

Akathist to the Great Martyr and Healer Panteleimon

Kontakion 1

Chosen passion-bearer of Christ and gracious healer, who freely grants healing to the sick, we praise you in songs as our protector. As you who have boldness with the Lord, free us from all harm and sickness who cry with love to you:

Rejoice, Great Martyr and Healer Panteleimon!

Ekos 1

We know you, glorious Panteleimon, as an earthly angel and heavenly man. For adorned with angelic purity and martyrdom you have passed from earth to Heaven, where with angels and all the saints standing before the throne of the Lord of Glory, you who prays for all of us on earth who venerate you with these invocations:

Rejoice, torch of piety!

Rejoice, most glorious lamp of the Church!

Rejoice, adornment of venerable martyrs!

Rejoice, support of the faithful in unflinching endurance!

Rejoice, outstanding boast of youth!

Rejoice, warrior of Christ of invincible courage!

Rejoice, you who having grown up in the world was not of the world!

Rejoice, angel in the flesh, surpassing mortals!

Rejoice, all-blessed dweller in Heaven!

Rejoice, vessel of divine knowledge!

Rejoice, you by whom faith has been exalted!

Rejoice, you by whom delusion has been dethroned!

Rejoice, Great Martyr and Healer Panteleimon!

Kontakion 2

Seeing you to be a chosen vessel, the Lord loved the beauty of your soul; for, despising all earthly glory and pleasure, you did long to adorn yourself with the crown of martyrdom, wounded with divine love and singing inspiringly: **Alleluia!** (3x)

Ekos 2

Possessing divinely inspired knowledge, O valiant warrior Panteleimon, you did astound the Emperor Maximian by the courage of your soul and by the words with which you did fearlessly preach Christ. Wherefore, praising your boldness we say to you:

Rejoice, you who did despise Maximian's threats!

Rejoice, you who did not yield to the advice of the godless!

Rejoice, propagator of true adoration!

Rejoice, uprooter of demon worship!

Rejoice, accuser of the fury of the torturers!

Rejoice, overthrower of the delusion of idols!

Rejoice, you who did disperse the assembly of the godless!

Rejoice, you who did exchange corruptible for heavenly joy!

Rejoice, converser with immaterial angels!

Rejoice, fellow-chorister of the long-suffering saints!

Rejoice, you by whom Satan was put to shame!

Rejoice, you by whom Christ is glorified!

Rejoice, Great Martyr and Healer Panteleimon!

Kontakion 3

By the power of the Most High given to you and by your strong patience you did render powerless the torturer's insolence, O valiant victor, undaunted by fire, wild beasts, and the wheel. When beheaded with the sword you did receive the crown of victory from Christ the Lord, crying to Him: **Alleluia!** (3x)

Ekos 3

The monastery which has your precious relic as a great treasure, O divinely wise martyr, is filled with joy over it, and praising with love the Grace of healing given to you by God, thankfully cries to you:

*Rejoice, all-radiant lamp of Nicomedia!
Rejoice, unsleeping guardian of the monastery that honoured you!
Rejoice, you through whom godlessness grew cold!
Rejoice, you through whom the knowledge has increased!
Rejoice, bright glory of passion-bearers!
Rejoice, joyous report of the Orthodox!
Rejoice, gracious source of healings!
Rejoice, container of great gifts!
Rejoice, fragrant myrrh that does sweeten souls!
Rejoice, for you who helps those who call upon you!
Rejoice, you who did give sight to the blind!
Rejoice, you who did cause the lame to walk!
Rejoice, Great Martyr and Healer Panteleimon!*

Kontakion 4

Possessed by a storm of polytheistic thoughts, the impious Emperor was confused on learning from the doctors who were jealous of you that you healed all kinds of incurable illnesses by the name of Christ. And we, glorifying with gladness our wonderful God in you, cry to Him: **Alleluia!** (3x)

Ekos 4

When the people of Nicomedia heard of your great compassion for the suffering and of your free healing of all illness, all rushed to you with faith in the healing Grace in you, and receiving swift healing of all their diseases they glorified God and magnified you, their most gracious healer, crying to you:

*Rejoice, you who art anointed with the myrrh of Grace!
Rejoice, sanctified temple of God!
Rejoice, great glory of the pious!
Rejoice, firm wall of the oppressed!
Rejoice, you who surpassed the wise in knowledge!
Rejoice, you who enlightens the thoughts of the faithful!
Rejoice, recipient of divine gifts and source of many of the Lord's mercies to us!
Rejoice, speedy helper of the suffering!
Rejoice, harbor of the storm-tossed!
Rejoice, instructor for those astray!
Rejoice, you who does heal the sick freely!
Rejoice, you who does impart healing abundantly!
Rejoice, Great Martyr and Healer Panteleimon!*

Kontakion 5

The Lord worked a glorious miracle through you when, through His servant Hermolaus, He called you into His marvellous light. For after your prayer to Christ a child who had died from snake bite at one revived and stood up healed. Then recognizing the Lifegiver as the true God of all, with firm faith you did cry to him: **Alleluia!** (3x)

Ekos 5

The blind man whom you did touch with prayer in the name of Christ recovered his sight O glorious martyr. Then renouncing your father's polytheism, you were baptised by the priest Hermolaus and did embrace your mother's religion with which you did also enlighten your father. Therefore we cry aloud to you as to a glorious servant of God and wonderful healer:

Rejoice, you who has great devotion to God!
Rejoice, you who art ever aflame with the fire of divine love!
Rejoice, attentive listener to the teachings of the priest Hermolaus!
Rejoice, you who did follow the advice of your mother Eubule!
Rejoice, you who did give away everything to obtain Christ!
Rejoice, you who did vanquish love for the world by love for God!
Rejoice, for instead of the pleasures of the world you did accept for Christ cruel sufferings!
Rejoice, for you did become a partaker of Chris's Passion!
Rejoice, you who did overcome all the passions!
Rejoice, you who through Grace was adorned with dispassion!
Rejoice, you who does fill with joy those who hasten to you!
Rejoice, you who does heal all freely by the Grace of Christ!
Rejoice, Great Martyr and Healer Panteleimon!

Kontakion 6

The blind man enlightened by you in body and soul became a preacher of the truth, like the blind man of the Gospel, he boldly preached Christ to all as the true light that enlightenes every man. But for reproaching the impious Emperor and the pagan gods he was beheaded and rose to the unwaning light in Heaven to sing to God: **Alleluia!** (3x)

Ekos 6

Standing before the Emperor's tribunal with a radiant face you did boldly declare in the hearing of all, thrice-blessed martyr: Mine all-healing power and glory is Christ, the true God, the Lord of all, who raised the dead and healed all infirmities. For this confession we bless you and say:

Rejoice, thundering mouth of the deity of Christ!
Rejoice, mellifluous tongue that declared His plan of salvation!
Rejoice, orator of sublime theology!
Rejoice, wise sower of piety!
Rejoice, sweet-sounding flute of faith!
Rejoice, glorious preacher of Orthodoxy!
Rejoice, you who was shown to be marvellous before your death!
Rejoice, worker of wonders after your death!
Rejoice, seer of Christ's glory!
Rejoice, listener to those who pray to you!
Rejoice, giver of help to those who need it!
Rejoice, obtainer of blessings for those who honour your memory!
Rejoice, Great Martyr and Healer Panteleimon!

Kontakion 7

Myrrh was poured on your soul, O divinely wise healer, from the Comforter Spirit, wherefore after your death your venerable relics by their fragrance banish the stench of passions and give healing to those who with faith cry to God: **Alleluia!** (3x)

Ekos 7

When the worshippers of idols beheld, O Saint, the paralyzed man raised and walking through your prayer many believed in Christ; but the demon's priests, consumed with jealousy, incited the Emperor to anger. Therefore, to you who was mercilessly tortured and burnt for Christ, we cry with compunction:

Rejoice, you who did despise earthly pleasures!
Rejoice, you who was above material comforts!
Rejoice, for you who did regard as nothing all the beautiful things in this world!
Rejoice, for you did shake your self free from fleeting glory!
Rejoice, you who did remain free from the nets of the devil!
Rejoice, you who did vanquish the wiles of the torturers!
Rejoice, you who did not spare your life for Christ!
Rejoice, you who was shown to be an enemy of hostile flesh!
Rejoice, you who did oppress the spread of polytheism!
Rejoice, you who by the power of God did defeat the idols!
Rejoice, sharp arrow by which enemies are wounded!
Rejoice, mediator who defended the faithful!
Rejoice, Great Martyr and Healer Panteleimon!

Kontakion 8

The Lord appeared to you in a wonderful way, encouraging and upholding you in the tortures for His name. For in the person of the priest Hermolaus He cooled the boiling lead into which you was thrown, and in the sea He untied the great stone from your neck and brought you unharmed to land. But you, having been brought again before the Emperor, did sing triumphantly to Christ our God: **Alleluia!** (3x)

Ekos 8

While dwelling noetically wholly in Heaven, you left not those below on earth but remained with us through the relics of your holy skull, O great passion-bearer of Christ, receiving from the Lord enlightenment and sanctification and giving it to those who cry to you thus:

Rejoice, you who art filled with divine wisdom!
Rejoice, discerner of God's providence!
Rejoice, delight of minds made wise by God!
Rejoice, gladness of souls who love God!
Rejoice, bright pearl of Christ!
Rejoice, you who was sanctified in soul and body!
Rejoice, dweller in the courts of the first born in Heaven!
Rejoice, inhabitant of you ever-blessed bridal halls!
Rejoice, beholder of the light of the Trinity!
Rejoice, fervent mediator in your prayers to God for us!
Rejoice, you who grants illumination to souls!
Rejoice, you who sends comfort to the afflicted!
Rejoice, Great Martyr and Healer Panteleimon!

Kontakion 9

All nature marvelled, O Panteleimon, at the radiance of Grace and wealth of virtues in you: your angelic purity, your great courage and cruel suffering, your strong love for Christ and great compassion for people, for whom you do glorious that they may sing: **Alleluia!** (3x)

Ekos 9

Eloquent orators cannot worthily praise your struggles, O glorious victor, as by the invincible power of God, though young in years you did conquer the ancient, primordial enemy and did put to shame the delusion of idols. But we, filled with wonder, cry to you:

Rejoice, joyful sight of angels!
Rejoice, reverent wonder of men!
Rejoice, you who did shed your blood for Christ, and in death did shed milk!
Rejoice, you who did give up your body to a martyr's death for His sake!
Rejoice, model of confession!
Rejoice, valiant warrior of the King of kings!
Rejoice, you who did conquer the ruler of darkness!
Rejoice, you who by the victory did gladden Heaven and earth!
Rejoice, blessed inhabitant of the world above!
Rejoice, wise pilgrim of the world below!
Rejoice, tree adorned with the fruits of the gifts of Grace!
Rejoice, you who carried palms of victory!
Rejoice, Great Martyr and Healer Panteleimon!

Kontakion 10

Filled with compassion, as a true imitator of the Lord, the Giver of mercy, O venerable martyr, you were renamed by Him Panteleimon, (that is, all-merciful), for you pour mercy on all who resort to you; pour it also abundantly on us who cry to God concerning you:
Alleluia!

Ekos 10

Finding you a strong wall impregnable to all kinds of torture, the torturer tried to crush your strength by the teeth of wild beasts and the spikes of the torture-wheel, but all to no effect. For the power of Christ, subdued the fierceness of the beasts and the frightful wheel, on which your body was turned, immediately broke to pieces. So to you, invincible passion-bearer, we cry:

Rejoice, precious chosen one of Christ!
Rejoice, unblemished fragrance of God!
Rejoice, firm diamond of the Church!
Rejoice, unshakeable tower reaching to Heaven!
Rejoice, tamer of visible beasts!
Rejoice, crusher of invisible dragons!
Rejoice, you who was stained with your blood shed for Christ, mixed with milk!
Rejoice, you who has received unfading crowns!
Rejoice you who caused joy to angels and men!
Rejoice, you who had been glorified by God in Heaven and on earth!
Rejoice, celestial one, who sings in choir with the martyrs!
Rejoice, you who art satisfied with the sweet vision of Christ!
Rejoice, Great Martyr and Healer Panteleimon!

Kontakion 11

A funeral song we offer to your sacred immolation for Christ, in which milk instead of blood flowed from you, Great Martyr, and the olive tree under which you were beheaded was all covered with healing fruit. Wherefore we cry fervently to Christ who wonderfully glorifies those who glorify him: ***Alleluia!*** (3x)

Ekos 11

A luminous ray was you, O divinely wise one, to those sitting in the darkness of polytheism, leading them to the Sun of righteousness, Christ God. Him do you entreat that we who offer you these glad praises may ever live in the light of His commandments:

*Rejoice, bright star, shining in the noetical firmament!
Rejoice, ray of light shining for all people!
Rejoice, you who was mystically illumined by the Sun, Christ!
Rejoice, you who in spirit roamed the earth!
Rejoice, beautiful tabernacle of the Most Holy Spirit!
Rejoice, honourable vessel that poured out healing!
Rejoice, treasury of purity!
Rejoice, namesake of mercy!
Rejoice, heir of the Heavenly Kingdom!
Rejoice, partaker of eternal glory!
Rejoice, patron of those in distress on the sea of life!
Rejoice, unmercenary healer who helps those who invoke you with faith!
Rejoice, Great Martyr and Healer Panteleimon!*

Kontakion 12

You did receive an abundance of Grace, thrice-blessed one, according to the greatness of your love for Christ God, who also showed you to be a source of healing, for you who cures free of charge the sicknesses of soul and body of those who come to you with faith and cry to God: **Alleluia!** (3x)

Ekos 12

Chanting of your long-suffering labours for Christ, O glorious passion-bearer, we praise your great patience, we bless your martyr's death, and we honour your holy memory, O our defender and healer, and in praise we cry to you:

*Rejoice, sweet-sounding trumpet of piety!
Rejoice, sword which cuts down impiety!
Rejoice, you who was scraped on a tree for Him who stretched out His arms on the tree of the Cross!
Rejoice, for being burnt for Him, you did extinguish the furnace of delusion!
Rejoice, you who did dry the streams of idolatrous blood by your blood!
Rejoice, you who was thrown into boiling lead for Christ!
Rejoice, you who was sunk in the sea for His name!
Rejoice, you who did remain unharmed therein by the providence of God!
Rejoice, you who did pass through tortures of fire and water into the peace of Heaven!
Rejoice, you who did pour unfailing streams of mercy on the faithful!
Rejoice, gracious and compassionate physician who grants healing through Grace!
Rejoice, Great Martyr and Healer Panteleimon!*

Kontakion 13

O, our long-suffering and wonderful Passion-bearer of Christ and Healer Panteleimon! Graciously accept from us this small offering, heal us of our many and various ailments, and through your intercession protect us from enemies visible and invisible and pray to the Lord that we may be delivered from torment, that we may continually sing in His Kingdom: **Alleluia!** (9x)