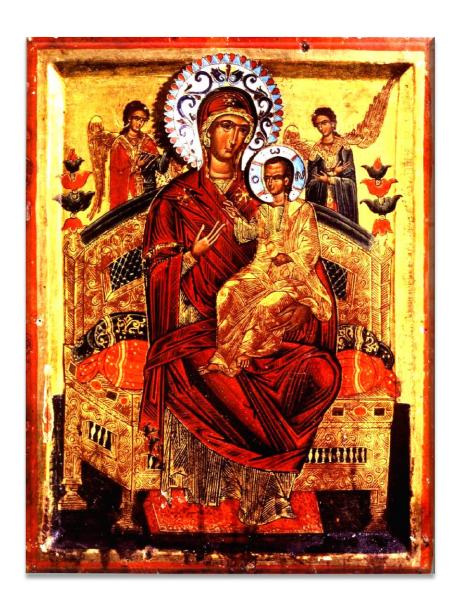
# Akathist to the Theotokos: Queen of All and Healer of Cancer



For those who are suffering from cancer

We, Your faithful servants, standing before Your Newly-Appeared Icon suppliantly cry unto You, O Queen of All: bring down to us your healing to your servants who come to You today, that all together we would joyfully cry unto You:

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### Ikos 1

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Rejoice, the Crown of our salvation!

Rejoice, the Fulfillment of our Creator's Plan!

Rejoice, through you God has been made Incarnate!

Rejoice, through you the Invisible became visible!

Rejoice, you accepted in you the Mercy of peace!

Rejoice, you made the cloth of flesh to the Word!

Rejoice, incredible Upper Glory!

Rejoice, Heavenly Manna has illumined many hearts!

Rejoice, the Star, radiant of Grace!

Rejoice, the spring, an effusion of Living Water!

Rejoice, O Birth-Giver of God blessed among women!

Rejoice, Undefiled Virgin who gave birth to our Savior!

Through You, O Virgin, the Everlasting Word had become the Infant Child giving healing to those who honor His birth and you crying: **Alleluia!** (**People sing Alleluia!**)

## Ikos 2

Seeking to know knowledge that cannot be known, the Virgin cried to the ministering one: "Tell Me how I, a pure Maiden, can be the Mother of the Highest?" Gabriel spoke to her with fear crying aloud thus:

Rejoice, chosen by the Highest Council!

Rejoice, the Fast-hearer of praying voices!

Rejoice, the Treasure of Christ's world!

Rejoice, the Hope and Strength of Your people!

Rejoice, the Miraculous Destroyer of cancer's wounds!

Rejoice, the Healer of other sickness!

Rejoice, the only Intercessor of the world!

Rejoice, the true Redemption of sorrow!

Rejoice, the Relief of weeping and tears!

Rejoice, you open to all the entrance of Salvation!

Rejoice, the Government of all who live on Athos!

Rejoice, the Mace of monks and laity!

The Power of the Most High had overshadowed You, O Virgin, and had accepted the Flesh showing you a good pasture for those who want to reap salvation, and sing: **Alleluia!** 

(People sing Alleluia!)

## Ikos 3

Your Icon called "Queen of All" has been miraculously glorified when it had appeared carrying healing. You give healing to those who with faith sing before it, that their faith would be multiplied by such songs:

Rejoice, the Mother of Unfading Light!

Rejoice, the Victory of those suffer to the end!

Rejoice, the inviolable Wall of all orphans and widows!

Rejoice, you open the doors of Paradise!

Rejoice, you defend all who labor and are burdened!

Rejoice, the Intercessor for the salvation of all!

Rejoice, you pray for mankind!

Rejoice, the Heavenly Ladder that rises from the earth to Heaven!

Rejoice, the Living Water that cleanses deadly sins!

Rejoice, the Lamb that protects the hearts of the honest ones!

Rejoice, the Cover that spreads over the children of the Church!

Granting life to the world the Lord settled in Your Womb Immaculately and showed you to be the Mother for the faithful calling them to sing in peace: Alleluia! (People sing Alleluia!)

### Ikos 4

You have done amazing things, O Place of God, by healing through Your Holy Icon. Accepting the streams of your healing we sing, O Queen of All, the song of thanksgiving:

Rejoice, the Medicine that reduces pain!

Rejoice, the Coolness that cools fever of the ailments!

Rejoice, You cauterize the illness of cancer like fire!

Rejoice, you lift from the bed of illness those who are forgotten by doctors!

Rejoice, you show Your All-Pure Image to those who are chosen!

Rejoice, you absolve us from sinful chains!

Rejoice, from you we receive deliverance from death!

Rejoice, you by whom the uncountable ranks of the faithful are justified!

Rejoice, the Height is not researched by human thoughts!

Rejoice, the Depth is investigated only by the Word!

Rejoice, the Prophecy of Patriarchs lived before You!

Rejoice, the Preceptor of Hierarchs prayed unto you!

Acknowledging You as the Most-Pure Temple of the Savior, O Virgin, we fall down before You asking, O Pure One, make us the Temples of God, sing to Him: **Alleluia!** (**People sing Alleluia!**)

### Ikos 5

The ranks of the Angels having seen the Creator of all mankind sitting in your hands and acknowledging you as the only Glorious Lady even though you had called yourself "the Servant," strive to serve you with such songs:

Rejoice, you are placed by God higher than all Heavenly Powers!

Rejoice, you fill the world with miraculous healing!

Rejoice, you hear songs of Praise and Glory from Heaven!

Rejoice, you accept thanksgiving from earth!

Rejoice, you destroyed the seed of corruption!

Rejoice, you destroyed the yoke of the devil's tricks!

Rejoice, you have filled the place of weeping with joy!

Rejoice, you transfer sorrow into Heavenly gladness!

Rejoice, the Fragrance that pleases God!

Rejoice, the great Merriment of penitent sinners!

Rejoice, the Armor of Truth that defends us from temptations!

Rejoice, the Shield of Defense that protects from hostility and adversity!

### Kontakion 6.

The God-proclaiming Preachers, the Saviors disciples stood miraculously in front of You, O Virgin, when You went from the earth into Heaven that with one heart and one mouth they would sing: **Alleluia!** (**People sing Alleluia!**)

## Ikos 6

Marvelous grace has shown forth from your icon, O Queen of All, when a young man, obscured by Satan's teaching, fell down before the icon and was immobile; but after he was rescued by you from gloomy bonds, with fear and joy he started to cry aloud thus:

Rejoice, the Amendment of wicked life!

Rejoice, the Consolation of those who suffer exceedingly!

Rejoice, the Dispersal of demonic regiments from the Church!

Rejoice, the Dispersion of sinful haze!

Rejoice, the Abrogation of invisible tricks!

Rejoice, the Victory over satanic magic!

Rejoice, the Lamp that shows a way for those who have been charmed!

Rejoice, the Cloud that covers the innocent ones from evil!

Rejoice, the Hill that feeds us with Heavenly Manna!

Rejoice, the Valley that satiates us with Christ's humbleness!

Rejoice, the Rock of the Heavenly Kingdom!

Rejoice, the Mirror of Heavenly Light!

God, who was incarnate from the Virgin, wishing to be given as food for the faithful that being the communicants of your Precious Body and Blood they would know that You are truly God. We being amazed by this Your Wisdom are crying: **Alleluia!** (**People sing Alleluia!**)

### Ikos 7

Having the Last Supper with His Disciples, the Creator revealed to us a new sacrament, and praying to the Queen of All to vouchsafe us of the Divine Holy Things we dedicate to her such songs:

Rejoice, you give the Heavenly Bread!

Rejoice, you gave birth to Eternal Life!

Rejoice, the Chalice that joins us to Christ!

Rejoice, you unite with God our soul and body!

Rejoice, the Golden Spoon full of Divine Mystery!

Rejoice, the Precious Covenant Box, the Container of the Great Holy Thing!

Rejoice, the Finger pointing out on the Holy Eucharist!

Rejoice, the Table that offers us the Holy Food!

Rejoice, you put the worthy communicants at the right hand!

Rejoice, you deliver from hell those who love the Divine Liturgy!

Rejoice, you are leading us mortals to the Source of immortality!

Rejoice, you gird your children with peace and strength!

Having beheld the fearful Nativity we lay aside all earthly care and have our hearts on high, because the Most High has come to invite those who sing to Him: **Alleluia!** (**People sing Alleluia!**)

## Ikos 8

Being always in the Father's bosom the indescribable Word had become flesh on earth. The Great God had magnified the Virgin and had regarded the humbleness of His Handmaiden, now hears these:

Rejoice, you contained the Uncontainable God!

Rejoice, you have shown the Creator of the world!

Rejoice, for the authority of death was destroyed!

Rejoice, for Adam's wound was healed!

Rejoice, the Plaster that heals the scabs of the soul!

Rejoice, the Oil that anoints the ulcers of the body!

Rejoice, the Relieving of pain to those who are in child-birth!

Rejoice, the Relief of the torments of those who are dying!

Rejoice, you have defeated hell!

Rejoice, you have blunted the sting of death!

Rejoice, the Expectation of the Resurrection of all!

Rejoice, the Salvation of all Orthodox people!

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# **Kontakion 9**

O Word! All the Angels and humans were amazed by the greatness of Your Incarnation that cannot be understood. Being perplexed by

this great devotional secret we cry to you in fear and tremble with thanksgiving: **Alleluia!** (**People sing Alleluia!**)

# Ikos 9

Those who are afflicted by various ailments, O Queen of All, receive more healing from Your Holy Icon than expected, who have accepted the grace through faith, cry aloud to you:

Rejoice, the Preservation of the healthy!

Rejoice, the Restoring of health to the ailing!

Rejoice, the Healing of the little children!

Rejoice, the Mother of the young sufferer!

Rejoice, the Rising of those who are in bed with illness!

Rejoice, the Consolation of those who are in fear of death!

Rejoice, you attend to sobbing humans!

Rejoice, you listen to our moaning!

Rejoice, the Relieving of earthly pain with Heavenly gladness!

Rejoice, the Patience of those who are in great distress!

Rejoice, you prepare joy for those who weep!

Rejoice, you give the wings of prayer to the meek!

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# **Kontakion 10**

The Creator, desiring to save the charred human essence, had descended upon you as dew on fleece and had made you the Fire-proof bush who had become a Man that we would sing to Him: **Alleluia!** (**People sing Alleluia!**)

## Ikos 10

All-Pure Virgin! You are the Wall for maidens and for all who take care of purity. God settled in you, purifying His intelligent creations that after being freed we would offer to you these:

Rejoice, the Conversationalist of those who are seeking silence!

Rejoice, the Crown of those who keep their virginity!

Rejoice, the Beginning and the End of spiritual accomplishment!

Rejoice, the Repository of the Divine Revelation!

Rejoice, the Secret Place of the Triune Light!

Rejoice, the Source of humans' salvation!

Rejoice, the Peak unapproachable for the proud minds!

Rejoice, the Refuge accessible for the humble hearts!

Rejoice, the Purest of Heaven!

Rejoice, the More Honorable than the Cherubim and the Seraphim!

Rejoice, the Highly Favored One, because from the

Archangel you heard: "Rejoice!"

Rejoice, the Comforted One, for you touched the Resurrected Christ!

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# **Kontakion 11**

O Glorious Lady, we, your servants, remain unable to offer intelligent singing to the Savior. Who can praise God well

enough? His name is as myrrh poured out. Because of that we cry to Him: Alleluia! (People sing Alleluia!)

# Ikos 11

The Great Light had shone to those sitting in darkness because the Orient had visited us from on High that is Your Son and Your God, O Virgin. He had made you the candle on the candlestand and commands to the enlightened children of the Church to sing to you:

Rejoice, the Dawn of the Intellectual Sun!

Rejoice, the Container of the Divine Fire!

Rejoice, the Light, You have woven the garment of the Saints!

Rejoice, the Candle, You have scattered the demon's

darkness!

Rejoice, the Enlightenment to those who cannot learn easily!

Rejoice, the Illumination of sinful hearts!

Rejoice, the Right Hand leading out of the sea of fuss!

Rejoice, the Ray guiding to the Kingdom those who want to be saved!

Rejoice, the Lightning that defeats the unrepentant!

Rejoice, the Thunder that scares the destroyers!

Rejoice, the Enlightening of a sly conscience!

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### **Kontakion 12**

When the Giver of the Old Testament wanted to give us His Grace, He gave us the New Testament; after we have received the Grace, we can be saved not by the deeds of the law but by faith in Him and we sing: Alleluia! (People sing Alleluia!)

## Ikos 12

While singing to Your Offspring we also are singing to You, O truly Sacred Tent, as former Israel sang in their Tabernacle, we glorify you with our good works that you would hear from all such songs:

Rejoice, the Songs sung on high!

Rejoice, the Psalms heard below!

Rejoice, you have served the One God!

Rejoice, you have pleased the Divine Trinity!

Rejoice, you have carried the One who carries the world!

Rejoice, the Altar of the One who holds the Universe in His

Hand!

Rejoice, the unspoken Secret of all centuries and times!

Rejoice, the firm Hope of all nations and races!

Rejoice, the Joy of reverent Priests' hearts!

Rejoice, the immediate Receptor of prayers in Churches and in

houses!

Rejoice, the House of Wisdom made by God!

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# **Kontakion 13**

(To be read three times)

O our Mother Queen of All, who gave birth to the Word, Holiest of all Saints! Having accepted our singing today, heal us from every

deadly illness and from the coming condemnation, save those who sing: Alleluia! Alleluia! (People sing Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!)

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# First Prayer to the Mother of God

O All-Gracious, most wondrous Mother of God, Queen of All (Pantanassa)! I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof! But as you are the lovingly compassionate Mother of the Merciful God, say the word that my soul may be healed and my weakened body strengthened. For you have unconquerable might, and all your speech has power, O Queen of All! Gain the victory for me, and supplicate for me - that I may glorify your most glorious name, always, now and ever, and unto endless ages. **Amen.** 

# **Second Prayer to the Mother of God**

O Most-Pure Mother of God, O Queen of All! Hearken unto our muchafflicted sighing before your miraculous Icon, Vatopedi Monastery on Mount Athos. Look upon Your children, suffering from unhealed ailments; who fall down before Your Holy Image with faith! As a bird covers its nestlings with its wings, so now, you who are ever present, cover us with your greatly healing omophorion. In that place where hope lives; where bitter love reigns not: there where patience and rest are revealed. Where the torment of despair dwells in the soul, there will shine the ineffable Light of Divinity! Console the fainthearted, strengthen the weak, bestow softening and enlightenment upon embittered hearts. Heal your ailing people, O All-merciful Queen! Bless the minds and hands of our physicians, that they might serve as instruments of the All-powerful Physician, Christ our Savior. We pray before Your Icon, that you might truly live with us, O Sovereign Lady! Stretch out Your hands, filled with healing and cures, O Joy of the sorrowful, Consolation in afflictions, that having speedily received miraculous help, we may glorify the Life-Creating and Undivided Trinity, the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, unto the ages of ages. Amen.

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