

**St Calogero** (Calcedonia, 466 – Monte Cronio, 18 giugno 561) was a hermit monaco, revered as a saint by the Catholic Church and the Orthodox Church and patron of many countries in Sicily

The cult of the black saint is strongly felt at Naro (AG), which held massive celebrations, organized by the

"Friends of San Calò", ranging from June 15

, day on which the statue of the saint is taken from the crypt below the church to Inside the temple

, on June 25

, called the

octave,  
culminating  
on June 18  
, the day  
of the  
feast  
, where the Saint is placed on a large  
wooden sledge  
called  
"  
Straula  
"  
or  
"chariot  
of Miracles  
"  
and dragged  
(by  
faithful  
with  
a  
rope  
tied  
at  
both ends  
of the  
slide  
that  
is longer more than  
100  
meters  
)  
from the Sanctuary of  
St  
Calogero  
to  
the  
mother church  
of the city  
.

The entire procession is punctuated by the cries of the faithful who stumble with the "Straula"  
with the Saint shout  
ting "

Viva  
San  
Diu  
and  
Calo  
,

" (Long live to God and St Calogero); it can  
be  
very  
easily  
also  
try people  
takes part to  
the whole  
procession  
barefoot  
or  
that

,

always  
barefoot

,

climb  
to  
the rugged  
slopes  
of  
the country  
to reach  
the  
shrine

.

Striking is  
the  
tradition  
of  
the blessed bread  
which  
is  
shaped  
in  
different  
forms  
to represent  
the  
body parts

of  
San  
Calogero  
and  
is brought  
to the  
shrine  
to be  
blessed,  
then  
the  
owner  
shall keep  
a  
part  
for  
them  
to share  
with friends  
and  
relatives  
and  
the rest  
leave  
to the  
sanctuary  
for distribution  
to the faithful

.  
This  
tradition is  
deeply rooted  
and not  
just  
during  
the days  
of the feast

,  
but also  
during the  
rest  
of the year  
you  
can  
find  
the faithful

who  
take  
the bread  
for the blessing  
.

Throughout the period of celebrations there is a fair in the main streets and different cultural events are organized, with theater, concerts, events manifestations of popular culture. At midnight between 17 and 18 of June, in front of to the Sanctuary of St Calogero, takes place a wonderful show of fireworks.

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