

# *Saint Dorothea* February 6

Saint Dorothea Suffered under Diocletian in the year 288 or 300. She was a pious Christian and stood firm when she was pushed to make sacrifices to pagan gods. St. Dorothea endured her persecution gladly. As she was lead to execution, Theophilus, mocked her saying “Bride of Christ, send me an apple and some roses from the Paradise of your Bridegroom.” The martyr nodded and said, “I shall do that.” An angel delivered the saint three apples and three roses to be sent to Theophilus. When the man saw the gift he was amazed as it was winter. He was instantly converted and earned his martyrs crown that same day.

Troparion (Tone 4) –

Your lamb Dorothy, calls out to You,  
O Jesus, in a loud voice:

“I love You, my Bridegroom,  
and in seeking You I endure suffering.

In baptism I was crucified  
so that I might reign in You,  
and I died so that I might live with You.

Accept me as a pure sacrifice,

for I have offered myself in love.”

Through her prayers save our souls,  
since You are merciful.

