

One Baptism, One Miracle The “Small Flock” in Sardinia Grows

The personal physician of His Eminence, Bishop Michael of Nora in Sardinia, our dearly beloved Sister in Christ, Anna Rita Pillitu, who officially entered into the rank of Catechumen last January, has now become an Orthodox Christian with the name Irene (in honor of St. Irene the Great Martyr, commemorated on May 5).

Irene received Holy Baptism on May 20, 2012 (Old Style), the Second Saturday of Souls, and, clothed in her baptismal robe and full of Grace and Heavenly Light, communed of the Immaculate Mysteries on the Sunday of Pentecost and the Monday of the Holy Spirit.

Participating in the Mystery of Baptism, which was performed in the Chapel of St. Kosmas of Aitolia at the Monastery of Sts. Cyprian and Justina, Phyle, Attica, were Bishops Ambrose of Methone (catechism and Baptism, assisted by Father Mariano), Michael of Nora (Chrismation), and Cyprian of Oreoi (in prayerful attendance). A small group of faithful was present, with Mrs. Irene Archontoule, President of the St. Philaret the Merciful Orthodox Women’s Guild, serving as Irene’s sponsor.



The newly-illuminated Irene, fully renewed in Christ, is distinguished by her missionary zeal and is now a dynamic member of our Diocese in Sardinia. Her husband, moreover—awestruck by the change in Irene—has expressed his wish to receive Holy Baptism as well! And, to be sure, more Baptisms are to follow in the near future. Glory to God!

