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TOGETHER, LET US ADORN OUR PARISH

Sponsor an Icon today!



St. Brendan the Navigator

May 16



Our venerable and God-bearing father, Brendan the Navigator, was an Irish Orthodox monk. He was perhaps the first Orthodox Christian to set foot on Canadian soil, and as such, would be the first of the saints to set foot in North America.

St. Brendan was born around 484 at Tralee in Kerry, Ireland. He founded several monasteries in Ireland, including Cluain Ferta Brenaind (or Clonfert) in County Galway.

His missionary and pastoral travels took him on voyages to the Scottish islands, and possibly to Wales. He reposed in peace in 577.

*Apolytikion: The Divine Likeness has been perfected in thee, O holy Father Brendan,
For taking up the Cross thou hast followed Christ,
And by thy deeds thou hast taught us to disdain the flesh for it passes away,
But to cultivate the soul for it is immortal:
Wherefore, O holy father, thy spirit rejoices with the Angels.*