

# Akathist to the Saint Mary Magdalene



For Those Who Struggle with Demons

## **Kontakion 1**

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labors on earth for the Eternal Kingdom.

Rejoice, you gladly exchanged the menacing spirits for the  
everlasting rewards of Heaven.

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Rejoice, you can no longer be grieved.  
Rejoice, for you were loyal at the Tomb of Christ.

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**Kontakion 2**

We hear of you, Saint Mary, from the Evangelist Luke, “And it came to pass afterward, that He went throughout every city and village, preaching and showing the glad tidings of the Kingdom of God: and the Twelve were with Him. And certain women, who had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities, Mary called Magdalene, out of whom went seven devils, and Joanna the wife of Chuza Herod’s servant, and Susanna, and many others, which ministered unto Him of their substance.” Therein, Mary, with all His Followers, you said: **Alleluia! (People sing Alleluia!)**

**Ikos 2**

Having been made whole, Mary Magdalene, thereupon you thanked God and drink of the glad tidings of His Kingdom. In the Presence of Christ who pitied women in wretchedness, and in the company of the other women who worshipped the Lord, you attended unto the needs of His Ministry from your own resources. God loves a cheerful giver, and you gave of your finances and of your heart and soul. It is therefore fitting that we chant praises unto you:

Rejoice, for all your sins are forgiven and forgotten.  
Rejoice, for your house has been swept clean.  
Rejoice, for the sinister spirits were rendered powerless.  
Rejoice, for you are now a habitation of the Holy Spirit.  
Rejoice, for you are among believers who serve the Lord.  
Rejoice, for you are a peer of Joanna and Susanna.  
Rejoice, for you are known of the Heavenly Father.  
Rejoice, for your gifts are received at His Holy Altar.

Rejoice, for your gratitude is pleasing unto God.  
Rejoice, for your testimony is your utmost prosperity.  
Rejoice, for your liberation has made you  
beloved of all.  
Rejoice, for your salvation has beckoned you to  
serve all.

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**Kontakion 3**

You experienced the wreckage of the ways of evil, for you were inwardly possessed of powers which originated outside of yourself. Perchance, Saint Mary, you said and do things which were alien to your true desires, for the demons tormented you in their wicked intent to rule over you and to oppose all that is good. Notwithstanding, when you met Jesus, you miraculously said: **Alleluia! (People sing Alleluia!)**

**Ikos 3**

Saint Mary Magdalene, the demons fled you under the command of Jesus Christ Whose authority is superior. Yes, His Purity is greater than all the defilement which the world has ever devised and more than the sum of all devilish activities. The obstinate demons obeyed Christ because they were overpowered by His Goodness. You, Mary, obey because you love Your Master Who made you whole. Wherefore we bring praises unto you who are filled with gratitude and adoration:

Rejoice, for the devils that were inside you  
are now outside.  
Rejoice, for you were outside the Church but you  
are now inside.  
Rejoice, for your feet walk directly on the straight  
and narrow path.  
Rejoice, for Christ guided you during the day  
and granted you peaceful rest at night.  
Rejoice, for you are counted among those  
with renewed minds and pure hearts.

Rejoice, for your companions are the Followers  
of Christ and the doers of His Word.

Rejoice, for even in solitude you are never  
deprived and never horrified.

Rejoice, for the love of Christ satisfied your soul  
and made you whole.

Rejoice, for your devotion is simple.

Rejoice, for your speech is serene.

Rejoice, for your gratitude is sincere.

Rejoice, for your demeanor is sober.

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#### **Kontakion 4**

The journeys of Jesus Christ came to a halt when He was suddenly betrayed  
and arrested. Thereafter you began to hear and see things, Saint Mary, never  
before heard and seen in this world. The moment was quickly approaching  
when your Master would suffer death on the Cross. You could not understand  
such divine doings, but your heart remained steadfast as you continued to say:  
**Alleluia! (People sing Alleluia!)**

#### **Ikos 4**

Above all things, Mary Magdalene, you understood the way of love. You have  
never ceased to love the Master Who profoundly loves you. You are guided by  
love, and it was the revelation of the loving Christ that eventually brought you unto  
the understanding of all events since you are a blessed witness of Christ, we honor  
you with praises such as these:

Behold, the Savior loves you, Mary Magdalene, and  
every hearer of the Words of Life.

Behold, for He loves also the yet unsaved and offered them  
compassion and deliverance.

Behold, this is the Christ Who came into the world to redeem  
mankind.

Behold, for He gives His Life even for the crazed and the

scandalous.

Behold, the King has saved you, Mary Magdalene, and all those enslaved by vicious evil.

Behold, for He transformed the wretched into heirs of the Kingdom.

Behold, this is the Immortal God Who walked the earth for the sake of mortal man.

Behold, for He bore the entire weight of the fallen world upon Himself.

Behold, the Good Shepherd has found you, Mary Magdalene, and fed you with Imperishable Faith.

Behold, for He brought you into His Ministry and unto His Cross and Tomb.

Behold, for this is the Messiah Who gathered and taught His Followers in the Right Way.

Behold, for He kept all those who serve Him in Holiness of Life.

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### **Kontakion 5**

Let us gain strength and consolation from the Crucifixion, for therein we partake of the glorious Love of Jesus Christ Who bore our sins. May we embrace the Holy Cross as new creatures, made whole by the pouring out of His Precious Blood, for thereby we are bonded to Him forever in His compassion and deliverance, saying: **Alleluia! (People sing Alleluia!)**

### **Ikos 5**

Jesus Christ said, “He that eats My Flesh, and drinks My Blood, dwells in Me, and I in him. As the Loving Father has sent Me, and I live by the Father; so, he that eats Me, even he shall live by Me.” Come then, let us share in the Heavenly Life so richly flowing forth through the Wounds of Christ. Let all believers stand at the foot of the Holy Cross with Mary Magdalene and sing these praises:

Behold, the Splendid Savior.

Behold, the Righteous Redeemer.  
Behold, the Innocent Immortal.  
Behold, the Faithful Friend.  
Behold, the Divine Deliverer.  
Behold, the Courageous Conqueror.  
Behold, the Wondrous Word.  
Behold, the Lasting Love.  
Behold, the Humble Heart.  
Behold, the Victorious Voice.  
Behold, the Eternal Eyes.  
Behold, the Almighty Arms.

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### **Kontakion 6**

Mary Magdalene, you were a devoted Follower of Christ in the height of His Ministry and at the hour of His death. Your perfect love did cast out fear and your vigorous faith did drive away distrust. You perceived the sacredness of Christ whether He was teaching the multitudes or enduring cruelty from the persecutors. Even in His humiliation, you never disowned Him because you are constant in belief, saying: **Alleluia! (People sing Alleluia!)**

### **Ikos 6**

You looked on, with the Blessed and Pure Virgin Mother, when the sun was darkened. You saw with your own eyes, as did John the Theologian, when the Son of God breathed His last. You lamented with the other righteous women whose love, death could not extinguish. We are unworthy of your holiness, Saint Mary Magdalene, yet in admiration we rightfully bring these praises:

Behold, the Theotokos, how she remained with  
Her Son in maternal tenderness and deep faith.  
Behold, for She miraculously gave Him Birth  
and fainted not at the Cross.  
Behold, John the Theologian, how he loves Christ  
more than he loves anything of this world.  
Behold, for the beloved Disciple learned to love truly from the Son of God.

Behold, the righteous women, how they bravely  
proceed unto the end of the earthly journey.

Behold, for they began in Galilee and did not  
sidestep Golgotha.

Behold, the Crucified Christ, how He humbly  
fulfilled the Will of the Father Who sent Him.

Behold, for He offered forgiveness and salvation  
while brutally nailed on the Cross.

Behold, the unlimited Love.

Behold, the unconstrained Compassion.

Behold, the immeasurable Mercy.

Behold, the unrestricted Redemption.

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**Kontakion 7**

The Noble Joseph and the Honorable Nicodemus removed the Precious Body of the Savior from the Cross. Saint Mary, you watched as they carried the slumped figure of Life Immortal, the Good and True Shepherd and Redeemer of the human race, the Life-Giving Christ Who shall trample down death by death. The Cherished Jesus will bestow Life upon all, even though He is now being transported to the Burial Chamber as a dead man, that all of creation might say: **Alleluia! (People sing Alleluia!)**

**Ikos 7**

From the Cross to the Tomb, the Son of God, Who had readily walked the earth in search of the lost and wayward, was carried in the arms of men whom He had made strong in faith and piety. He Who stretched out His loving arms at the Crucifixion was taken to the Sepulcher. Jesus was properly laid in a Tomb, wherein the cold stone was not the final destination of the Lord and God of creation, but a vault of confidence and expectation for all who sing praises such as these:

Behold, the Beloved Son.

Behold, the Path of Perfection.

Behold, the Pure Body.



Behold, the Fountain of Forgiveness.  
Behold, the Sovereign King.  
Behold, the Temple of Truth.  
Behold, the Priceless Pearl.  
Behold, the Haven of Hope.  
Behold, the Sacred Enlightenment.  
Behold, the Door of Deliverance.  
Behold, the Patient Love.  
Behold, the Vine of Virtue.

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### **Kontakion 8**

Saint Mary Magdalene, on the first day of the week and in the darkness of early morning, you brought myrrh unto the Tomb of Christ. However, the Tomb had been opened and Christ was not there. In bewilderment, you ran to the Apostles Peter and John, saying, "They have taken away the Lord out of the Sepulcher, and we know not where they have laid Him." Whereupon everyone went forth to the Tomb, saying with faith in the Almighty God: **Alleluia! (People sing Alleluia!)**

### **Ikos 8**

Yes, Mary Magdalene, you ran to the Apostle Peter, and then he evangelized all the world, saying, "Casting your cares upon Him, for He cared for you." You, Mary, hastened to the Apostle John who then testified unto the Brethren, saying, "He has overcome the world! He is Jesus, the Son of God." Thereafter, Saint Mary, all generations of Christians have sung praises unto you:

Behold, the incomprehensible care of Christ for men and women.  
Behold, for He has died to give us abundant life.  
Behold, let us cast our cares upon Him today.  
Behold, that we may care for one another as He has cared for us.  
Behold, the glorious victory of Christ over this world.  
Behold, for He has triumphed over sin and death.  
Behold, let us gain deep faith in the Son of God.

Behold, that we may overcome all evil through belief.  
Behold, Mary Magdalene, you who are Godly-Minded.  
Behold, Mary Magdalene, you who are Christ-Centered.  
Behold, Mary Magdalene, you who are Spirit-Filled.  
Behold, Mary Magdalene, you who are of one mind and  
heart with the Apostles.

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**Kontakion 9**

The Apostles returned home while you, Holy and Blessed Mary, looked down into the Tomb and wept. Angels in white apparel showed themselves unto you, to comfort you and direct you toward the Resurrected Christ. You were possessed of seven devils, now speak with two Angels from Heaven. Your provision of myrrh has been accepted, because you do everything with love for your Lord and with courage amid His enemies, always saying: **Alleluia! (People sing Alleluia!)**

**Ikos 9**

Jesus stood near you and called out your name, "Mary." Then, you recognized Him as your Teacher and Master, Resurrected but not yet ascended and you were filled with gladness and thanksgiving. You had always sought Him and followed Him throughout your life and now, instead of anointing Him with myrrh, you call out the Name of the Life-Giving Savior. We admire you for your fortitude, Saint Mary Magdalene, and we chant these praises unto you:

Behold, the Risen Christ.  
Behold, "Mary."  
Behold, the Absolute Liberator.  
Behold, Your Holy Myrrh bearer.  
Behold, the Sinless Lord.  
Behold, Your faithful Disciple.  
Behold, the Eternal Conqueror.  
Behold, Your worthy Herald.  
Behold, the Living Sacrifice.  
Behold, Your vigilant Follower.  
Behold, the True God.

Behold, Your courageous Saint.

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**Kontakion 10**

There were also other women who had arrived at the Tomb, including the ever-Blessed Theotokos. Let us give tribute to all the Myrrh bearing Women: Joanna and Susanna; Salome; Mary, the wife of Cleopas, who also stood at the Cross; Martha and Mary, the sisters of Lazarus; and others who did not hide but desired to attend unto Jesus Christ even at the Sepulcher. They thereby deepened their faith and gained understanding, saying to one another: **Alleluia! (People sing Alleluia!)**

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Brothers and sisters, let us take away the stone from our paltry existence and emulate Mary Magdalene and the Myrrh bearing women. May we arise above the stench of sin, through the Resurrected Christ, and offer Him the gifts of a pure heart and a renewed mind. Come, then, and sing praises unto Mary Magdalene, for she loves the Lord Jesus with everlasting love:

Rejoice, for the Lord is not missing but He is Resurrected.

Rejoice, for He bestowed life upon all.

Rejoice, for Christ was not taken away but stood near you.

Rejoice, for you are the first to hear and see the Resurrected Lord.

Rejoice, for your myrrh is acceptable unto Christ.

Rejoice, for you bring forth works from your great love.

Rejoice, for your tears no longer fall upon the cold stone of deadness.

Rejoice, for Christ revealed His Resurrection unto you who sought Him.

Rejoice, for you are remembered forever as a Myrrh bearing woman.

Rejoice, for the fragrance of your love does permeate the Church of Christ.

Rejoice, for you are released from the torment of devils and the sorrow of the Sepulcher.

Rejoice, for Christ is Risen.

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**Kontakion 11**

Jesus Christ instructed you to go to His brothers, the Apostles. Yes, Saint Mary, He did call them His brothers, although only the beloved John had stood with Him at the Cross and none were now present at the Sepulcher. Such is the unfathomable Love of the Savior, and that is the Divine Plan of Salvation of the Heavenly Father. You, Mary, obeyed the wishes of your Master, saying: **Alleluia! (People sing Alleluia!)**

**Ikos 11**

Saint Mary Magdalene, you again ran to the Apostles, saying unto them, "I have seen the Lord," and therein you are the first Proclaimer of the Resurrection. You are recognized by the Holy Church as Equal-to-the-Apostles, for you prayed with them and travel with them to proclaim the Resurrection of Jesus Christ and to witness of His Teachings. We therefore run to you and offer our heartfelt praises:

Rejoice, you are the first eyewitness of the Risen Christ.

Rejoice, you beheld His radiant Compassion.

Rejoice, you are Equal-to-the-Apostles.

Rejoice, you work and pray in unity with the Apostles.

Rejoice, you are the Apostle-to-the-Apostles.

Rejoice, you who bring glad tidings unto the commissioned of Christ.

Rejoice, with the Apostles and the Myrrh bearers.

Rejoice, with the Angels in white apparel.

Rejoice, with the Theotokos in grand Majesty.

Rejoice, with all those delivered from demons.

Rejoice, with all those who care for one another.

Rejoice, with all those who overcome through Christ.

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**Kontakion 12**

You traveled with the other Apostles, telling the people of Rome about the Compassion and Deliverance of Jesus Christ, and proclaiming what you had heard and seen in the Burial Chamber. Saint Mary, you said to everyone, "I have seen the Lord," and the people replied: **Alleluia! (People sing Alleluia!)**

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When you met with the Emperor Tiberius, you gave him a red-colored egg to represent the Resurrection, and you said, "Christ is Risen." It is for this cause that, to this day and in Churches all over the world, the faithful give eggs on the Feast of the Resurrection. You are illustrious and commendable, Saint Mary Magdalene, and we praise your wondrous life and thank God for your marvelous labors:

Rejoice, you journeyed afar for the sake of Christ.

Rejoice, for you arrived at the Tomb with weeping and in Rome with glad tidings.

Rejoice, you witnessed of Christ Crucified and Resurrected.

Rejoice, for you went to the Apostles and then to the people of Italy.

Rejoice, you are vigilant in prayer and diligent in good works.

Rejoice, for you have never ceased to say, "I have seen the Lord."

Rejoice, you are resplendent with beauty of soul.

Rejoice, you have shown yourself to be a woman of deep faith.

Rejoice, you found strength in God.

Rejoice, you put your trust in Christ.

Rejoice, you have profited from His Compassion.

Rejoice, you went forth in His Deliverance.

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## **Kontakion 13**

*(To be read 3 times.)*

Saint Mary Magdalene, we know not the complete story of your background and personal life. Yet, we know about the Lord because of you. The light of Jesus Christ shone upon you throughout His ministry, Crucifixion and Resurrection. Your name, Mary Magdalene, is always related to the Name of Christ, because you loved and serve Him and never exalted your own self. You were delighted to say with the Apostles and the Myrrh bearing Women: **Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! (People sing Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!)**

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### *A Prayer*

Saint Mary Magdalene, you were called forth by God and were blessed to do good deeds for the Ministry of Jesus Christ. We pray for your continual aid to His Followers today. You were a witness of the Crucifixion; let us not crucify anew the Savior but fall before Him in Repentance and with gratitude. You were present at the Holy Sepulcher; let us hear the Christ Who calls out our names for deliverance from malice and death. Teach us to serve the Holy Church according to our means and talents, and embolden us to Confess Jesus Christ unto all the rulers and the lost of this world. From our heart we say unto you, "Christ is Risen," and we implore your Intercession for His great Mercy and Compassion upon us. Amen.

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