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Memory of St. Nektarios of Pentapolis**

Katavasias of Theotokos - Entry

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November 9

Memory of St. Nektarios of Pentapolis

MATINS

CHOIR

Mode 1.

God is the Lord, and He revealed Himself to us. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. [SAAS]

Verse 1: *Give thanks to the Lord and call upon His name.*

or: Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; for His mercy endures forever.

Verse 2: *All the nations surrounded me, but in the name of the Lord I defended myself against them.*

Verse 3: *And this came about from the Lord, and it is wonderful in our eyes.*

Apolytikion.

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Mode 1. *As a citizen of the desert.*

The son of Silybria, the guardian of Aegina, * and the ardent lover of virtue * who in recent years has appeared, * the God-inspired servant of Christ * Nektarios, O faithful, let us praise. * For he gushes forth healings of every kind * to those who cry out reverently: * Glory to Christ who glorified you; * glory to Him for your miracles; * glory to Him who through you effects cures for all.

[SD]

Glory. **Repeat.**

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healings of every kind * to those who cry out reverently: * Glory to Christ who glorified you; * glory to Him for your miracles; * glory to Him who through you effects cures for all.

[SD]

From Octoechos - - -

Both now. **Theotokion.**

Mode 1. *The stone had been secured.*

When Gabriel had uttered rejoice to you, O Virgin, * then with the voice was the Lord of all becoming incarnate * in you whom the holy Ark of old * prefigured, as righteous David said. * You carried your Creator and proved to be more spacious than the heavens. * Glory to Him who dwelt inside of you; * glory to Him who came forth from You; * glory be to Him who through your childbirth has set us free. [SD]

The appointed Kathisma of the Psalter may be read, i.e. Kathisma 16. It would be followed by the short litany.

PRIEST

Again and again, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

(Lord, have mercy.)

Help us, save us, have mercy on us, and protect us, O God, by Your grace.

(Lord, have mercy.)

Commemorating our most holy, pure, blessed, and glorious Lady, the Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary, with all the saints, let us commend ourselves and one another and our whole life to Christ our God.

(To You, O Lord.)

For Yours is the dominion, and Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages.

(Amen.)

CHOIR

Kathisma I.

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Mode 1. *The soldiers keeping watch.*

You rose on us, O Saint, as a sun brightly shining, * in recent history, through your most holy lifestyle, * O Father Nektarios; and you therefore have roused us all * to praise and glorify * our Christ, the Master of all things. * By the miracles and mighty signs that He gave you, * He showed that you were glorified. [SD]

Glory.

Mode 1. *The soldiers keeping watch.*

Your precious holy skull pours out cures in abundance * amazingly each day, by divine activation. * The perfume and fragrance of the Holy Spirit that it emits * fills with peace and joy * all those who run to your holy * monastery with profound devotion and longing, * O Father Nektarios. [SD]

Both now. **Theotokion.**

Mode 1. *The soldiers keeping watch.*

From pure and holy blood, you gave birth to the Master * of all, who did not change from what He was; and He kept you * a virgin ineffably, even after delivery. * We all magnify all your magnificent wonders, * and we place our hope in your intense intercession, * O Lady, that we be saved. [SD]

The appointed Kathisma of the Psalter may be read, i.e. Kathisma 17. It would be followed by the short litany.

PRIEST

Again and again, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

(Lord, have mercy.)

Help us, save us, have mercy on us, and protect us, O God, by Your grace.

(Lord, have mercy.)

Commemorating our most holy, pure, blessed, and glorious Lady, the Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary, with all the saints, let us commend ourselves and one another and our whole life to Christ our God.

(To You, O Lord.)

PRIEST

For You, O God, are good and love mankind, and to You we offer glory, to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and forever, and to the ages of ages.

(Amen.)

CHOIR

Kathisma II.

From Menaion - - -

Mode 3. *Seeing how beautiful.*

Father, your way of life was marked by purity; * your ways and manners were straightforward and upright. * And as a spiritual gift from you did the Lord receive these. * Therefore He showed you to be * an abundant wellspring of cures * in Aegina for all who come * to your holy relics faithfully; * which relics give off heavenly fragrance * and divine sweet scent to all. [SD]

Glory.

Mode 4. *Joseph marveled.*

O Nektarios, the grace of doing miracles, which God * gave to you, is active in your holy relics everywhere, * and it truly amazes the minds of the faithful. * Therefore crowds converge upon your Monastery, * and pious people flock to where your relics are. * The sick and suffering receive their health, * by your assistance, O wise Hierarch. * And with rejoicing, they hymn and praise Christ, * who sanctified you, O Saint of God. [SD]

Both now.

Mode 4. *Joseph marveled.*

He who holds together all and made the ages, being God, * was ineffably contained completely in your holy womb, * while never absent from the Father's bosom, O immaculate Maid. * When He came forth from you, He had two natures indeed; * you bore Him, perfect man and perfect God as well. * And Adam's nature He deified, * and He saved the entire world. * O Theotokos, pray to your Son and God, * and entreat Him to save our souls.

[SD]

The Polyeleos.

Psalm 134 (135).

Psalm 135 (136).

Selected Psalm Verses

Selected Psalm Verses for Hierarchs

Of the world. Alleluia.

1. Hear this, all you nations; give ear, all you inhabitants of the world. Alleluia. (48:2)

[SAAS]

2. Both earthborn and the sons of men, rich and poor together. Alleluia. (48:3) [SAAS]

3. My mouth shall speak wisdom, and the meditation of my heart, understanding. Alleluia. (48:4) [SAAS]

4. Come, you children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the Lord. Alleluia. (33:12)

[SAAS]

5. He who walks blamelessly, and works righteousness. Alleluia. (14:2) [SAAS]

6. He who has innocent hands and a pure heart; he who does not lift up his soul to vanity. Alleluia. (23:4) [SAAS]

7. I proclaimed righteousness in the great church. Alleluia. (39:10) [SAAS]

8. I did not hide Your mercy and Your truth from the great congregation. Alleluia. (39:11) [SAAS]

9. I did not hide Your righteousness in my heart. Alleluia. (39:11) [SAAS]

10. I declared Your truth and Your salvation. Alleluia. (39:11) [SAAS]

11. I will declare Your name to my brethren; in the midst of the church I will sing to You. Alleluia. (21:23) [SAAS]

12. I will wash my hands in innocence; so I will go about Your altar, O Lord. Alleluia. (25:6) [SAAS]

13. That I may hear the voice of praise and tell of all Your wondrous works. Alleluia. (25:7) [SAAS]

14. O Lord, I love the beauty of Your house, and the place where Your glory dwells. Alleluia. (25:8) [SAAS]

15. I said to those who transgress the law, "Do not transgress the law," and to those who sin I said, "Do not exalt yourselves." Alleluia. (74:5) [SAAS]

16. I have not sat down with vain councils, nor will I go in with those who transgress the law. Alleluia. (25:4) [SAAS]

17. I hate the assembly of evildoers, and I will not sit with the ungodly. Alleluia. (25:5) [SAAS]

18. The mouth of the righteous shall meditate on wisdom, and his tongue shall speak of judgment. Alleluia. (36:30) [SAAS]

19. The law of God is in his heart, and his steps shall not be tripped up. Alleluia. (36:31)

[SAAS]

20. He will manage his words with judgment. Alleluia. (111:5) [SAAS]

21. He shall not be afraid because of an evil report. Alleluia. (111:7) [SAAS]

22. The righteous man shall be glad in the Lord, and shall hope in Him. Alleluia. (63:11)

[SAAS]

23. The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree; he shall be multiplied like the cedar in Lebanon. Alleluia. (91:13) [SAAS]

24. Those planted in the house of the Lord shall blossom forth in the courts of our God. Alleluia. (91:14) [SAAS]

25. Your priests shall clothe themselves in righteousness; Your saints shall greatly rejoice. Alleluia. (131:9) [SAAS]

26. Blessed are those who dwell in Your house; they shall praise You unto ages of ages. Alleluia. (83:5) [SAAS]

Glory. **For the Trinity.**

Mode 1.

Come, let us bow in worship and extol, * all together singing doxologies * to God the Father and the Son * and the Holy Spirit faithfully, * crying out and saying: Save us, all-holy Trinity.

Both now. **Theotokion.**

Mode 1.

O Christ, your people now invoke the name * of Your holy Mother, O Good One, and pray.* By her entreaties for us, * will You

give us Your tender love, * so that we may glorify * You, the hope of our souls, O Lord.

PRIEST

Again and again, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

(Lord, have mercy.)

Help us, save us, have mercy on us, and protect us, O God, by Your grace.

(Lord, have mercy.)

Commemorating our most holy, pure, blessed, and glorious Lady, the Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary, with all the saints, let us commend ourselves and one another and our whole life to Christ our God.

(To You, O Lord.)

For blessed is your name, and glorified is your kingdom, of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages.

(Amen.)

CHOIR

Kathisma III.

From Menaion - - -

Mode pl. 4. *By conceiving the wisdom.*

You interpreted rightly the words of God, * and the Orthodox doctrines you taught as well, * for you were a genuine * and devout, godly Hierarch. * And as such you did educate the minds of the Orthodox * in the love of God and the way to salvation. * Then you built a holy monastery for women, * in Aegina, moved by God, * for the nurture and care of souls, * holy Father Nektarios. * The nuns who live there venerate * your divine and holy relics reverently, * and we with them are observing * your holy memorial. [SD]

Glory. Both now. **Theotokion.**

Mode pl. 4. *By conceiving the wisdom.*

St. Nektarios knew that you were portrayed * by the jar where the manna was kept of old, * O Pure one, and by the lamp * that was bright with the light of God. * And he, as a true worker of virtue, was worthily * illumined in his soul and his mind by your radiance. * Therefore he proclaimed it in Orthodox manner, * that you, Theotokos, are * at the same time a virgin pure * and the Mother of Christ our God. * He now enjoys Your Son's holy light * incomprehensible, Lady all-immaculate, * and with the Angels he glorifies * your glory ineffable. [SD]

Antiphon I.

Mode 4.

Since my youth have many passions waged war against me. O my Savior, nonetheless help me and save me. (2) [SD]

You, the haters of Zion, be put to shame by the Lord, for like thatch in fire you will be completely dried up. (2) [SD]

Glory.

From the Holy Spirit every soul receives life, and through cleansing is lifted and brightened, in a hidden, sacred manner, by the trinal Monad. [SD]

Both now.

From the Holy Spirit do the streams of grace well forth; they irrigate everything created, so that life be engendered. [SD]

Prokeimenon. Psalms 48, 131.

My mouth shall speak wisdom, and the meditation of my heart, understanding. (2)

Verse: *O Lord, Your priests shall clothe themselves in righteousness; Your saints shall greatly rejoice.*

My mouth shall speak wisdom, and the meditation of my heart, understanding. [SAAS]

DEACON

Let us pray to the Lord.

(Lord, have mercy.)

PRIEST

For you are holy, our God, who rest among the Saints, and to you we give glory, to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages.

CHOIR

Amen.

Mode 2.

Let everything that breathes praise the Lord. (2) Let everything that breathes praise the Lord. [SAAS]

DEACON

Let us pray to the Lord our God that we may be made worthy to hear the holy Gospel.

(Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.)

DEACON

Wisdom. Arise. Let us hear the Holy Gospel.

PRIEST

Peace be with all.

(And with your spirit.)

PRIEST

The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to John.

DEACON

Let us be attentive.

(Glory to You, O Lord, glory to You.)

PRIEST *(from the gate)*

Jn. 10:1-9

The Lord said to the Jews who had come to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber; but he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. To him the gatekeeper opens; the sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers." This figure Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. So Jesus again said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and robbers; but the sheep did not heed them. I am the door; if any one enters by me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture." [RSV]

(Glory to You, O Lord, glory to You.)

READER

Psalms 50 (51).

Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your great mercy; and according to the abundance of Your compassion, blot out my transgression. Wash me thoroughly from my lawlessness and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my lawlessness, and my sin is always before me. Against You only have I sinned and done evil in Your sight; that You may be justified in Your words, and overcome when You are judged. For behold, I was conceived

in transgressions, and in sins my mother bore me. Behold, You love truth; You showed me the unknown and secret things of Your wisdom. You shall sprinkle me with hyssop, and I will be cleansed; You shall wash me, and I will be made whiter than snow. You shall make me hear joy and gladness; my bones that were humbled shall greatly rejoice. Turn Your face from my sins, and blot out all my transgressions. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Do not cast me away from Your presence, and do not take Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, and uphold me with Your guiding Spirit. I will teach transgressors Your ways, and the ungodly shall turn back to You. Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God, the God of my salvation, and my tongue shall greatly rejoice in Your righteousness. O Lord, You shall open my lips, and my mouth will declare Your praise. For if You desired sacrifice, I would give it; You will not be pleased with whole burnt offerings. A sacrifice to God is a broken spirit, a broken and humbled heart God will not despise. Do good, O Lord, in Your good pleasure to Zion, and let the walls of Jerusalem be built; then You will be pleased with a sacrifice of righteousness, with offerings and whole burnt offerings; then shall they offer young bulls on Your altar. [SAAS]

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CHOIR

Glory. **Mode 2.**

At the intercession of Your holy Hierarchy, O Lord of mercy, blot out my many offences.

[SD]

Both now.

At the intercession of the Theotokos, O Lord of mercy, blot out my many offences. ^[SD]

Idiomelon. Mode pl. 2.

Verse: *Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your great mercy; and according to the abundance of Your compassion, blot out my transgression.* ^[SAAS]

Today, Nektarios the God-bearer, the Church's new ornament, having completed the race of virtue, has made his way to heaven. Dwelling now in the splendor of the Saints, he enjoys with face unveiled the tree of life, as he receives the illuminations of the magnificent glory. And he prays for us, asking that we be free of danger, and that we may have lasting peace and great mercy. ^[SD]

DEACON

O God, save your people and bless your inheritance. Look upon your world with mercy and compassion. Raise the Orthodox Christians in glory, and send down upon us your rich mercies, through the intercessions of our most pure Lady the Theotokos and ever-Virgin Mary, the power of the precious and life giving Cross, the protection of the honorable, bodiless Powers of heaven, the supplications of the honorable and glorious prophet, and forerunner John the Baptist, the holy, glorious, and praiseworthy Apostles, our Fathers among the Saints, the great hierarchs and ecumenical teachers, Basil the Great, Gregory the Theologian and John Chrysostom, Athanasios, Cyril, and John the Merciful, patriarchs of Alexandria; Nicholas, bishop of Myra, Spyridon, bishop of Trimythous, the wonder-workers; the holy, glorious great Martyrs George the Victorious, Demetrios the Myrobletes, Theodore the Teron, and Theodore the General, Menas

the Wonderworker, the Hieromartyrs Haralambos and Eleftherios; the holy, glorious, and victorious martyrs; the glorious great Martyr and all-laudable Euphemia; the holy and glorious Martyrs Thecla, Barbara, Anastasia, Katherine, Kyriake, Fotene, Marina, Paraskeve and Irene; of our holy God-bearing Fathers; (local patron saint); the holy and righteous ancestors of God Joachim and Anna, and our father among the saints Nektarios, Metropolitan of Pentapolis, the Wonderworker, whose memory we celebrate; and of all your Saints. We beseech you, only merciful Lord, hear us sinners who pray to you and have mercy on us.

CHOIR

Lord, have mercy. (12)

PRIEST

Through the mercy, compassion, and love of mankind of your only-begotten Son, with whom you are blessed, together with your all-holy, good and life-giving Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages.

(Amen.)

The full canons in English are unavailable at this time. Therefore we are offering a modified order and partial canon.

From Horologion - - -

CHOIR

**Canon for the Theotokos.
Ode i. Mode pl. 4. Heirmos.**

Of old when the Israelite had crossed * the watery passage as if over a tract of land, * fleeing from the misery of Egypt, * he cried: "To God our Redeemer, O let us sing." (2) ^[SD]

Most-holy Theotokos, save us.

By many temptations am I distressed. * Praying to be rescued, for salvation I run to you. * O Virgin and Mother of the Logos, * from all afflictions and evils deliver me. ^[SD]

Most-holy Theotokos, save us.

Assaults from the passions unsettle me,
* and they fill my soul to overflowing with
much despair. * Quiet them, O undefiled
Maiden, * with the dispassionate calm of your
Son and God. [SD]

Most-holy Theotokos, save us.

O Virgin who mothered our Savior God,
* I earnestly beg that I be rescued from my
distress. * For now as I flee to you for refuge, *
my soul and reason I lift up in ardent prayer.
[SD]

Most-holy Theotokos, save us.

My body and soul are alike diseased. *
Only Theotokos, count me worthy of your
divine * providence and gracious visitation,
* since you are good and the Mother of Him
who is good. [SD]

Canon 1 for the Saint.

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Mode 1. N/M (An anthem of victory.)

Saint of God, intercede for us.

O wonder-worker Nektarios, with the
light of your intercessions dispel the darkness
of mind, and give me the words to gaily extol
your divine memory. [SD]

Saint of God, intercede for us.

O father, in recent years you shone forth
like an unsetting sun, with the light of your
deeds. You marvelously shine the light of the
Gospel to the ends of the world. [SD]

Glory.

O devout Saint Nektarios, you followed
the footsteps of the Hierarchs of Christ of old,
in the purity of your life, and you are equal to
them and share their renown. [SD]

Both now. **Theotokion.**

O immaculate Virgin, in your womb
you carried the unbearable nature without
burning. You gave birth in the flesh to Christ
the Maker of all, without altering and mixing.

[SD]

Ode i. Katavasia. Mode 4.

I open my mouth and pray the Spirit
fill it, like David said, * to pour out a good
word to the Queen and Mother of God. * I will
celebrate * her feast with joy and gladness *
and sing to her merrily, lauding her Entry. [SD]

From Horologion - - -

Canon for the Theotokos.

Ode iii. Mode pl. 4. Heirmos.

O divine Master Builder of the celestial
vault, * as the only Lover of mankind and
Founder of the Church, * establish me, O Lord,
in love for You, the believers' * firm support
and ultimate object of all desire. (2) [SD]

Most-holy Theotokos, save us.

I have named you the shelter and the
defense of my life. * Therefore, I entreat you, O
virgin Maid who gave birth to God, * conduct
me to your port, * originator of good things, *
the believers' firm support, * only all-lauded
one. [SD]

Most-holy Theotokos, save us.

I beseech you, O Virgin, dispel my soul's
turbulence, * also the tempestuous surging
of grave despondency. * For you, O Bride of
God, * gave birth to Christ who is Author * of
serene tranquility, * only all-spotless one. [SD]

Most-holy Theotokos, save us.

Pour the wealth of your goodness and
benefactions on all, * since you bore the great
Benefactor, the Cause of every good. * You

carried in your womb * Christ who is mighty in power; * therefore you can do all things, * O Lady blest by God. [SD]

Most-holy Theotokos, save us.

I implore you to help me as I am now being tried * by distressing ailments, O Virgin, and morbid suffering. * For I know you to be * an inexhaustible treasure * plenteous in remedies, * only all-blameless one. [SD]

Canon 1 for the Saint.

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Mode 1. N/M (Firmly established be.)

Saint of God, intercede for us.

O father, from your youth you accepted sacred instruction in divine love, and you chose to follow Christ, and you prudently distanced yourself from all vanity. [SD]

Saint of God, intercede for us.

O father, with the sayings of your lips, you drip heavenly sweetness into the hearts of those who faithfully receive your words; and you instruct the mind of the faithful to pursue higher values. [SD]

Glory.

O devout Hierarch Nektarios, by your chaste way of life, you put on true holiness, and thus you appeared as the splendor of hierarchs. Therefore we extol you. [SD]

Both now. **Theotokion.**

O immaculate Maiden, supernally beautified with the splendors of virginity, you ineffably gave birth to God physically, and by your childbirth you revoked the verdict on Eve. [SD]

Ode iii. Katavasia. Mode 4.

Establish your servants who extol you, * O Mother of God, for they have formed * a spiritual choir for you * the living and abundant fount; * and graciously in your divine Entry give glorious crowns to them. [SD]

DEACON

Again and again, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

(Lord, have mercy.)

Help us, save us, have mercy on us, and protect us, O God, by Your grace.

(Lord, have mercy.)

Commemorating our most holy, pure, blessed, and glorious Lady, the Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary, with all the saints, let us commend ourselves and one another and our whole life to Christ our God.

(To You, O Lord.)

PRIEST

For you are our God, and to you we give glory, to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages.

(Amen.)

CHOIR

Kathisma.

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Mode pl. 1. N/M (Let us worship the Word.)

O devout St. Nektarios, when you finished the race of virtue, you were transferred to everlasting life, and you became a partner of the saints. Join them now in ever interceding with Christ the King of all, that He forgive the sins and save the souls of those who celebrate your memory. [SD]

Glory. Both now. **Theotokion.**

Mode pl. 1. *N/M (Let us worship the Word.)*

O believers, let us extol and magnify the ever-virgin Maiden and pure Theotokos, the most precious jar that contained the true manna Christ our God. She has delivered us from the ancient curse, for remaining perpetually virgin, she gave birth to the Logos who is above all essence, for the salvation of our souls. [SD]

Ode iv. Katavasia. Mode 4.

When the Prophet Habakkuk heard the divine * and incomprehensible counsel of Your Incarnation * from the Virgin, O Most High, * considering, he cried aloud: * Glory to Your power, O Lord my God. [SD]

Ode v. Katavasia. Mode 4.

Amazed was the universe, * O Maiden, by your most august * Entry. For, O never-wedded Virgin, * you who appeared as a most pure temple yourself * did enter the Temple of God, * now awarding peace to all who extol you with hymns of praise. [SD]

Ode vi. Katavasia. Mode 4.

O godly-minded believers, come * and celebrate this sacred and venerable feast and thus extol * the Theotokos, and clap our hands, * and glorify our God who was truly born of her. [SD]

DEACON

Again and again, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

(Lord, have mercy.)

Help us, save us, have mercy on us, and protect us, O God, by Your grace.

(Lord, have mercy.)

Commemorating our most holy, pure, blessed, and glorious Lady, the Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary, with all the saints, let us commend ourselves and one another and our whole life to Christ our God.

(To You, O Lord.)

PRIEST

For You are the King of peace and the savior of our souls, and to You we give glory, to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages.

(Amen.)

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READER

Kontakion.

Mode pl. 4. *O Champion General.*

With hymns of praise let us extol in heartfelt jubilation * the lately shining luminary of the Orthodox faith * and the Church's recent fortification. * By the action of the Spirit was he glorified, * and he gushes up the grace of cures abundantly * unto those who cry: * Rejoice, Father Nektarios. [SD]

Oikos.

A man, with his mind in heaven, were you, in the world still living, O Nektarios, Hierarch of Christ. You led a devout and holy life, and in everything you were truly impeccable, righteous, and inspired by God. And henceforth you hear us saying: [SD]

Rejoice, through whom the faithful are exalted; rejoice, through whom the foes are astounded.

Rejoice, for of the holy fathers you were emulous; for you are the teacher of the Orthodox.

Rejoice, most holy house of the energy of God; rejoice, God-written book of the new way of life.

Rejoice, modern-day peer of the Saints and Fathers; rejoice, for you wisely kept your distance from matter.

Rejoice, the radiant trophy of the Faith; rejoice, the dignified instrument of grace.

Rejoice, through whom is the Church celebrating; rejoice through whom the Isle of Aegina is rejoicing.

Rejoice, Father Nektarios.

Synaxarion.

From the Menaion.

On November 9, we commemorate our father among the saints Nektarios, Metropolitan of Pentapolis in Egypt, the Wonder-worker and founder of the holy Monastery of Holy Trinity on Aigina, who reposed in holiness in the year 1920.

On this day we also commemorate the holy Martyrs Onesiphoros and Porphyrios.

On this day we also commemorate our devout mother Matrona.

On this day we also commemorate devout Saint Theoktiste of Lesbos.

On this day we also commemorate the holy women Efstolia and Sopatra.

On this day we also commemorate the holy Martyr Anthony.

On this day Saints Christopher and Maura died by the sword.

On this day we also commemorate the holy Martyrs Narses and Artemon.

On this day our devout father Saint John the Short died in peace.

On this day devout Saint Helladios died in peace.

Devout Saint Symeon Metaphrastes died in peace.

Our devout and God-bearing fathers Efthymios and Neophytos, the founders of the holy Monastery of Docheiariou on Mt. Athos, died in peace.

By their intercessions, Christ our God, have mercy on us and save us. Amen.

CHOIR

Ode vii. Katavasia. Mode 4.

Godly-minded three * did not adore created things in the Creator's stead; * rather, disdaining the threat * of fire, they trampled it, and joyfully they sang: * "O supremely praised * and most exalted Lord and God * of the fathers, You are blessed." [SD]

Ode viii. Katavasia. Mode 4.

We praise and we bless and we worship the Lord.

Guiltless were those Servants in the furnace. * The Son of the Theotokos went and rescued them. * He who was prefigured then, * having been incarnate now, * is gathering the whole wide world into His Church to sing: * "O all you works of the Lord, to all ages * sing praises to the Lord and exalt Him beyond measure." [SD]

DEACON

Let us honor and magnify in song the Theotokos and the Mother of the light.

CHOIR

Ode ix.

Megaly-narion. Mode pl. 4.

Verse: *My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior.* [NKJV]

Greater in honor than the Cherubim, and in glory greater beyond compare than the Seraphim; you without corruption gave birth to God the Word, and are truly Theotokos. You do we magnify. [SD]

Verse: *For He has regarded the lowly state of His maidservant; for behold, henceforth all generations will call me blessed.* [NKJV]

Greater in honor than the Cherubim, and in glory greater beyond compare than the Seraphim; you without corruption gave birth to God the Word, and are truly Theotokos. You do we magnify. [SD]

Verse: *For He who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is His name. And His mercy is on those who fear Him from generation to generation.* [NKJV]

Greater in honor than the Cherubim, and in glory greater beyond compare than the Seraphim; you without corruption gave birth to God the Word, and are truly Theotokos. You do we magnify. [SD]

Verse: *He has shown strength with His arm; He has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.* [NKJV]

Greater in honor than the Cherubim, and in glory greater beyond compare than the Seraphim; you without corruption gave birth to God the Word, and are truly Theotokos. You do we magnify. [SD]

Verse: *He has put down the mighty from their thrones, and exalted the lowly. He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich He has sent away empty.* [NKJV]

Greater in honor than the Cherubim, and in glory greater beyond compare than the Seraphim; you without corruption gave birth to God the Word, and are truly Theotokos. You do we magnify. [SD]

Verse: *He has helped His servant Israel, in remembrance of His mercy, as He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his seed forever.* [NKJV]

Greater in honor than the Cherubim, and in glory greater beyond compare than the Seraphim; you without corruption gave birth to God the Word, and are truly Theotokos. You do we magnify. [SD]

From Horologion - - -

Canon for the Theotokos.

Ode ix. Mode pl. 4. Heirmos.

You are the Theotokos * lit'rally, O Virgin; * and we confess it, for we have been saved through you * whom we, O pure one, with choirs of angels magnify. [SD]

Most-holy Theotokos, save us.

Do not dismiss the river * of my tears, O Virgin. * For in your womb you conceived and you carried Christ * the Lord who takes every teardrop away from every face. [SD]

Most-holy Theotokos, save us.

With joy, all-holy Virgin, * fill my heart to fullness, * having received, O pure Maiden, the fullness of joy * and thereby causing the sorrow of sin to disappear. [SD]

Most-holy Theotokos, save us.

For those who flee for safety * unto you, O Virgin, * be a retreat and a fortress immovable, * defense and shelter and refuge and joyous ecstasy. [SD]

Most-holy Theotokos, save us.

With rays of your effulgence * brighten us, O Virgin, * who in the Orthodox manner declare you to be * the Theotokos who drives out the gloom of ignorance. [SD]

Most-holy Theotokos, save us.

Restore my health, O Virgin; * for because of illness, * I am reduced to a state of tormenting pain. * Transform my feeble condition into vitality. [SD]

Canon 1 for the Saint.

Menaion Supplement - - -

Mode 1. N/M (*A spring, abundantly flowing.*)

Saint of God, intercede for us.

O father, when you had virtuously finished the race of your life, you received a crown of glory from Christ, who had illustriously glorified you; and you were given honor equal to the Saints; with whom now pray on behalf of us who honor you. [SD]

Saint of God, intercede for us.

When you donned episcopal vestments, you invested them with honor, because of your sacred struggles and ascetic labors. And because of your chaste life, the received the splendor of the Fathers of old. [SD]

Glory.

The Church of Christ rejoices in you, as she observes your memory with hymns of praise, O St. Nektarios. You have given her

cheer in recent times, for you were made a saint by the Holy Spirit. [SD]

Both now. **Theotokion.**

O Lady, you physically gave birth to Christ, the Giver of light; and thus being higher than the heavenly hosts, and brighter beyond compare than the sun, you illumine those who magnify you. [SD]

Ode ix. Katavasia. Mode 4.

All you born on earth, * with festival lamps in hand, in spirit leap for joy; * and all you the heavenly angelic orders, join in and celebrate; * and honoring the sacred Entry of the Mother of God, * sing the joyful salutation, "O rejoice, * Theotokos, all-blest, ever-virgin pure!" [SD]

DEACON

Again and again, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

(Lord, have mercy.)

Help us, save us, have mercy on us, and protect us, O God, by Your grace.

(Lord, have mercy.)

Commemorating our most holy, pure, blessed, and glorious Lady, the Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary, with all the saints, let us commend ourselves and one another and our whole life to Christ our God.

(To You, O Lord.)

PRIEST

For all the powers of heaven praise You and give You glory, to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages.

(Amen.)

CHOIR

Exaposteilarion.

Menaion Supplement - - -

Mode 3. *Having embellished heaven.*

O Church of Christ, be exultant, * and sing
a new and sacred song * to your own son and
extol him, * the sacred leader of the bride, *
Nektarios, who has lately * appeared as one
truly holy. [SD]

Another.

Mode 3. *Having embellished heaven.*

You lived in godly manner, * hence the
Creator of all things * wondrously magnified
you, * O hierarch Nektarios. * The case
containing your relics * became a wellspring
of miracles. [SD]

Theotokion.

Mode 3. *Having embellished heaven.*

Having God's favor, O Maiden, * forever
earnestly entreat * your only Son and our
Master * and very tender-loving God, *
that He deliver the pious * from dangers, O
Theotokos. [SD]

Lauds. Mode 1.

Let everything that breathes praise the
Lord. Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise
Him in the highest. It is fitting to sing a hymn
to You, O God. [SAAS]

Praise Him, all you His angels; praise
Him, all you His hosts. It is fitting to sing a
hymn to You, O God. [SAAS]

Praise Him, sun and moon; praise Him, all you
stars and light.

Praise Him, you heavens of heavens, and you
waters above the heavens. Let them praise the Lord's
name.

For He spoke, and they were made; He
commanded, and they were created.

He established them forever and unto ages of ages;
He set forth His ordinance, and it shall not pass away.

Praise the Lord from the earth, you dragons and all
the deeps.

Fire and hail, snow and ice, stormy wind, which
perform His word.

Mountains and all the hills, fruitful trees and all
cedars.

Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and
flying birds.

Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all
judges of the earth.

Young men and maidens, elders with younger,
let them praise the Lord's name, for His name alone is
exalted.

His thanksgiving is in earth and heaven. And He
shall exalt the horn of His people.

A hymn for all His saints, for the children of Israel,
a people who draw near to Him.

Sing to the Lord a new song, His praise in the
assembly of His holy ones.

Let Israel be glad in Him who made him, and let
the children of Zion greatly rejoice in their King.

Let them praise His name with dance; with
tambourine and harp let them sing to Him.

For the Lord is pleased with His people, and He
shall exalt the gentle with salvation.

The holy ones shall boast in glory, and they shall
greatly rejoice on their beds.

The high praise of God shall be in their mouth and
a two-edged sword in their hand.

To deal retribution to the nations, reproving
among the peoples.

To shackle their kings with chains and their nobles
with fetters of iron.

To fulfill among them the written judgment: this glory have all His holy ones.

Praise God in His saints; praise Him in the firmament of His power.

Stichera. For the Saint.

Menaion Supplement - - -

Mode 1. For the celestial orders.

Praise Him for His mighty acts; praise Him according to the abundance of His greatness. [SAAS]

With songs of praise let us gather as one and celebrate * the bright commemoration of the God-bearing bishop * Nektarios, whom Christ lately glorified for his illustrious way of life. * For He was wondrously given the grace to heal * and to care for the believers all. [SD]

Praise Him with the sound of trumpet; praise Him with the harp and lyre. [SAAS]

The sacred case of your relics has been perceived to be * another pool of Siloam; by the grace of the Spirit, * it brings an end to all manner of disease, * granting health and deliverance * to all of those who approach it with ardent faith, * O our Father Saint Nektarios. [SD]

Praise Him with timbrel and dance; praise Him with strings and flute. [SAAS]

Who can extol as is worthy Your sovereign might and rule, * O life-bestowing Savior? * You have recently given * Nektarios the truly inspired man, who devotedly worshiped You, * as an unshaken foundation of true belief * and a pillar to Your holy Church. [SD]

Praise Him with resounding cymbals; praise Him with triumphant cymbals; let everything that breathes praise the Lord. [SAAS]

The fragrant scent of your relics, O Saint Nektarios, * truly exceeds the fragrance of the field, as is it written. * The senses of the pious it now delights. Hence the island of Aigina * beatifies you, O thrice-blessed Hierarch, * for she sees the grace of God in you. [SD]

Glory.

Menaion Supplement - - -

Mode pl. 1.

O devout Father, you devoted your life to the study of the Law of God, and in so doing you emulated the life of the saints of old. When you made the mind that is set on the flesh subject to the spirit, you did what was good, and you clothed yourself in holiness, as a hierarch wise in things divine and a genuine worker of virtue. Therefore, you were vividly glorified by God, and the casket of your relics became a wellspring of cures and healings, by the overshadowing of the Holy Spirit. Now we pray you, O blessed Nektarios, sprinkle into our souls the nectar of your grace, and intercede with the Lord to grant us the great mercy. [SD]

From Octoechos - - -

Both now. **Theotokion.**

Now we call you blessed, O Virgin Theotokos, and we glorify you, duty-bound as believers; the city unshakable, the wall indestructible, the firm and steadfast protection, and the place of refuge for our souls. [SD]

Great Doxology

Glory be to You who showed the light.
Glory in the highest to God. His peace is on
earth, His good pleasure in mankind. [SD]

We praise You, we bless You, we worship
You, we glorify You, we give thanks to You
for Your great glory.

Lord King, heavenly God, Father, Ruler
over all; Lord, only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
and You, O Holy Spirit.

Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the
Father, who take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us, You who take away the sins
of the world.

Accept our supplication, You who sit at
the right hand of the Father, and have mercy
on us.

For You alone are holy, You alone are
Lord, Jesus Christ, to the glory of God the
Father. Amen.

Every day I will bless You, and Your name
will I praise to eternity, and to the ages of
ages.

Vouchsafe, O Lord, this day, that we be
kept without sin.

Blessed are You, O Lord, the God of our
fathers, and praised and glorified is Your
name to the ages. Amen.

Let Your mercy be on us, O Lord, as we
have set our hope on You.

Blessed are You, O Lord. Teach me Your
statutes.

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statutes.

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statutes.

Lord, You have been our refuge from
generation to generation. I said: Lord, have
mercy on me. Heal my soul, for I have sinned
against You.

Lord, I have fled to You. Teach me to do
Your will, for You are my God.

For with You is the fountain of life; in
Your light we shall see light.

Continue Your mercy to those who know
You.

Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal,
have mercy on us. (3)

Glory to the Father and the Son and the
Holy Spirit.

Both now and ever and to the ages of ages.
Amen.

Holy Immortal, have mercy on us.

Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal,
have mercy on us.

Apolytikion.

Menaion Supplement - - -

Mode 1. *As a citizen of the desert.*

The son of Silybria, the guardian of
Aegina, * and the ardent lover of virtue *
who in recent years has appeared, * the God-
inspired servant of Christ * Nektarios, O
faithful, let us praise. * For he gushes forth
healings of every kind * to those who cry out
reverently: * Glory to Christ who glorified
you; * glory to Him for your miracles; * glory
to Him who through you effects cures for all.

[SD]

DEACON

Have mercy on us, O God, according to Your great mercy, we pray You, hear us and have mercy.

(Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.)

Let us pray for pious and Orthodox Christians.

(Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.)

Again we pray for (episcopal rank) (name).

(Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.)

Again we pray for our brethren: the priests, the hieromonks, the hierodeacons, the monastics, and all our brotherhood in Christ.

(Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.)

Again we pray for mercy, life, peace, health, salvation, protection, forgiveness, and remission of the sins of the servants of God, all pious Orthodox Christians residing and visiting in this city: the parishioners, the members of the parish council, the stewards, and benefactors of this holy church.

(Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.)

Again we pray for the blessed and ever-memorable founders of this holy church, and for all our fathers and brethren who have fallen asleep before us, who here have been piously laid to their rest, as well as the Orthodox everywhere.

(Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.)

Again we pray for those who bear fruit and do good works in this holy and all-venerable church, for those who labor and

those who sing, and for the people here present who await Your great and rich mercy.

(Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.)

PRIEST

For You are a merciful God Who loves mankind, and to You we offer up glory, to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages.

(Amen.)

DEACON

Let us complete our morning prayer to the Lord.

(Lord, have mercy.)

Help us, save us, have mercy on us, and protect us, O God, by Your grace.

(Lord, have mercy.)

That the whole day may be perfect, holy, peaceful, and sinless, let us ask the Lord.

(Grant this, O Lord.)

For an angel of peace, a faithful guide, a guardian of our souls and bodies, let us ask the Lord.

(Grant this, O Lord.)

For pardon and remission of our sins and transgressions, let us ask the Lord.

(Grant this, O Lord.)

For that which is good and beneficial for our souls, and for peace for the world, let us ask the Lord.

(Grant this, O Lord.)

That we may complete the remaining time of our life in peace and repentance, let us ask the Lord.

(Grant this, O Lord.)

And let us ask for a Christian end to our life, peaceful, without shame and suffering, and for a good defense before the awesome judgment seat of Christ.

(Grant this, O Lord.)

Commemorating our most holy, pure, blessed, and glorious Lady, the Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary, with all the saints, let us commend ourselves and one another and our whole life to Christ our God.

(To You, O Lord.)

PRIEST

For You are the God of mercy and compassion and love for mankind, and to You we give glory, to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and forever and to ages of ages.

(Amen.)

PRIEST

Peace be with all.

(And with your spirit.)

DEACON

Let us bow our heads to the Lord.

(To You, O Lord.)

PRIEST *(in a low voice)*

Holy Lord, dwelling on high and beholding things below and, with your eye that observes all, keeping watch over the whole creation, to you we have bowed the neck of our soul and body, and we beseech you, O Holy of Holies: Stretch forth your invisible hand from your holy dwelling and bless us all. And, as you are good and love humankind, pardon us if we have sinned in anything, voluntarily or involuntarily, granting us your blessings both of this world and of the world above.

PRIEST

For Yours it is to show mercy and to save us, O our God, and to You we give glory, to

the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and forever and to ages of ages.

(Amen.)

DEACON

Wisdom.

(Father, bless!)

PRIEST

Blessed are You, Christ our God, always now and forever and to the ages of ages.

(Amen.)

Make firm, Lord our God, the holy and pure faith of the pious Orthodox Christians, together with the Holy Church and this city forever.

READER

Amen.

Greater in honor than the Cherubim, and in glory greater beyond compare than the Seraphim; you without corruption gave birth to God the Word, and are truly Theotokos. You do we magnify.

Glory to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Both now and ever and to the ages of ages. Amen.

Lord, have mercy. (3) Father, bless!

PRIEST

May Christ our true God, through the intercessions of His all-pure and all-immaculate holy Mother, the power of the precious and life-giving Cross, the protection of the honorable, bodiless powers of heaven, the supplications of the honorable, glorious prophet and forerunner John the Baptist, of the holy, glorious, and praiseworthy apostles, of the holy, glorious, and triumphant martyrs, of our righteous and God-bearing fathers, *(local patron saint)*; of the holy and righteous ancestors of God Joachim and Anna, and our father among the saints

Nektarios, Metropolitan of Pentapolis, the
Wonderworker, whose memory we celebrate;
and of all the saints, have mercy on us and
save us, for He is good and loves mankind.

Through the prayers of our holy fathers,
Lord Jesus Christ, our God, have mercy on us
[and save us].

(Amen.)