



St Katherine

The legend of St Katherine of Alexandria says she was born to a noble family. She was highly educated and beautiful. At the age of 18 she attempted to persuade Emperor Maxentius to stop the worship of idols and end his persecution of Christians. The Emperor imprisoned her and sent many of his greatest scholars to persuade her to forsake Christianity. So great was her eloquence and reasoning that she succeeded in converting these scholars as well as many of the Emperor's soldiers. They were then put to death by the Emperor. The Emperor tortured Katherine on a spiked wheel which was destroyed miraculously. She was beheaded, whereupon her body was carried by angels to Mount Sinai where St Katherine's Monastery was later founded.

The icon portrays Katherine's royal status by her wearing a crown and a royal cloak. Her posture is one of supplication to Christ

as she holds the cross.

A Prayer for St Katherine

Glorious Saint Katherine, virgin and martyr, help me to imitate your love of purity. Give me strength and courage in fighting off the temptations of the world and evil desires.

Help me to love God with my whole heart and serve Him faithfully.

O Saint Katherine, through your glorious martyrdom for the love of Christ, help me to be loyal to my faith and my God as long as I live. Amen