

## MATRIARCHAL INDIAN TRIBES

The American women's suffrage movement got their ideas from matriarchal Native American tribes. Six nations had joined to form the Chaudenosaunee Confederacy: the Seneca, Cayuga, Onondaga, Oneida, Mohawk, and Tuscarora, are all matriarchal societies. The suffragettes had their first women's rights convention in Seneca Falls, NY on land owned by the Haudenosaunee. The Suffragettes (women's rights movement) were greatly influenced by the Confederacy matriarchs; they and their efforts were written out of the history books.

## **THE THEBAN LEGION**

These soldiers were part of a group of Christian men recruited in Upper Egypt around AD 300 according to legend. They were serving in Gaul under the Roman Empire and were ordered to offer sacrifice to the Roman gods in the line of duty as well as killing innocent Christian civilians for the same reasons. After being decimated nearly all the men were massacred, though some escaped. Included in the list of the deceased were Saints Maurice (Maurice of Aganaum), Exuperius, Candidus, Vitalis, Ursus, two Victors, Alexander, Salutor, and Gereon.

## **SAINT ANIAMUS**

This saint was the second Patriarch of Alexandria, Egypt. He had been healed by Saint Mark the Evangelist, who was the first bishop of Alexandria, following an accident with an awl while making shoes. He was born in Alexandria and is said to have been consecrated as co-adjutor bishop by Mark himself, to govern the diocese when Saint Mark was away. He held this position for four years then succeeded the evangelist as Patriarch. His See lasted eighteen years in the first century.