



# SAINT NEKTARIOS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM



Χριστὸς ἀνέστη ἐκ νεκρῶν, θανάτῳ θάνατον  
πατήσας, καὶ τοῖς ἐν τοῖς μνήμασι, ζῶνῃ  
χαρισάμενος.

Christ is risen from the dead, by death trampling  
down upon death, and to those in the tombs He has  
granted life.

### **Resurrectional Apolytikion. 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 Pascha. 4<sup>th</sup> Mode.**

Though You descended to the tomb, Immortal One,  
You then completely tore the strength of Hades down,  
and You rose up, as one who conquers all, Christ our  
God, calling out to the myrrh-bearing women:

"Rejoice, it is I", and You gave Your divine peace to  
all Your Apostles, too, \* You, who have granted the  
fallen to rise again.

### **APOSTOLIC READING · Acts 9:32-42**

In those days, as Peter went here and there among  
them all, he came down also to the saints that lived at  
Lydda. There he found a man named Aeneas, who  
had been bedridden for eight years and was  
paralyzed. And Peter said to him, "Aeneas, Jesus  
Christ heals you; rise and make your bed." And  
immediately he rose. And all the residents of Lydda  
and Sharon saw him, and they turned to the Lord.  
Now there was at Joppa a disciple named Tabitha,  
which means gazelle. She was full of good works and  
acts of charity. In those days she fell sick and died;  
and when they had washed her, they laid her in an  
upper room. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the  
disciples, hearing that Peter was there, sent two men  
to him entreating him, "Please come to us without  
delay." So Peter rose and went with them. And when  
he had come, they took him to the upper room. All  
the widows stood beside him weeping, and showing  
tunics and other garments which she made while she  
was with them. But Peter put them all outside and  
knelt down and prayed; then turning to the body he  
said, "Tabitha, rise." And she opened her eyes, and  
when she saw Peter she sat up. And he gave her his  
hand and lifted her up. Then calling the saints and  
widows he presented her alive. And it became known  
throughout all Joppa, and many believed in the Lord.

### **GOSPEL READING · Jn. 5:1-15**

At that time, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now there is  
in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, in Hebrew  
called Bethesda which has five porticoes. In these lay  
a multitude of invalids, blind, lame, paralyzed,  
waiting for the moving of the water; for an angel of  
the Lord went down at certain seasons into the pool,  
and troubled the water; whoever stepped in first after

the troubling of the water was healed of whatever disease he had. One man was there, who had been ill for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him and knew that he had been lying there a long time, he said to him, "Do you want to be healed?" The sick man answered him, "Sir, I have no man to put me into the pool when the water is troubled, and while I am going another steps down before me." Jesus said to him, "Rise, take up your pallet, and walk." And at once the man was healed, and he took up his pallet and walked. Now that day was the sabbath. So the Jews said to the man who was cured, "It is the sabbath, it is not lawful for you to carry your pallet." But he answered them, "The man who healed me said to me, 'Take up your pallet, and walk.'" They asked him, "Who is the man who said to you, 'Take up your pallet, and walk'?" Now the man who had been healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had withdrawn, as there was a crowd in the place. Afterward, Jesus found him in the temple, and said to him, "See, you are well! Sin no more, that nothing worse befall you." The man went away and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had healed him.

### **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.