper, St. Columba on the right.

Saint Mirin grew up in Ireland, 1500 years ago! At that time, Ireland was not a Christian land. Instead, most of the Irish people were pagan, and they worshipped many (false) gods. They didn't yet know about our one true God.

Saint Mirin was a monk at a monastery in Ireland, but he knew that God wanted him to share the Christian faith with others. (Did you know God wants all of us to do that, too?) Saint Mirin had to visit the High King of Ireland, and tell him his plan. The king knew Mirin was coming, and he refused to let him in. So, Mirin waited...and prayed. It turned out that the king had horrible pains during this time, and after three days, he let Mirin visit him. He let Mirin go on to Scotland, so he could preach the good news of Jesus Christ to the people there.

Saint Mirin ended up in Paisley, Scotland (near Glasgow). He built the first church there, and later on, a big beautiful church and abbey were built there. You can see it if you visit! Some people in Scotland might not know about this special saint who helped bring Christianity to their land, but now you do! And you can follow his brave example as you share your faith with others too.

We celebrate St. Mirin on Thursday, Sept. 15th (OC: September 28th).