

## **St. Brendan of Birr**

A contemporary of Brendan the Voyager and friend of Columba. Brendan's intervention at the Synod of Meltown (Meath) resulted in the lifting of Columba's excommunication. His monastery of Birr was near Parsonstown in Offaly. He was called the 'Chief of the Prophets of Ireland'. At the moment of his death in 573, Columba, on far away Iona, was granted a vision of his soul being received by the angels.

*Source: A Calendar of British Saints, Orthodox Synaxarion*