

Saint of the Week

October 8



This saint (who has the same name as Susie's great grandmother), was an actress and dancer in Antioch, equally celebrated for her beauty, and wealth.

During a synod at Antioch, she passed Bishop St. Nonnus of Edessa, who was struck with her beauty; the next day she went to hear him preach and was so moved by his sermon that she asked him to baptize her which he did. She gave all her wealth and valuables to the Bishop to aid the poor and left Antioch dressed in men's clothing.

She became a hermitess in a cave on Mount of Olivet in Jerusalem, where she lived a plain and simple life (much like Saint Francis of Assisi), performing penances and known as "the beardless monk"

until her sex was discovered at her death.

There exists another person with her name that was from Antioch, that was martyred for the faith in the fourth century. That girl was fifteen years of age, but does not appear to be the same person.

Our saint's feast day is October 8th.