

Feast day of St. Agatha the Martyr



The Church today venerates the memory of Agatha the Martyr.

The holy Martyr Agatha is the protectress and chief patron of Sicily.

Apolytikion of Martyr Agatha

Fourth Tone

O Lord Jesus, unto Thee Thy lamb doth cry with a great voice: O my Bridegroom, Thee I love; and seeking Thee, I now contest, and with Thy baptism am crucified and buried. I suffer for Thy sake, that I may reign with Thee; for Thy sake I die, that I may live in Thee: accept me offered out of longing to Thee as a spotless sacrifice.

Lord, save our souls through her intercessions, since Thou art great in mercy.

Kontakion of Martyr Agatha

Fourth Tone

Let the Church be clad today with royal purple in a splendid covering dyed in the chaste and hallowed blood of Martyr Agatha, and let it now cry: Rejoice, O thou boast of Catania.

