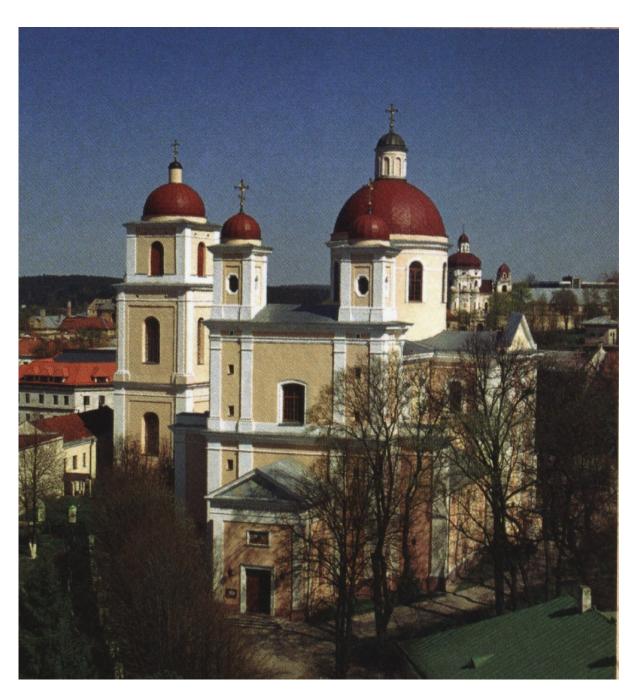
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Holy Martyrs of Vilnius

The Holy Martyrs Anthony, John, and Eustachy were martyred for the faith at the time of Olgerd, Grand Duke of Lithuania, about the year 1347.

Anthony and John were courtiers of the Grand Duke and, like most of the Lithuanian

population at that time, pagans. The Holy Brothers were secretly baptised by orthodox priest Nestor.

They began living a Christian life and refused to follow the pagan practices. Once at a feast, when the Du-ke offered them to eat flesh on a fas-ting day (on Fri-day, on the eve of Christmas), Ant-hony and John re-fused, and they were therefore th-rown into a dun-geon. $(\pi \epsilon \rho \iota \sigma \sigma \acute{\sigma} \tau \epsilon \rho \alpha...)$