

Commemoration of Bishop St. Genarius, Soldier St. Merkerius

The name “Genarius” is the equivalent of the Latin name “Januarius” and the Italian name “Chenaro”. It is supposed that St. Genarios was born in the beginning of the third century. His parents were rich and well-known persons. He has been the Bishop of the city Benevent of Italy. Genarius was imprisoned during the period of reign of the emperor Dioclethianus and was martyred in 305. The saint’s blood is up to date kept in a special small bottle in the Church of Naples.

St. Merkerius was one of the brave soldiers of the Roman Army. Like his father he believed in true God. Once king Dekos called him and ordered to offer sacrifice in the temple on the occasion of the victory but Merkerius refused to obey the king’s order. The soldiers put his hands into chains and burnt him on the fire. However, the next day they found out that Merkerius was alive and healed and he told that God had saved him. The king ordered to burn his body by means of heated skewers and beheaded him. The saint was martyred in 250 AD.

When is celebrated

01.12.2008
30.11.2009
06.12.2010
05.12.2011
03.12.2012
02.12.2013
01.12.2014
30.11.2015
05.12.2016
04.12.2017
03.12.2018
02.12.2019
30.11.2020
06.12.2021
05.12.2022
04.12.2023
02.12.2024
01.12.2025

30.11.2026

06.12.2027

04.12.2028

03.12.2029

02.12.2030