

Saint Ita, Hermitess of Killeedy (Jan 15)

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 Co. 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, which Saint Ita accepted and cultivated. 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 (March 13) 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.

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January 15, 2023

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

COMMEMORATIONS:

PAUL OF THEBES
JOHN THE HUT-DWELLER
PANSOPHIOS THE MARTYR OF ALEXANDRIA
VENERABLE GABRIEL OF LESNOVO

Tone 6 - Eothinon 9

Orthros Gospel: St. John 20:19-31

Epistle: Colossians 3:4-11

Liturgy Gospel: St. Luke 17:12-19

RESURRECTIONAL TROPARION - Tone 6 - When Mary stood at thy grave, looking for thy sacred Body, angelic powers shone above thy revered tomb, and the soldiers who were to keep guard became as dead men. Thou led'st hades captive and wast not tempted thereby; thou didst meet the Virgin and didst give life to the world. O thou who art risen from the dead, O Lord, glory to thee!

KONTAKION OF THE PRESENTATION - Tone 1 - Thou, O Christ God, Who by Thy Birth, didst sanctify the Virgin's womb, and, as is meet, didst bless Simeon's arms, and didst also come to save us; preserve Thy fold in wars, and confirm them whom Thou didst love, for Thou alone art the Lover of mankind.

TODAY: ORTHROS & Confessions 8:45 a.m.
Divine LITURGY 10 a.m.
Coffee Hour & Sunday School
Parish Council

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Office Hours: Monday, Wednesday, Friday 8:30am - 3:30pm

Fr Noah & Fr James are available for hospital visits. Please contact them directly or call the church office.

Weekly Ministries & Stewards:

	This Week:	Next Week (Jan 22):
PROSPHORA BREAD:	Gabriela P.	John Child
ALTAR CANDLES:	The Gambles – Anastasios's Name Day	The Chebeleus – Rachel's Birthday
USHERS:	Dan M. & Tom A.	Steve K. & Rdr Nick
ALTAR BOYS:	"Archangel Gabriel"	"Archangel Michael"
CLEANING TEAM:	Serge, Alex, Sarah K.	The Jekels & Teens
COFFEE HOUR TEAM:	Chris; Mariya; Abraham	Calvin; Angie; Dale

Mark Your Calendar:

Meeting of the Lord

Wednesday, Feb 1
Vespers & Artoklasia 6:30 p.m.
Thursday, Feb 2
Orthros 9 a.m.
Divine Liturgy 10 a.m.

HOME BLESSINGS:

*See the Sign-up sheets in the
Narthex.
Reach out to Fr. Noah or Fr.
James directly to confirm.*

Publican & Pharisee - *February 5*
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 2023

April 16

We live from Pascha to Pascha!

Pray For:

Living	Departed
N.I. Peter	+Christos
N.I. Cyril	
Met. Onuphry and faithful of Ukraine	(January Parish Diptychs)
Jonathan	+George
Jonathan	+Pedrag
Kh. Joyce	+Mimi
Linda	+Helen
Tadessa	+Christopher
Nicole	+Nagib
Raymond	+Julia
Patrick	
Doris	
John	
John	
James	
James	
Lasha B	
Otari B	<u>Catechumens</u>
Tatiana	Christian
Helen	Christina
Wadieh	Peter, Sarah, Alina, William, & Elsa
Anesia	Kate
Mary	Joseph & Alana
Mary	Ryan
Priest Thomas, Bill, Jesse, Nathan, Hannah, Elizabeth, & all Missionaries	Zachary, Brandy, Nora, Gavinn, Lorelei, & Otto
New & Expectant Mothers & their children	Taylor & Bethany Joanne Denis Nicholas, Rachel, Luka, Leo
For the people of our land, and their repentance, healing & unity	David, Helen, Elianna Michael Evan
The 12 Baskets Full team asks for prayers for our homeless Philly friends – George, Bill, Jim, Jalil, Mark, Joel, Eric	Lucretia Tiffany

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

This Week:

- Mon, Jan 16:** Office open
- Tues, Jan 17:** 6th Hour Prayers 12 noon
Matushka Olga Sewing Club, 1 p.m.
- Wed, Jan 18:** Compline & Patristic Reading 6:30 p.m.
- Thurs, Jan 19:**
- Friday, Jan 20:** Confession 6 p.m.
Holy Unction (fast) 6:30 p.m.
Refreshments 7:30 p.m.
- Sat, Jan 21:** Orthros (for St. Maximos) 9 a.m.
Baptismal Liturgy (Meyer) 10 a.m.
Catechism & Inquirer Class 5 p.m.
Great VESPERS 6:30 p.m.
Baptism Prep Prayers (Rice) 7:30 p.m.
Confessions 7:45 p.m.
- Sunday, Jan 22:** ORTHROS & Confessions 8:45 a.m.
Baptismal LITURGY (Rice) 10 a.m.
Coffee Hour & Sunday School
Parish Council 1 p.m.

JANUARY OUTREACH COLLECTION:

Oral Care Products

CHALLENGE FOR 2023:

"You are the Salt of the Earth"

ATTENDANCE: Theophany Liturgy: 129 Vespers for Jan 7: 57
Divine Services Jan 8: 185

OFFERINGS 1/8: Candles, \$456.11. Collections, \$200. Youth, \$1.
Camping, \$150. Classical School Fund, \$103. Hospitality, \$6. Land
Acquisition, \$100. Mission Chapel, \$90. Stewardship, \$5,812.52. Total
received: \$6,918.63.

THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!