

Encomia for Saint Nektarios of Pentapolis

FIRST STANZA

Mode pl. 1

1. You are truly blessed, holy Hierarch of Christ,
O Nektarios, the wellspring of miracles,
and in modern times the Church's strong support.
2. You are truly blessed, for the nectar of grace,
which rejoices all the faithful, is flowing out,
O Nektarios, from you as from a well.
3. Choirs of the faithful, let us sing hymns in praise
of our Patron Saint and Father Nektarios,
who in recent years has shined his light on us.
4. So devout and holy was your life here on earth
that you proved yourself a peer of the saints of old.
You were glorified with miracles from God.
5. From impending danger and disasters you save
those who run to you for safety, O Hierarch
Saint Nektarios, and pray with ardent faith.
6. As a sympathetic, gentle father, look down
from on high to us your children, Nektarios,
and bestow on us the gifts of grace divine.
7. Exalted in lifestyle, you were humble of mind,
O Nektarios; and God gave you miracles,
thereby wonderfully glorifying you.

8. You are seen, O Father, as a new shining star of the Church of Christ, O blessed Nektarios. By your miracles you brighten all the earth.
9. You were known, O Father, for your wisdom in Greece; now throughout the world you shine through your miracles, and you help us who invoke your name with faith.
10. O God-bearing Father, by your God-pleasing life, you were cleansed and thus became a true hierarch and a famous fellow partner of the Saints.
11. Pouring out the river of your wonders and cures every day, you wash away the polluted spills of the passions, O Nektarios our Saint.
12. Blessed Saint, the power of your wonders has reached every corner of the earth, O Nektarios, and it rescues us believers from the wrath.
13. From your sanctuary pour out strength and good health and the nectar of the sweetness that comes from God, holy Hierarch Nektarios our Saint.
14. Those in need of treatment, who approach you with faith, are miraculously healed, O Nektarios. You are known for curing cancer of all kinds.
15. Lately you have risen like a bright shining star; and your light illumines us, O Nektarios, and dispels the fog of passions from our souls.
16. When we kiss your relics, venerating with faith, we are filled with heaven's fragrance, Nektarios, and we send up hymns of praise to you, our Saint.

17. Demonstrating virtue by example, you shine
with the graces of dispassion, O Hierarch,
and you fill believers' hearts with holy joy.
18. You received abundant grace and power from God;
hence, you drive out unclean spirits, O Hierarch
Saint Nektarios, and cure every disease.
19. From your holy relics springs the life-giving grace
of the Holy Spirit, Father Nektarios,
like a spiritual nectar from on high.
20. Never stop protecting those who faithfully come
to your sanctuary, praying for your support,
O Nektarios, our blessed Patron Saint.

SECOND STANZA

Mode pl. 1

1. Right it is indeed
to declare that you are truly blessed.
Recently you shined as a hierarch,
O Nektarios, and glorified the Lord.
2. Let us all declare
to be blessed him, who lately poured out
virtue, as if nectar, throughout the world,
as a Hierarch, in keeping with his name.
3. Even from your youth,
holy Father, you displayed good judgment;
and in evil days, by the fear of God,
O Nektarios, you led a blameless life.

4. In your love for God,
you raised up your mind to Him, O Father:
and for overcoming the frame of mind
of the devil, you were filled with gifts divine.
5. Father, we have you
as our Patron Saint and ardent helper.
Orthodox believers throughout the world
look to you for consolation and support.
6. Cures in plenty flow
from your holy relics, O devout Saint,
healing those who seek them from you with faith,
by the Holy Spirit's energy therein.
7. We, in modern times,
count on you when we get into trouble.
Steady us, O Father Nektarios,
as one manifestly glorified by God.
8. Saint Nektarios,
you are famous for curing diseases,
even fatal cancer, O Hierarch,
by the power of the Lord at work in you.
9. Like a blazing sun,
you shine down on us, O holy Father.
With the light of your many miracles,
you illumine every corner of the earth.
10. Sacred pride and joy
of the Orthodox are you, O Father.
You humbled the wise in their own conceit,
by your miracles and holy words and deeds.

11. Give us our requests,
in your sympathy for us, O Father,
when we are in trouble and make our prayers
in your sanctuary with undoubting faith.
12. The entire world
has been filled with your amazing wonders.
Every tongue extols you, Nektarios,
and proclaims the ready aid that you provide.
13. You refreshed the hearts
of the faithful with your breeze of teachings.
Now with the strong wind of your miracles,
you put out the fire of suffering and pain.
14. Sympathetically
look at us who stand before your icon,
as a loving father, Nektarios,
and provide us with the things we really need.
15. God was glorified
by your sacred deeds, O holy Father.
In return the Lord made you marvelous,
by the miracles He gave you to perform.
16. By humility
you subdued the enemy's elation,
and you were exalted by God, O Saint,
for the virtues you had labored to attain.
17. Holy Hierarch,
you are known to be a great defender
of the Church; whose members depend on you
to assist them with the gifts of grace divine.

18. Purified in heart
did the Trinity find you, O Father.
Therefore, as was promised, it dwelt in you,
and it filled you with its uncreated light.
19. You dispel the night
of the sinful passions with your brightness,
and you grant to all, O Nektarios,
holy joy and divine gladness in our hearts.
20. Wounded was the foe
by your great humility, O Father.
Therefore you were wondrously glorified
by the Lord, for He was glorified in you.

THIRD STANZA

Mode 3

1. All generations bless you,
Nektarios, and praise you,
our godly-minded Father.
2. Come, and with divine hymns
let us duly honor
Nektarios, that great man.
3. Nektarios, the knowledge
of heaven's holy glory
was in your heart established.
4. Your way of life was blameless;
and people came to know you
as a God-bearing father.
5. Crush the devil's raging
against us, with your prayers,
as with a staff, O Father.

6. Shower us from heaven
with the cool refreshment
of your paternal favor.
7. Come to us from heaven,
and rescue us from danger,
when we invoke you, Father.
8. Angelic was your lifestyle,
Nektarios, and therefore
you carried God within you.
9. Your relics are a wellspring
of cures for those who kiss them
and pray to you with longing.
10. Father, you were richly
glorified with many
miracles as God's servant.
11. The Church of Christ has you now,
her newest luminary,
O Father, shining brightly.
12. Nektarios, thrice-blessed,
direct us to the Lord God,
as we accord you honor.
13. You come to the assistance
of all who call upon you
and rescue them from hardship.
14. Blessed Saint, your relics
scorch the foes' aggressions
against us who extol you.

15. Pray for grace and mercy
to come on us who call you,
Nektarios, our father.
16. Give health to those who enter
your holy sanctuary
with humble faith, O Father.
17. Rain on us the nectar
of love, for the salvation
of all believers, Father.
18. Nektarios, in keeping
your memory, we praise you,
for grace from God is in you.
19. Recently you shone forth
as the Church's bright star
and Charlotte's new protector.
20. Incurable diseases
are cured by you, O Father,
for God gave you this power.

Glory. **For the Trinity.**

Nektarios thrice-blessed,
you received completely
the Trinity's resplendence.

Both now. **Theotokion.**

With hymns we praise your constant
defense of us your people,
All-Holy Theotokos.