

NOVEMBER 9

THE MEMORIAL OF OUR FATHER AMONG THE SAINTS

NECTARIUS

BISHOP OF PENTAPOLIS

AT THE VESPERS

At, Lord, I cry: four stichera shall be sung,

Tone 4

In the latter years hast thou followed the steps of the saints, O bishop Nectarius, by the purity of thy life and goodness of thy ways, true wisdom and works of love: for which cause the Master of all hath sanctified thee, and numbered thee with honour among the saints.

Thou hast received into thy heart the sweetness of grace, O holy Nectarius, and with the sweetness of thy words thou rejoicest in the Spirit the souls of the faithful, having wisdom and inspiration of God; and by thy miracles, as by a shining light, thou illuminest continually the Church of Christ, that is resplendent with thy glory.

Unto thy venerable relics we turn with devotion, O righteous Nectarius, which are a sweet savour of heaven, glorified by the grace of the divine Spirit, and from them we obtain sanctification and deliverance from passions: and those that are grieved with incurable sicknesses receive swift healing, and loudly honour thee.

Shelter unceasingly the cloister which thou hast builded and hedged with a rule for the saving of souls; preserve the island of Aegina: and freely give, O Nectarius, thy swift help, ever making intercession for her before the Lord, together with blessed Dionysius, her chief shepherd.

Glory: Tone 1

O come, all ye faithful, let us venerate Nectarius, new luminary of the Church: for in our days he hath lived godly in holiness and truth, and rivalled the virtues of the saints of old: and being a chosen vessel, as was Paul, he hath been glorified by the sanctifying grace of the Spirit, and granteth each one his petitions that are unto salvation, as a hierarch filled with all the fulness of God.

Now: To the Mother of God

Receive the prayer of sinners, O most holy Virgin; overlook not the groaning of the afflicted: and pray him that was born of thy chaste womb, that we obtain salvation.

At the Aposticha
Tone 2

By the word of grace, thou pourest upon the Church of Christ spiritual sweetness, O Nectarius, being purified in spirit.

V. Let thy priests be clothed with righteousness; and let thy saints shout for joy.

A truly great servant of the Lord hast thou shewn thyself in the last times, O Nectarius, and strengthened the faithful.

V. Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints.

The Church of Christ spiritually rejoiceth, beholding thy grace, which thou receivedst from heaven, O Nectarius our father.

Praise becometh thee, and glory, O Almighty Godhead:

threefold Light; for thou hast glorified thy godly hierarch.

By sacred words, O Virgin and Mother of God, divine Nectarius proclaimeth thy glory, being glorified by the Spirit.

Lord, now lettest: **Trisagion, and the Troparion as set forth at the end of Great Vespers. And the Dismissal.**