

Helsinki, National Library, C^o III 17, cover. Liturgical calendar of the Diocese of Turku

Saec. XIV², Diocese of Turku (prov. Uusikaupunki 1570s)

Contents

Liturgical calendar of the Diocese of Turku (September – December)

The calendar conforms to Dominican use, but ignores the feasts of regular use. The feast of St Anna 15.12. confirms that the calendar follows the Turku diocese secular use.

The feast of St. Birgitta is missing, which suggests that the calendar predates her canonization in 1391. Note also that 14.9. *Exaltatio crucis* is only *semiduplex*, and *XI milium uirginum* only *memoria*.

A saec. XV hand has added 7.10. St. Birgitta *totum duplex*, and upgraded the feasts of SS. Francis (4.10.) and Denis (9.10.) from *simplex* to *duplex* (for further analysis of the contents see Malin 1925, 103–104).

Due to the trimming of the folio the grades for the feasts in December are missing

Structure

A single folio, currently used as the cover of a late-sixteenth-century liturgical book, with the verso-side facing outwards. 25 x ca. 34 (19 x ca. 25). Text 31 lines in two columns, ruled with ink and pricked in (at least) the outer margin, one hole per line of text. The inner side, and the lower half of the outer side of the leaf have been trimmed, and the upper half of the outer side has been folded inwards; the middle of the leaf has been folded inwards where the book is attached to the cover, making all measurements of the height of the folio approximate. The parchment is stained in places and especially the outwards-facing verso-side is somewhat darkened and worn.

Script

Gothic bookhand by one moderately skilled scribe.

Decoration

The KL (Kalendas) marking each month alternates in red and blue.

Provenance

On the recto-side at 14.10. (partly obscured by the back of the current binding and the folding in of the outer margin of the folio) a saec. XVI hand has noted the death of vicar of Uusikirkko, Andreas Petri (inc. ‘Anno Domini 157...’); at 30.9. the death of his wife in 1576 has been noted (inc. ‘...to obiit honestissima persona uxor ...’); the latter notice has been treated with some substance that has spread the ink around it. Also the shelfmark, in pencil. As pen trials saec. XVI–XVII hands have written the names of the months at the heads of the columns. There is also an almost completely faded inscription written on the in-folded margin of the folio.

On the verso-side a saec. XIX(?) marking in black ink, 'Nykyrka', and the blue stamp of the University library, 'Helsingin yliopiston kirjasto'.

History

The fragment comes from a relatively large liturgical book, probably a missal. It has been produced by a fairly skilled scribe probably in the latter half of the fourteenth century, making it one of the oldest books known to have been produced in the diocese. The book was probably intended for a parish, perhaps Uusikaupunki, where it was still in use in the 1570s. Some time after 1576 the present leaf was detached and reused as the cover of a Lutheran liturgical book.

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Literature

Aarno Malin, *Der Heiligenkalender Finnlands. Seine Zusammensetzung und Entwicklung* (Suomen kirkkohistoriallisen seuran toimituksia 20), Helsingfors 1925.