

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.

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.

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.

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.