



SAINT NEKTARIOS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH
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DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

For the Resurrectional . 4th Mode.

When they learned from the angel the joyful message of the resurrection, the women disciples of the Lord cast off the ancestral curse, and boasted to the apostles: Death is despoiled, and Christ God is risen, granting the world great mercy.

For St. Nektarios. 1st Mode.

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.

Ἅγιοι Ἀνάργυροι καὶ θαυματουργοί,
ἐπισκέψασθε τὰς ἀσθενείας ἡμῶν, δωρεὰν
ἐλάβετε, δωρεὰν δότε ἡμῖν.

Kontakion.

Nativity of the Theotokos. 4th Mode.

Both Joachim and Anna, from infertility's stigma, and the first-formed Adam and Eve, out of Death's corruption, have now been freed, O Immaculate One, by your holy nativity! And so, all your people who have been captive. to their sins and transgressions, you redeem as they cry to you: "The barren one bears the Theotokos and the nourisher of our life!"

Ἰωακείμ καὶ Ἄννα ὄνειδισμοῦ ἀτεκνίας, καὶ
Ἀδὰμ καὶ Εὐά, ἐκ τῆς φθορᾶς τοῦ θανάτου,
ἠλευθερώθησαν, Ἄχραντε, ἐν τῇ ἀγίᾳ γεννήσει

σου· αὐτὴν ἑορτάζει καὶ ὁ λαὸς σου, ἐνοχῆς τῶν
πταισμάτων, λυτρωθεὶς ἐν τῷ κράζειν σοι· Ἡ
στεῖρα τίκτει τὴν Θεοτόκον, καὶ τροφὸν τῆς ζωῆς
ἡμῶν.

APOSTOLIC READING · 1 Cor. 16:13-24

BRETHREN, be watchful, stand firm in your faith, be courageous, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love. Now, brethren, you know that the household of Stephanas were the first converts in Achaia, and they have devoted themselves to the service of the saints; I urge you to be subject to such men and to every fellow worker and laborer. I rejoice at the coming of Stephanas and Fortunatus and Achaicos, because they have made up for your absence; for they refreshed my spirit as well as yours. Give recognition to such men. The churches of Asia send greetings. Aquila and Prisca, together with the church in their house, send you hearty greetings in the Lord. All the brethren send greetings. Greet one another with a holy kiss. I, Paul, write this greeting with my own hand. If any one has no love for the Lord, let him be accursed. Our Lord, come! The grace of the Lord Jesus be with you. My love be with you all in Christ Jesus. Amen.

GOSPEL READING · Mt. 21:33-42

THE LORD SAID THIS PARABLE, "There was a householder who planted a vineyard, and set a hedge around it, and dug a wine press in it, and built a tower, and let it out to tenants, and went into another country. When the season of fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants, to get his fruit; and the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other servants, more than the first; and they

did the same to them. Afterward he sent his son to them, saying 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.' And they took him and cast him out of the vineyard and killed him. When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons." Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures: 'The very stone which the builders rejected has become the head of the corner; this was the Lord's doing, and it was marvelous in our eyes?'"

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.

