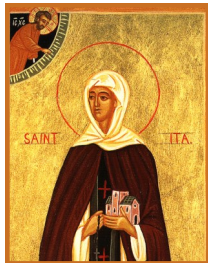


**January 15, 2017**  
**29TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**St. Ita the Hermitess of Killeedy**



Saint Ita, “the Foster Mother of the Irish Saints,” was born in the fifth century. She, like many of the Irish saints, was of the nobility. Her parents were devout Christians who lived in County Waterford. She founded a school and convent at Killeedy (Cille Ide) which still bears her name near Newcastle West in County Limerick. A holy well still marks the site of her church.

When she decided to settle in Killeedy, a local chieftain offered her a grant of land for the support of the convent. The convent became known as a training ground for young boys, many of whom became famous churchmen. She received Saint Brendan the Voyager (May 16) when he was only a year old, and kept him until he was six. She also cared for her nephew Saint Mochaemhoch in his infancy. She called him “Pulcherius,” because he was such a handsome child.

Many people sought her spiritual counsels, and she also seems to have practiced medicine to some degree. Her life was spent in repentance and asceticism.

Saint Ita once told Saint Brendan that the three things most displeasing to God are: A face that hates mankind, a will that clings to the love of evil, and placing one’s entire trust in riches (Compare Proverbs 6:16-19).

The three things most pleasing to God are: The firm belief of a pure heart in God, the simple religious life, and liberality with charity.

Saint Ita fell asleep in the Lord in 570. Her Feast Day is a local holiday in the district, and her name is a popular one for Irish girls.

*Text & Image from <https://oca.org/saints/lives/2017/01/15/100201-st-ita-the-hermitess-of-killeedy>*

**THE 2017 MARCH FOR LIFE RALLY** will take place at the National Mall in Washington, DC at noon on Friday, January 27th. A delegation of hierarchs from the Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of the United States of America will be participating. Details may be found at <http://marchforlife.org/mfl-2017/>

**OUTREACH COLLECTION:**

Oral Care products

**WISDOM FROM FATHER B:**

What you want is what you get.

The disciples were called Christians first in Antioch (Acts 11:26)



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**NEW! Office Hours:**  
Monday through Thursday 8:30 - 4:00

**RESURRECTION TROPARION** - Tone 5 - Let us believers praise and worship the Word, coeternal with the Father and the Spirit, born of the Virgin for our salvation; for he took pleasure in ascending the cross in the flesh, to suffer death, and to raise the dead by his glorious resurrection.

**TODAY:** Coffee Hour, Sunday School, & Teens after Liturgy.  
Parish Council, 12:45

**SAINT PHILIP’S** is a “Pan-Orthodox” parish of the Antiochian Archdiocese, serving Orthodox Christians of all backgrounds in the English language. If you are a newcomer to our community, please sign our guest book, and stay with us for the Coffee Hour today. AND, WE LOOK FORWARD TO WELCOMING YOU AGAIN!

**PLEASE NOTE:** Holy Communion is only for practicing Orthodox Christians who have prepared themselves through fasting, prayer, and recent confession, and who are dressed modestly and arrived on time for the Liturgy. All are welcome to kiss the Cross and receive Blessed Bread at the end of the Divine Liturgy.

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**COMMEMORATIONS:**

VENERABLE MARTYR PANSOPHIOS OF ALEXANDRIA  
(249-251)

VENERABLE PAUL OF THEBES (341)

ST. SALOME OF UDIARMA, AND ST. PERODZHAVRA  
OF SIVNIA, GEORGIA (4TH C.)

JOHN THE HUT-DWELLER (450)

ST. ITA OF KILLEEDY, HERMITESS AND FOSTER-  
MOTHER OF ST. BRENDAN (BRITAIN, 570)

ST. MAURUS, DISCIPLE OF ST. BENEDICT (584)

VENERABLE GABRIEL OF LESNOVO (BULGARIA, 980)

ST. BARLAAM OF KERET LAKE NEAR THE WHITE SEA  
(16TH C.)

**Tone 5**

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**Matins Gospel:** St. John 20:11-18

**Epistle:** Colossians 3:4-11

**Liturgy Gospel:** Luke 17:12-19

THE ALTAR CANDLES are lighted today by the Drăghici family, in thanksgiving for blessings received (Angie's birthday - MANY YEARS!); and by the Ibrahim family, in thanksgiving for blessings received (Michael & Marcia's anniversary & Hertanse's birthday - MANY YEARS!).

MANY THANKS to Youm Fesseha & Saba Tesfaya for sponsoring today's coffee hour. EVERYONE is invited to stay for refreshments after the Divine Liturgy.

THIS WEEK'S GREETERS: Todd & Kristi Moore

THIS WEEK'S CLEANING TEAM: Olena Kulbachna, Mary Kompass, Tadesse Abay

THANK YOU to all who fulfill these ministries!

SCHEDULE YOUR HOME BLESSING in the Narthex or by phone or email.

## Mark Your Calendar:

### NEW TO THE WEEKLY ROUTINE

*Mondays 10 am - Morning Prayers & Bible Study*

*Tuesdays Noon - 6th Hour*

*Wednesdays 7 pm - Compline & Adult Study*

*Thursdays 10 am - Divine Liturgy*

*Fridays 10 am or 7 pm - Paraklesis*

### Meeting of the Lord

*Wednesday, February 1*

*Vespers & Artoklasia (w/candle blessing) 6 pm, Matins 7 pm*

*Thursday, February 2 - Divine Liturgy 10 am, Candle blessing*

*Publican & Pharisee - February 5*

### Desert Fathers Reading Group 2017

*Selected Thursdays from Noon - 2 pm*

*February 9 - St. Arsenius*

*March 9 - St. John the Dwarf*

*April 6 - St. Macarius the Great*

*May 11 - Abba Moses of Nitria*

*June 1 - Abba Poemen*

*Prodigal Son - February 12*

*Sunday of Judgment (Meatfare) - February 19*

**Soul Saturday, February 18 - Divine Liturgy 10 a.m.**

**Forgiveness Sunday, February 26 - Forgiveness Vespers 1 p.m.**

**PASCHA - April 16, 2017**

FR NOAH, FR JAMES, & FR HERMAN are available for hospital visits. If you or anyone you know is in the hospital and would like a visit, please call the church office.

**PLEASE PARK ONLY IN DESIGNATED PARKING SPACES; OTHER AREAS MUST REMAIN FREE FOR EMERGENCY VEHICLE ACCESS.**

**AMPLE PARKING** is always available for Church Services in lots just across Clearview Rd, thanks to our good neighbors at Solar Atmospheres. Thank you.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Naomi - Ken H. - Chris H. - Doris E.  
Newly-departed Helen S.

## This Week:

**Monday, Jan 16: MORNING PRAYERS & Bible Study, 10 a.m.**

**Tuesday, Jan 17: Matushka Olga Sewing Club, 11 a.m.  
6th HOUR, 12 noon**

**Wednesday, Jan 18: COMPLINE & Adult Study, 7 p.m.**

**Thursday, Jan 19: DIVINE LITURGY, 10 a.m.**

**Friday, Jan 20: PARAKLESIS 7 p.m.**

**Saturday, Jan 21: Intro to Orthodoxy 4:30 p.m.  
VESPERS 6 p.m.  
Bible Bowl Study 7 p.m.**

**Sunday, Jan 22: MATINS 8:50 a.m., DIVINE LITURGY 10 a.m.  
Coffee Hour, Sunday School, Teens**

## Everyday Evangelist

*"As the Father has sent me, so I send you." (Jn 20:21)*

Spend time deepening your relationship with God, allowing Him to form you into the image of Christ. When we're walking with God, spending time in prayer and Scripture reading, we have a full well from which we can offer Christ's living water to others.

**HOME BLESSING SCHEDULES** available in the Narthex. Or email or call Fr Noah, Fr James, or Fr Herman.

**ATTANDANCE:** At Theophany Vespers: 52 Divine Services for Theophany: 44  
Vespers on Jan 7: 35 Liturgy on Jan 8: 150 **OFFERINGS:** Will be included next week.

THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY