

15th Day of Advent

December 16th, 2018



Today is the Third Sunday of Advent, and we light the 3rd Candle in the Advent wreath. It is a pink candle, the candle of Joy.

*A candle is burning, a sign of new day.
A candle of Joy as we trust in God's way.
Displayed to the world in a baby's new birth.
The way of God's justice made real to the earth.*

Dear Jesus, help us focus on you during this busy season. May we stay aware of the joy you bring into our lives. Amen.



Pistachio- Orange Biscotti



- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- ½ cup sugar
- 3 tablespoons cocoa powder, sifted
- ½ teaspoon baking powder
- 1 pinch salt
- ½ cup cold butter, cut into cubes
- 1 egg
- 3 tablespoons mild
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- ¼ up candied orange peel diced
- ¼ up crushed unsalted pistachios

With the rack in the middle position, preheat oven to 350F. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper.

In a food processor, combine the dry ingredients. Add the butter and pulse until the mixture resembles coarse cornmeal. Add the egg, milk and vanilla extract. Pulse until just combined.

Place the dough in a bowl and use your hands to mix in the candied orange peel and pistachios.

On a floured surface, shape the dough into a 12- inch long log. Place on the baking sheet and bake for 40 minutes. Transfer to a cutting board.

Let cool about 10 minutes. Using a serrated knife, cut the log diagonally into ¾ inch slices.

Arrange the slices on the baking sheet and bake again for about 25 minutes. Cool on a rack.