



# SAINT NEKTARIOS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

SUNDAY MISSAL FOR MARCH 2, 2025

DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM



## **Apolytikion of the Resurrection. 3<sup>rd</sup> Mode.**

Let the heavens rejoice and let the earth be glad: for the Lord has shown strength with his arm; he has trampled death by death; he has become the firstborn of the dead; he has delivered us from the belly of Hades, and has granted the world great mercy.

## **For St. Nektarios. 1<sup>st</sup> Mode.**

Let us faithful show honor to that son of Selyvria, Aegina's protector, who appeared in these latter years: Nektarios, the virtue-loving saint, and God-inspired servant of the Lord. He pours forth abundant healings to those who pray and cry out with a reverent voice:

"Glory to Christ, who glorified you! Glory to him for your miracles! Glory to him for all the cures that he works through you!"

As we joyfully commemorate the welcome arrival of your sacred Relics, holy Hierarch Nektarios, we call upon the grace of God in you, which sanctifies our bodies and our souls. You alleviate our suffering and you cure the illnesses afflicting us. Glory to Christ, who glorified you! Glory to Him for your miracles! Glory to Him for all the cures that He works through you.

## **For the Holy Unmercenaries.**

O HOLY Unmercenaries and wonderworkers, visit our infirmities; freely you received, freely give to us.

## **Kontakion of Cheesefare Sunday.**

### **Plagal.2<sup>nd</sup> Mode.**

Guide in wisdom and the Benefactor of prudent thought; the Corrector of the foolish,

and Protector of all the poor: Master, grant enlightenment, and give strength to my feeble heart; O Word of the Father, give a good word to me! Behold and observe my lips; I shall not hinder them from crying out: "O Most Merciful, show Your mercy to me, who have fallen."

## **APOSTOLIC READING - Rom. 13:11 -14; 14:1-4**

Brethren, salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed; the night is far gone, the day is at hand. Let us then cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us conduct ourselves becomingly as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires. As for the man who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not for disputes over opinions. One believes he may eat anything, while the weak man eats only vegetables. Let not him who eats despise him who abstains, and let not him who abstains pass judgment on him who eats; for God has welcomed him. Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for God is able to make him stand.

## **GOSPEL READING - Mt. 6:14 – 21**

THE LORD SAID, ""If you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father also will forgive you; but if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses. And when you fast,

do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces that their fasting may be seen by men. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, that your fasting may not be seen by men but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."

### **THE NICENE CREED**

I believe in one God, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all ages; Light of Light, true God of true God, begotten, not created, of one essence with the Father, through Whom all things were made. Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became man. He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate, and suffered and was buried; And He rose on the third day, according to the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father; And He will come again with glory to judge the living and the dead. His kingdom shall have no end. And in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Creator of life, Who proceeds from the Father, Who together with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, Who spoke through the prophets. In one, holy, catholic,

and apostolic Church. I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the age to come.

### **COMMUNION PRAYERS**

*(Read aloud by the Congregation)*

I believe and confess, Lord, that You are truly the Christ, the Son of the living God, Who came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the first. I also believe that this is truly Your pure Body and that this is truly Your precious Blood. Therefore, I pray to You, have mercy upon me, and forgive my transgressions, voluntary and involuntary, in word and deed, known and unknown and make me worthy, without condemnation, to partake of Your pure Mysteries for the forgiveness of sins and for life eternal. Amen. How shall I, who am unworthy, enter into the splendor of Your saints? If I dare to enter into the bridal chamber, my clothing will accuse me, since it is not a wedding garment; and being bound up, I shall be cast out by the angels. In Your love, Lord, cleanse my soul and save me. Loving Master, Lord Jesus Christ, my God, let not these Holy Gifts be to my condemnation because of my unworthiness, but for the cleansing and sanctification of soul and body and the pledge of future life and Kingdom. It is good for me to cling to God and to place in Him the hope of my salvation. Receive me today, Son of God, as a partaker of Your mystical supper. I will not reveal your mystery to Your adversaries. Nor will I give You a kiss as did Judas. But as the thief, I confess to You: Lord, Remember me in Your Kingdom.