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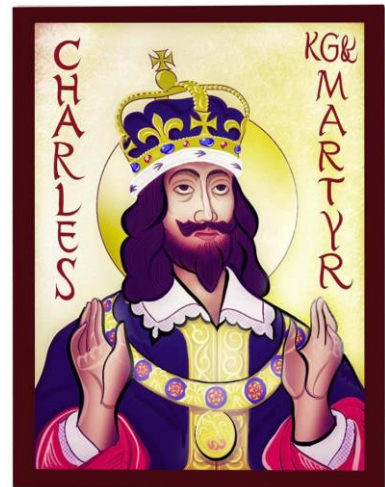
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## **2021 Royal Martyr Day Observances in North America**

**T**he Society had another good set of observances of the martyrdom of King Charles I! A list of all observances thus far reported appears below; **if you know of any additional observances and/or desire to update information already reported, please email [membership@skcm-usa.org](mailto:membership@skcm-usa.org).** The final information will appear in the June 2021 edition of the *SKCM NEWS*, so we'll need to hear from you by **31 March**.

*Let's begin with the Society's own Annual Mass, celebrated at St Timothy's Episcopal Church in Winston-Salem, NC.*

This was the first time that a SKCM-AR President had either celebrated or preached at the Royal Martyr Day Mass, which Fr Steve Rice did in fine style; joined by a choir, he reverently celebrated the Mass in the choir loft due to church renovations being behind schedule. It worked just fine, including incense! Another plus was that the Mass was streamed, giving the Society another record – the highest attendance ever, around 250 per YouTube's count! Fr Rice's sermon will be included in the June *SKCM NEWS*.



**On this most holy day of days  
We raise our hearts on high,  
Honor a king who was condemned  
To suffer and to die.**

## CANADA

### ONTARIO

**Toronto:** St Bartholomew's Church, Regent Park (Anglican Church of Canada): Gregorian Mattins at 11 am.

### MEXICO

### QUINTANA ROO

**Felipe Carrillo Puerto:** St. Florence Li Tim Oi Mayan Mission (Anglican Church of Mexico): A Liturgy of the Word was offered at noon on January 30<sup>th</sup> by our SKCM member The Rev'd Dcn Llobet Ivan Cetzal-Martinez.

**When dawned that fateful judgment day  
Ending his earthly race,  
Snowfall with purest white adorned  
His final resting-place.**

## UNITED STATES

### ALABAMA

**Huntsville:** St Charles King and Martyr: Mass on the 31<sup>st</sup>, reported by SKCM member Mark Brown.

### ARIZONA

**Tucson:** St Philips-in-the-Hills (TEC): HE Rite I, celebrated by SKCM member Fr Mark Schultz.

### CALIFORNIA

**Southern California:** The **St John Henry Newman SKCM Chapter** (Ordinariate Catholic sponsorship) observed Royal Martyr Day with a Zoom First Vespers of the Epiphany IV with Commemorations for Charles I, hosted by SKCM member & Trustee Gunnar Gundersen and SKCM member Justin Senneff at 7:30 pm PST. This liturgy was followed by a broadcast of the RSCM upcoming lecture of the Chapel Royal of KCM and Queen Henrietta Maria.

### DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

**St Paul's K Street (TEC):** The Rector, Fr Richard Wall, celebrated a Low Mass at the High Altar at noon.

## GEORGIA

**Augusta:** St Luke's Anglican Church (ACC): A Mass for Blessed Charles was celebrated at 11:30 am on 30th January 2021. The liturgy was offered according to the rite of 1549 and was sung, including a stational procession.

**Dunwoody:** St Barnabas (APA): SKCM member Fr Robert Bader reported that a Royal Martyr Day Mass was celebrated at this parish, which also includes several other Society members.

**Fort Valley (Warner Robins area):** Christ the Redeemer (APA): SKCM Member Fr Matt Harlow celebrated a Royal Martyr Day Mass on the 28<sup>th</sup>.

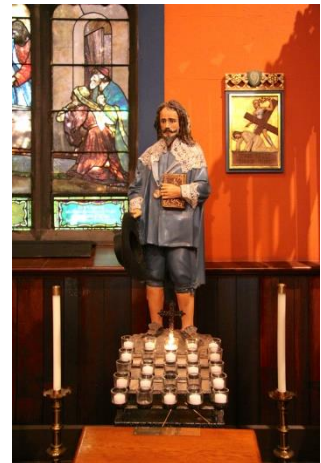
**Marietta:** Our Redeemer (ACC): SKCM members Jackson Fussell and Fr Beau Davis (rector) reported that this parish properly commemorated Royal Martyr Day with a noontime High Mass.

## KENTUCKY

**Versailles:** St Andrew's Anglican Church (ACNA): SKCM member The Rev'd Dcn J. Todd Renner said Evening Prayer on Royal Martyr Day at 7:00 p.m. in honor of the Blessed Martyr.

## MARYLAND

**Baltimore:** Grace & St Peter's (TEC): A Sung Mass using Wm. Byrd's Mass for Three Voices was offered in honor of the Royal Martyr at 5pm Saturday 30 January at Grace & St Peter's Episcopal Church in Baltimore. Prayers were offered at Charles Stuart's Shrine in the rear of the Nave. Report courtesy of SKCM member Charlie Peace.



## NEW JERSEY

**Madison:** Grace Church (TEC): SKCM member Suzanne Geissler Bowles, PhD, OL officiated at Morning Prayer commemorating Royal Martyr Day on 30 January.

## NEW YORK

**Albany:** All Saints' Cathedral (TEC): The Royal Martyrdom was observed at their 9 am Mass.

**Catskill:** St Luke's (TEC): SKCM member Fr Martin C. Yost & Trustee celebrated Royal Martyr Day at their morning Mass using the American Missal.

**New York City:** St John's in the Village (TEC): Fr Graeme Napier, Rector, and SKCM member Daniel Nieciecki, reported on this parish's 6:00 pm webcast celebration using the 1560 BCP. This Latin translation of the 1559 Elizabethan book was retained in use during the reign of the Royal Martyr and still used at least in Oxford University. The homily was by Fr Simon Godfrey, Acting Chaplain of the Royal Stuart Society UK, who joined the liturgy from Malta.



**Unadilla:** St Matthew's (TEC); Fr Dale van Wormer, SKCM member, officiated at Morning Prayer with propers from the 1662 BCP on 30 January.

### **OKLAHOMA**

**Broken Arrow:** St Michael's Anglican Church (REC): SKCM member Fr Michael Keith Templin celebrated Holy Communion at 8 am from the American Missal.

### **RHODE ISLAND**

**Newport:** Zabriskie Memorial Church of S John the Evangelist (TEC): SKCM Life Member Fr Nathan Humphrey observed the Eve of Royal Martyr Day with a January 29<sup>th</sup> Low Mass in the Chapel.

### **SOUTH CAROLINA**

**Maysville:** Chapel of St Charles King and Martyr (Anglican): Richard Hines, Ben., SKCM member, reported that an appropriate Royal Martyr Day service took place here.

### **TEXAS**

**Cleveland:** Holy Cross (ACC): SKCM member & Trustee Emeritus Archdeacon James Monroe, PhD, OL celebrated the martyrdom of King Charles I at 9 am - the American Missal.

**Fort Worth:** St Timothy's (ACNA); SKCM member & Episcopal Patron Bishop Keith Ackerman, SSC, Ben., OL observed Royal Martyr Day with Mass at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Annunciation.

**Houston:** Trinity Church (TEC): SKCM member John Merullo broadcast Evening Prayer commemorating the Royal Martyr.

### **VIRGINIA**

**Marshall:** S John the Baptist (DHC): At 10 am on 30 January, using the Anglican Missal, a Low Mass to commemorate the Decollation of Charles I, King & Martyr was celebrated by SKCM VP for Devotional Programs The Rev'd Cn Jonathan J.D. Ostman, SSC.

**So make our hearts more pure, O Lord,  
Like blessèd Charles to grow  
Daily more cleansed in Jesus' blood,  
More white than winter's snow.**

*[Stanzas 1, 3 & 4 of On This Most Holy Day of Days,  
by SKCM Member John Burrows]*

## Royal Martyr Shrines in North America

The occurrence of Royal Martyr Day reminds us that one of the Society’s objectives is “To encourage efforts to build and equip churches and erect shrines dedicated to Saint Charles.” With the intention of helping those places and persons needing financial assistance from the Society to make this happen, seven years ago the Board of Trustees created an Endowment. We were able to begin this now-invested fund with several bequests.

Per Society policy, “Any endowment income may be used for general operations. However, the Board of Trustees may expend principal only for durable items related to the Society’s objectives such as churches, chapels, monuments, shrines, and depictions of King Charles the Martyr for public education, edification, and/or veneration in churches, chapels, and other places deemed by the Board to be consistent with the Society’s Objects.”

Thus, **we have a vehicle in place to receive bequests and other contributions and to assist in the task at hand: greater devotional visibility for the Royal Martyr.** Let’s see what Caroline shrines are already out there in North America. Then, we’ll want to **share feature articles about these shrines** using the *email Communique* and/or the *SKCM NEWS*. So, **let’s hear from you so this can happen!**



**Here is our current working list of Caroline shrines. Please take a careful look at it and let us know what you can add to, flesh out information-wise, and/or correct. Send any such information to the Society at [membership@skcm-usa.org](mailto:membership@skcm-usa.org). Thank you.**

COUNTRY	ST/PR	CITY	NAME	DESCRIPTION
CANADA	ON	Toronto	St Bartholomew's Church St John the Evangelist	Icon
CANADA	PQ	Montreal	Church	Shrine
USA	AL	Birmingham	St Andrew's Church	Painting
USA	AL	Huntsville	St Charles, K&M (APCK) St Mary of the Angels	
USA	CA	Los Angeles	Church	Window
USA	CA	Northridge	St Charles' Church St Andrew's and St	Dedication
USA	CA	Granada Hills	Charles' Church	
USA	CO	Fort Morgan	St Charles' Church	Dedication

USA	DC	Washington	St Paul's Church K Street	Window
USA	FL	Lakeland	?	Chapel in diocesan nursing home
USA	GA	Augusta	St Luke's Church	Shrine
USA	GA	Warner Robins	Church of the Redeemer	18th cent. RM engraving in chapel
USA	IL	Chicago	Bp Anderson House	St Nicholas Ferrar Chapel
USA	IL	Colton	Zion Episcopal Church	Chapel
USA	IL	St Charles	St Charles' Church	Dedication
USA	IN	Butler	St Charles' Church	Dedication
			St Edward the Confessor	
USA	IN	Indianapolis	Church	Windows of KCM and Abp Laud
USA	IN	Mishawaka	St Paul's Church	Statue
				Starr Chapel, statue on pillar
				next to confessional
USA	MA	Boston	All Saints' Ashmont	(not certain)
USA	MA	Boston	Church of the Advent	Window
USA	MA	Springfield	Redeemer Church	
			Grace & St Peter's	
USA	MD	Baltimore	Church	Shrine
USA	MD	Crownsville	St Paul's Church	Chapel dedication
USA	MS	Columbia		
USA	NE	Fairbury	St Charles' Church	Dedication
USA	NH	?	St Mary's Chapel	Window
USA	NH	Portsmouth	Christ Church	Window pending
USA	NJ	Ridgewood	Christ Church	Statue
USA	NY	Brooklyn	St Paul's Church	in reredos in side chapel
USA	NY	Buffalo	St Andrew's Church	Window
USA	OK	La Verne	St Charles' Church	Dedication
USA	OR	Bridal Veil		
USA	PA	Philadelphia	S Clement's Church	Shrine
			S John the Evangelist	
USA	RI	Newport	Church	Shrine
USA	SC	Charleston	Holy Communion Church	Shrine
			St Charles the Martyr	
USA	SC	Mayesville	Chapel	Dedication
USA	TX	Daingerfield	St Charles' Church	Dedication
USA	TX	Dallas	St Francis Anglican Church	Chapel
USA	TX	Pittsburg	St William Laud Church	Dedication
USA	WI	Fond du Lac	St Paul's Cathedral	Window pending
USA	WI	Nashotah	St Mary's Chapel	Window
USA	WI	Waupun	Church of the Bl.Trinity	Capel, St Charles of England

**Remember!**



## Our Growing Membership: Almost at 500

**W**e've talked about what we do and encourage as a devotional society, i.e., Royal Martyr Day (and other Caroline) observances and shrines, spiritual attention to King Charles both in person and in permanent visibility. Now let's look at what is making this happen: **our growing membership.**

- + Ten years ago our membership count was around 350. **Today it is at 491** (70% lay; 30% ordained, including 15 bishops). We're strongest in the mid-Atlantic and South, but we need to expand in the West; we're showing ongoing growth in Canada.
- + We have **plenty of local room to grow** – 2/3 of our number are the only members in their churches.
- + Although with an obvious Anglican Patrimony, **we are a diverse family**: 55% Episcopalian and related, 24% other Anglican, 16% Roman Catholic (including Ordinariate and Eastern Rites), and 6% Orthodox and other Christians.
- + We've grown from 4 Life Members 12 years ago, when the category was created, to a solid 96 today. **This reflects a belief in our future.**



Our ongoing growth sends a signal that there is room for more members, plus more chapters to better bring our members together. **Here's how each of us can help:**

- + **Recruit a member** to bring us up to and over 500 (remember: we're only 9 away)
- + **Form a Society chapter**, whether area or parish ... get involved ... learn about the Royal Martyr and how he really made (and makes) a difference
- + **Share information that we've missed** reporting on this year's Royal Martyr Day observances, so everyone can follow your examples ... ditto Caroline shrines

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