

Akathist to St George the Holy and Great Martyr



For All Military Personnel,
Livestock and All Animals,
Those in Captivity or in Prison, and Court Cases

Kontakion 1

Unto you, O champion leader and victorious Saint George, we offer a hymn of praise as unto our intercessor and speedy helper. Do you, Holy Great Martyr, as one who hath boldness before the Lord; deliver us from dangers of all kinds that we may cry unto you:

Rejoice, Saint George, Great Martyr and Trophy-Bearer.

Ikos 1

The Creator of Angels and Maker of all creation have revealed you unto His Church as a guardian and Passion-Bearer for the faith. You are an inspiration for us, and we lift up praises unto you for the ascetic labors of your sufferings, Saint George, in this manner:

Rejoice, you love unto the end Jesus, the Son of God.

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Rejoice, you dwell with the Angels.

Rejoice, you are the Equal of the Prophets.

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Kontakion 2

Beholding how the wicked idolaters were persecuting the Christians, you did not fear their wiles and tortures, divinely wise George. As a good soldier of Christ, you did distribute all your possessions among the poor, and then did voluntarily run to that ungodly gathering, singing unto Christ, your commander and God:

Alleluia! (People sing Alleluia!)

Ikos 2

Mentally comprehending the One God Divinely Worshipped in Three Persons, with a firm mind you did confess Him before the assembly of the ungodly. Thus, you did expose the unwise King's foolish worship of creation. In admiration of your lofty love of wisdom, Saint George, accept from us these fervent praises:

Rejoice, wise preacher of the One True God.
Rejoice, faithful advocate of the All-Holy Trinity.
Rejoice, you manifest the great Mystery of the True Faith unto the unbelievers.
Rejoice, you expose the deception of idol worship.
Rejoice, revelation of Holy Wisdom.
Rejoice, image of Divine inspiration.

Rejoice, Saint George, Great Martyr and Trophy-Bearer.

Kontakion 3

The Power of God, which enlightened every man that comes into the world, did visit you also, while you were suffering in prison, O George wise in humility. You did despise all the corruptible things of this life as chaff. You did faithfully cling unto Christ alone, that after fighting the good fight for His Name, you might be granted eternally to chant with the Angels: **Alleluia! (People sing Alleluia!)**

Ikos 3

Possessing a mind and heart enlightened by the Holy Spirit, by His inspiration you were fervent to struggle for the Name of Christ, even unto blood. Standing courageously in the faith, you did expose the puffed-up pride of the ungodly congregation. Let us, then, come to you, most wonderful George, singing praises unto you:

Rejoice, shield lifted for preservation of piety.
Rejoice, sword raised for the beheading of evil.
Rejoice, confirmation of the Christian Church.
Rejoice, comfort of those gathered in prayer.
Rejoice, encouragement of the faithful.
Rejoice, fear and disgrace of the unbelievers.

Rejoice, Saint George, Great Martyr and Trophy-Bearer.

Kontakion 4

The mad persecutor, breathing murder against you, O Passion-Bearer George, longed for your blood like a thirsty dog, ordering your body stretched out on a wheel and giving you over unto the most evil torments. Wherefore you, taking strength in the Lord, with hope and trust in God did cry aloud: **Alleluia!**
(People sing Alleluia!)

Ikos 4

When Diocletian and the priest of the idols heard words of wisdom from you, they were enraged with hatred for you, and even more so when you did say: O tormentor King, why do you torture me in vain? For me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. The faithful therefore humbly cry unto you, O George of great fame, in this way:

Rejoice, you shed your blood upon the wheel for your courageous confession of the Faith.

Rejoice, you magnify the triumph of the Faith by your blood.

Rejoice, zealot together with the Apostles.

Rejoice, imitator of the voluntary Passion of Christ.

Rejoice, unshakable champion of the Faith.

Rejoice, Passion-Bearer harder than adamant.

Rejoice, Saint George, Great Martyr and Trophy-Bearer.

Kontakion 5

You were as a star sent by God, O Saint George, for with your miraculous healing and release from the wheel by an Angel before the eyes of all, you did enlighten the unbelievers to believe in the Trinity in One Essence, and to sing unto Him together with you: **Alleluia! (People sing Alleluia!)**

Ikos 5

The people beheld the Miracles of the Power of God so clearly taking place in you, and meekly accepted the Teaching of Christ from you. They cried aloud, saying: Truly great is the God of the Christians. It is fitting that we also sing praises unto you, George worthy of glory, and so we cry out thus:

Rejoice, you disperse the darkness of unbelief by the radiant word of salvation.

Rejoice, you convert unbelievers unto Christ by your martyr's confession of faith.

Rejoice, you lead legions of earthly soldiers unto the Heavenly army.

Rejoice, you dwell with the Heavenly Hosts as a soldier of Christ.

Rejoice, glory of courageous soldiers.

Rejoice, beauty of the all-radiant Choirs of Martyrs.

Rejoice, Saint George, Great Martyr and Trophy-Bearer.

Kontakion 6

Zealous in faith, like unto those Spirit-Bearing preachers, the Apostles, you were crucified unto the world, O Martyr George. Just as Jonah were in the belly of the sea monster, you were hurled headlong into the furnace of the lime pit — that through your life might be manifested the glory of the Lord Who is wondrous in His Saints. Henceforth in the lime pit as in a Temple of Glory, you did noetically cry out: **Alleluia! (People sing Alleluia!)**

Ikos 6

Having shone forth in His Resurrection from the Tomb on the third day, Jesus, the Almighty Conqueror of hades and death, did save you from corruption, O victorious George. After three days you were found alive in the lime pit, with your hands lifted and singing unto God. The ungodly were sore afraid and stricken with terror, but we rejoice and compose a hymn of victory unto you:

Rejoice, you cast down the puffed-up pride of the devil by your being cast down in disgrace into the lime pit.

Rejoice, you overcome the persecutor's bestiality by your miraculous salvation from God.

Rejoice, for as one without guile, you did pray as for benefactors for those who worked evil against you.

Rejoice, for you were zealous for their conversion as Paul were for the Jews.

Rejoice, man of spiritual desires.

Rejoice, victor through the Power of Christ.

Rejoice, Saint George, Great Martyr and Trophy-Bearer.

Kontakion 7

Desiring by any means to ensnare your heart for service to the idols, the wicked persecutor contrived to mislead you by magical spells. Therein you, chosen of God, did cry out with David: In God is my salvation and my glory, and did faithfully chant unto Him: **Alleluia! (People sing Alleluia!)**

Ikos 7

That evil servant of satan, Diocletian, revealed a new villainy. In his insane zeal for the idols, he ordered you to be given poison, Saint George, but you were filled with faith and hope. Even though you did drink the deadly poison, yet you did remain unharmed, O praised-one of God. We marvel at your Holiness and sing unto you:

Rejoice, for you were not disgraced by your hope in the Living God.

Rejoice, for you did count your torment as nothing.

Rejoice, expeller of soul-destroying demons.

Rejoice, destroyer of the wiles of magicians.

Rejoice, through you God is shown to be wondrous in His Saints.

Rejoice, through you the Name of Christ is piously glorified.

Rejoice, Saint George, Great Martyr and Trophy-Bearer.

Kontakion 8

There came to the wicked King a strange and terrible counsel from a certain wizard: that he commands you, as proof of the truth of the Christian Faith, by your word to resurrect a dead man. You, Saint George, having no doubt whatsoever, did sing unto Him who is not the God of the dead but the God of the living: **Alleluia!**

(People sing Alleluia!)

Ikos 8

The all-desirable and Sweetest Jesus, whom you love with all your soul and heart, most Blessed George, attended to the fervent prayer of your faith and speedily commanded the resurrection of the dead man at your word. This was to the glorification of His Name and the confirmation of the faithful, so that the unbelievers and the blind might be astounded and thereby gain knowledge of God. For this reason, we dutifully cry unto you:

Rejoice, through you the Lord of Hosts manifested wonders.

Rejoice, through you He resurrected a dead man from the tomb.

Rejoice, you grant the mental vision of faith
unto the blinded wizard.

Rejoice, you show the way to the Holy of Holies unto
many who suffered for Christ.

Rejoice, astonishment of Rome.

Rejoice, exaltation of the Christian race.

Rejoice, Saint George, Great Martyr and Trophy-Bearer.

Kontakion 9

All the Angels rendered praise unto God, Who granted you such courage, victorious George, that even when locked up in prison you did not cease to keep vigil in prayer. As a great communicant of the mystery of divine Grace, you were vouchsafed to behold the Lord in a vision. He crowned your head with the crown of incorruption, so that we might cry out with you: **Alleluia! (People sing Alleluia!)**

Ikos 9

The learned orators are unable with their rhetorical tongues to render worthy praises unto you, Martyr George, for your labors and sufferings which you did assume voluntarily for Christ and the Church. We also, not knowing how to properly praise you, chant this hymn with faith:

Rejoice, by your voluntary suffering for Christ and the Church you did crucify the old Adam in yourself.

Rejoice, by your courageous suffering you did receive a crown of righteousness from the Lord.

Rejoice, rule of pious zeal.

Rejoice, model of self-sacrifice.

Rejoice, for you please not yourself, but Christ alone.

Rejoice, for you were prepared for any form of death for the sake of your Savior, Christ.

Rejoice, Saint George, Great Martyr and Trophy-Bearer.

Kontakion 10

Desiring to save the souls perishing in idolatry, O Saint George, lover of God, you were zealous for God like Elijah. Entering into the temple of the idols, by the Power of God you did drive out the demons, shattering the idols and putting the priests to shame. Thereafter as conqueror, not with men but with Angels, you did chant unto God: **Alleluia! (People sing Alleluia!)**

Ikos 10

More unfeeling than a wall, your hard-hearted tormentor, O Great Martyr, did not see God, Who so clearly worked Miracles through you, but to the end remained as an asp, stopping his ears. He commanded you to be executed as a criminal by beheading.

Though grieving over the loss of his soul, you did joyfully accept your end, for which we praise you with love in this manner:

Rejoice, you keep faith hope and love unto the end.

Rejoice, you work many great Miracles at your beheading.

Rejoice, you were crowned to the Glory of God's good will toward those on earth.

Rejoice, you were adorned with Majesty in Heaven.

Rejoice, man of God.

Rejoice, good soldier of Christ.

Rejoice, Saint George, Great Martyr and Trophy-Bearer.

Kontakion 11

You render a hymn unto the Most Holy Trinity exceeding others, Holy Saint George, not in word and mind only, but by the living sacrifice of your whole self. Imitating Him Who was crucified for us, Christ the Lamb without blemish; you did voluntarily lay down your life for your friends. Even though we are incapable of praising such courage as thine, for no man has greater love than this, yet being grateful we sing unto Him Who is wondrous in the Saints: **Alleluia! (People sing Alleluia!)**

Ikos 11

A light-receiving lamp of the True Light are you to those on earth, Saint George, chosen of God, for you do enlighten the hearts of the faithful and do guide them all unto Divine understanding, instructing us also to joyfully cry aloud:

Rejoice, for you dwell in the all-radiant Angelic Mansions.

Rejoice, for you commune of the never-waning Light of the Trinity not in a mirror, but Face to face.

Rejoice, provider for the needy and defender of the wronged.

Rejoice, healer of the infirm and support of Kings.

Rejoice, champion of Orthodox soldiers in battle.

Rejoice, fervent intercessor for the Salvation of sinners.

Rejoice, Saint George, Great Martyr and Trophy-Bearer.

Kontakion 12

Knowing the Grace granted by God, we celebrate your memory, Great Martyr George. Running with fervent prayer to your miraculous icon, we are protected by your all-Powerful help in the Lord as by an invincible wall. In praise of thine aid to others, we fervently cry unto God: **Alleluia! (People sing Alleluia!)**

Ikos 12

Hymning your glorious end, by which you were magnified as a good soldier of Christ, we pray you, O Passion-Bearer and helper in all good for us: Protect us as we earnestly cry unto you:

Rejoice, by you the Church of the faithful is enlightened.

Rejoice, for your name is praised even among the infidels.

Rejoice, wondrous glory of the confessors.

Rejoice, lofty praise of the Martyrs.

Rejoice, protector of those who honor your memory.

Rejoice, deliverer of those who confess Christ God.

Rejoice, Saint George, Great Martyr and Trophy-Bearer.

Kontakion 13

(Read Kontakion 3, three times)

Most Blessed and Holy Great Martyr George, accept our hymn of praise and deliver us from every evil by your fervent intercession unto God, so that we may sing with you: **Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! (People sing Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!)**

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A Prayer

Great Martyr George, we hasten to you for triumph over every torment and distress and over all pride and passion, that we may glorify Jesus Christ as zealous conquerors of this world and heirs of the Heavenly Kingdom. We acknowledge our unworthiness of such Holy victory but, in praise of the courage, hope and trust which you hast demonstrated throughout your life and into your Martyrdom, we lovingly beseech thine aid in battle against sin. Pray for us, Saint George, that we may be granted the Grace to confess the Faith before others and to fulfill the Commandments under all circumstances and among all people. Let us witness of Christ the Lord that everyone might see His Radiant Light and believe in His Holy Teachings. Amen.

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