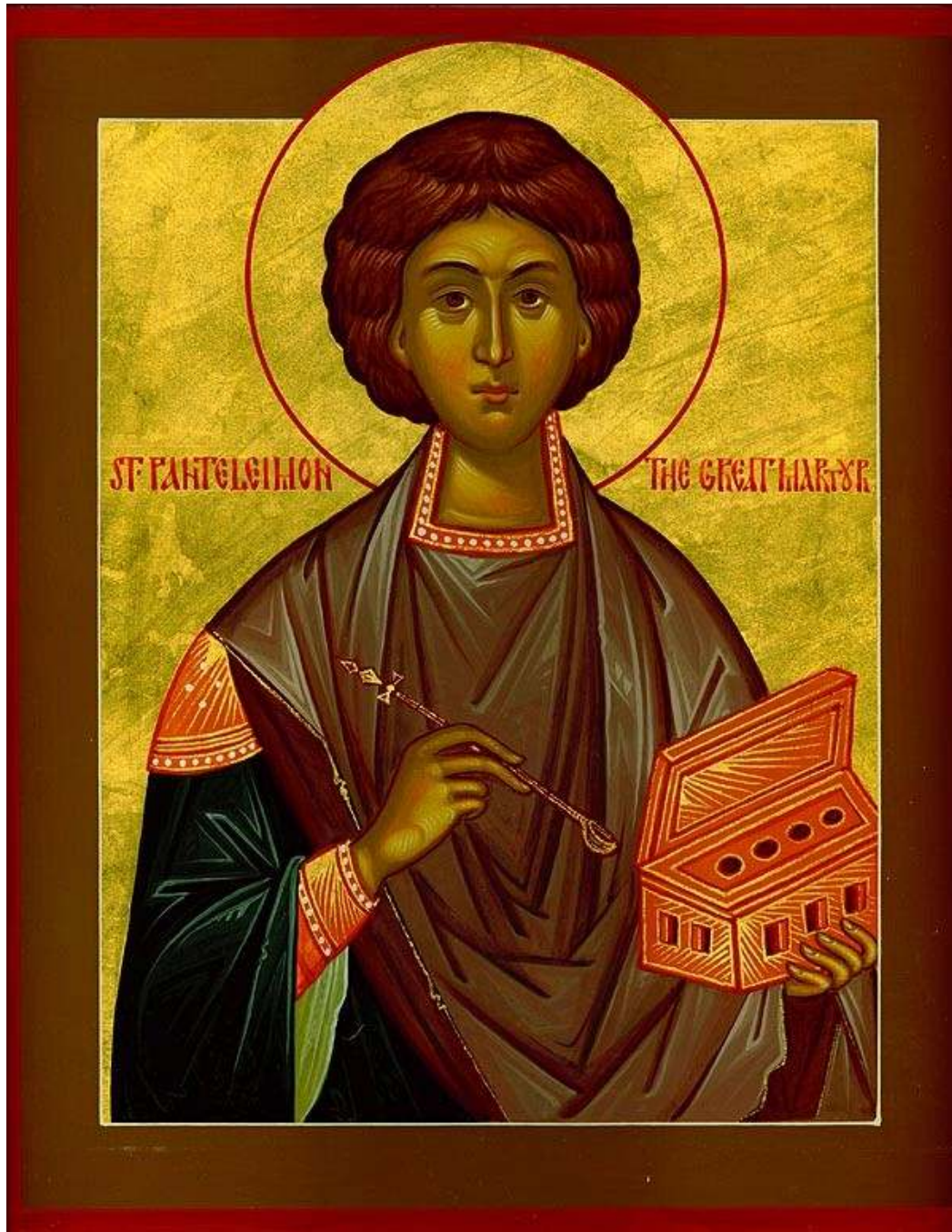


# The Life of and Akathist to the Holy Great Martyr and Healer St. Panteleimon





# **The Life of St. Panteleimon, The Great Martyr and Unmercenary Physician**

St. Panteleimon, the Great Martyr and all-merciful healer was beheaded about 305 A.D. during the violent persecution of Christians. The Church commemorates the Feast Day of St. Panteleimon on July 27. St. Panteleimon was born in the city of Nicomedia. At birth he was named Pantoleon, but before he was beheaded a voice from heaven named him Panteleimon which signifies, "all-merciful".

Panteleimon's mother was a Christian, but she died while he was very young His father was a pagan, and he taught his son to worship the Roman idols. St. Panteleimon was educated to be a physician. His teacher was a renowned physician and medical advisor to the emperor. Panteleimon frequently went with him to the palace.

Panteleimon became acquainted with Hermolaus, an aged, saintly, Christian priest. The priest explained and taught him the Holy Scriptures and the teachings of Jesus Christ. Panteleimon loved these lessons and in time he became inflamed with the love of God. Once when he was going home he saw a dead child lying on the road. A live venomous snake was lying next to the child. Panteleimon prayed to the Lord Jesus Christ and, the child came to life. After this miracle he was baptized by Hermolaus.

In time Panteleimon became a celebrated physician skilled in the art of healing. He gave of his service to all who called for physical and spiritual help. He healed and helped all without payment; hence, the Church titled him, "Unmercenary". Panteleimon was very sorrowful because his father remained a pagan, and he prayed to God that his father might become a

Christian. Once Panteleimon healed a blind man who in vain had doctored with all the healers in the city. When his father saw that the power of his healing came by the grace of God, he and the man who received his sight were instructed in the Christian law and were baptized.

Panteleimon's father was a wealthy man, and after death he left him a rich inheritance. Panteleimon distributed his wealth among the needy and unfortunate. He continued to help the sick. The Lord bestowed upon him the power to heal all diseases with His name. The sick flocked to him, and the people praised the unmercenary physician. The medical men became very jealous of Panteleimon. They reported his Christian acts of kindness and mercy to the emperor. He was forced to appear before the emperor and asked to renounce Christ and to offer sacrifices to the pagan gods.

Panteleimon fearlessly answered the emperor, "In truth I did renounce your false gods, and I offer glory to Christ for according to His works I have become convinced that He is true God. He raises the dead. He restores sight to the blind; to the infirm He gives strength and health." To prove to the emperor that the pagan gods were nothing, he asked that a sick person be brought in, and that the pagan priests pray for the return of his health. In vain did the priests pray to their false gods. Then Panteleimon prayed in the Name of the Lord, and the sick man was instantly healed. Many who witnessed the miracle believed in the Lord, but the idolatrous priests persuaded the emperor to seize Panteleimon.

After refusing to worship the idols Panteleimon was subjected to cruel tortures by the emperor. His body was torn by sharp instruments, and then the wounds were burned with a torch. Through all this torture he prayed, "Lord Jesus Christ, be near me and give me patience that I may bear this torture to the end". Next the emperor ordered the saint to be thrown into a vessel of hot lead; the martyr stayed alive and whole. After this a large

stone was tied to his neck and he was cast into the sea; he remained alive, saved from danger by the hand of God.

The martyr was then thrown into an arena with wild beasts, and he was asked to offer sacrifices to the false gods. He preferred to die rather than renounce the Lord. The wild beasts did not harm the martyr for once again the hand of God stayed the beasts. Next, the emperor tried new tortures. The saint was tied to a wheel covered with sharp spikes. When Panteleimon came through this torture alive, the emperor had Hermolaus brought before him. The emperor demanded that Hermolaus and his two associates, Erimina and Ermocrata persuade Panteleimon to turn to the pagan gods again. When they refused, the emperor had them flogged and then beheaded. The Church commemorates the death of these three martyrs on July 26.

Panteleimon who had been cast into prison was flogged and ordered to be slain. The martyr went to his death joyfully, chanting the Psalms. He was tied to an olive tree, but when the soldier let the blade down no harm came to the martyr-saint. The terrified soldiers beseeched the martyr to forgive and pray for them. It was at this time that a voice from heaven named the martyr Panteleimon. After praying, St. Panteleimon requested the soldiers to carry out their orders. Finally he was beheaded. The tree to which he was tied filled with fruit. Many who witnessed this became believers. The emperor commanded that the olive tree be cut down and the body of the saint be burned. Another miracle proved that the martyr was God's faithful servant — his body would not burn. Believers took his body and gave him a Christian burial.

After his death his relics were taken to Constantinople and kept there with great honor. There is a part of the relics of St. Panteleimon in a monastery on Mount Athos, which is called St. Panteleimon's Monastery.

St. Panteleimon is one of the Fourteen Holy Helpers and is honored as the "Great Martyr and Wonder-Worker" and one of the unmercenarys who healed the sick without payment. After St. Luke, physicians honor St. Panteleimon with Saints Cosmos and Damian as their patron saint. All the healing powers of medicine are a gift of God Who is the Chief Physician, and Christians who are sick should first consider the health of the soul. The divine blessing is the Christian's hope, and believers throughout the ages have prayed that St. Panteleimon would intercede with God to heal diseases of the soul, body, and mind.

# *Service of Praise of the Akathist to The Holy Martyr and Healer Panteleimon*

**Priest:** Blessed is our God, always, now and ever and unto ages of ages.

**Reader:** Amen Glory to Thee O God. Glory to Thee. O Heavenly King, the Comforter, the Spirit of Truth, Who art everywhere and fillest all things. Treasury of blessings and giver of life, come and abide in us, and cleanse us from every impurity. And, save our souls, O Good One.

Holy God, Holy Mighty , Holy Immortal, have mercy on us (3).

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

O Most Holy Trinity, have mercy on us. Lord, cleanse us from our sins. Master, pardon our transgressions. Holy One visit and heal our infirmities for Thy name's sake.

Lord, have mercy (3).

Glory to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Our Father, Who art in heaven. Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And, lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

**Priest:** For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages.

**Reader:** Amen.

## Kontakion 1

**Choir / Faithful:** Chosen martyr of Christ and gracious **healer**,/who grants free **healing** to the sick, /we praise you in songs, as our **protector**./ Asking you who has **boldness** with the Lord, / to intercede on **our** behalf, / free from all harm and sickness us who with love **cry** to you :// Rejoice, Great **Martyr** and Healer **Panteleimon!**

## Eikos 1

**Priest:** 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 the angels and all the Saints standing before the throne of the Lord of Glory, you pray for all of us on earth, who venerate you with these invocations:

**Choir / Faithful:** Rejoice, torch of **piety**.  
Rejoice, most glorious **light** 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, most 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

**Priest:** Seeing you to be a chosen vessel, the Lord loved the beauty of your soul. For despising all earthly glory and pleasure, you longed to adorn yourself with the crown of martyrdom, wounded with divine love and singing inspiringly : Alleluia!



**Choir / Faithful:** Alleluia Alleluia Alleluia.

### **Eikos 2**

**Priest:** Possessing divinely inspired knowledge, O valiant warrior Panteleimon, you astounded the Emperor Maximian by the courage of your soul and by the words with which you fearlessly preached Christ. Therefore, praising your boldness, we speak to you thus:

**Choir / Faithful:** Rejoice, you who despised Maximian's threats.

Rejoice, you did not yield to the advice of the **godless**.

Rejoice, propagator of true adoration.

Rejoice, uprooter of devil **worship**.

Rejoice, exposor of the fury of the **torturers**.

Rejoice, overthrower of the delusion of **idols**.

Rejoice, you dispersed the cliques of the **godless**.

Rejoice, you exchanged earthly for **heavenly** joy.

Rejoice, converser with immaterial **Angels**.

Rejoice, fellow-chorister of 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**

**Priest:** By the power of the Most High given to you and by strong patience you rendered powerless the torturer's insolence, O valiant victor, undaunted by fire, wild beasts, and wheels. And when beheaded with the sword, you received the crown of victory from Christ the Lord, crying to Him : Alleluia!

**Choir / Faithful:** Alleluia Alleluia Alleluia.

### **Eikos 3**

**Priest:** The monastery on Mt. Athos which has your precious relics as a great treasure, O divinely wise martyr, is filled with joy over it, and

praising with love the grace of healing given you by God, thankfully cries to you:

**Choir / Faithful:** Rejoice, bright light of Nicomedia.

Rejoice, unsleeping guardian of the community which **honors** you.

Rejoice, you through whom **godlessness** grew cold.

Rejoice, you through whom the knowledge of **God** has increased.

Rejoice, bright glory of patient **martyrs**.

Rejoice, glad report of the **Orthodox**.

Rejoice, gracious source of **healings**.

Rejoice, vessel of **great** gifts.

Rejoice, fragrant myrrh which **sweetens** souls.

Rejoice, helper of those who **call** upon you.

Rejoice, you who gave **sight** to the blind.

Rejoice, you enabled the **lame** to walk.

Rejoice, Great **Martyr** and Healer Panteleimon!

#### **Kontakion 4**

**Priest:** Possessed by a storm of idolatrous thoughts, the impious emperor was confused on learning from 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!

**Choir / Faithful:** Alleluia Alleluia Alleluia.

#### **Eikos 4**

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

**Choir / Faithful:** Rejoice, you who are anointed with the **myrrh** of grace.  
Rejoice, sanctified **temple** of God.

Rejoice, great glory of the **pious**.

Rejoice, strong wall of the **exasperated**.

Rejoice, you surpass the wise in **knowledge**.

Rejoice, you enlighten 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, **guide** of the lost.

Rejoice, you heal the **sick** free of charge

Rejoice, you grant cures **lavishly**

Rejoice, Great **Martyr** and Healer Panteleimon!

### **Kontakion 5**

**Priest:** The Lord worked a glorious miracle through you when, through His servant Hermolaus, He called you into His marvelous light. For a child who had died from a snakebite, after your prayer to Christ, at once revived and stood up healed. Then recognizing the Life-giver as the true God of all, with firm faith you cried to Him Alleluia!

**Choir / Faithful:** Alleluia Alleluia Alleluia.

### **Eikos 5**

**Priest:** The blind man whom you touched with prayer in the name of Christ, recovered his sight, O glorious martyr. Then, renouncing your father's many gods, you were baptized by the priest Hermolaus and embraced your mother's religion with which you also enlightened your father. Therefore we call to you as to a glorious servant of God and wonderful healer:

**Choir / Faithful:** Rejoice, you are greatly devoted to God.

Rejoice, ever aflame with fire of **divine** love.

Rejoice, active listener to the holy teachings of Hermolaus.

Rejoice, you follow the advice of your mother **Eubule**.

Rejoice, you gave away everything to **obtain** Christ.

Rejoice, you vanquished love for the world by **love** for God.

Rejoice, for in place of the pleasures of the world you accepted great **sufferings** for Christ.

Rejoice, for you became a partaker of Christ's **Passion**.

Rejoice, you overcame all the **passions**.

Rejoice, you were adorned with gracious **dispassion**.

Rejoice, you filled with joy those who **flocked** to you.

Rejoice, you healed all free of charge by the **grace** of Christ.

Rejoice, Great **Martyr** and Healer Panteleimon!

### **Kontakion 6**

**Priest:** The blind man enlightened by you in body and soul became a preacher of the truth; for, like the blind man of the Gospel, he boldly preached Christ to all as the true light that enlightens 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!

**Choir / Faithful:** Alleluia Alleluia Alleluia.

### **Eikos 6**

**Priest:** Standing before the emperor's tribunal with a radiant face you boldly declared in the hearing of all, thrice blessed martyr. All my healing power and glory is Christ, the true God, the Lord of all, Who raises the dead and heals all infirmities. For this confession we bless you and say :

**Choir / Faithful:** Rejoice, thundering mouth of the **deity** of Christ.

Rejoice, sweetly flowing tongue that declares 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, doing marvels **before** death.

Rejoice, working wonders **after** death.

Rejoice, seer of Christ's **glory**.

Rejoice, listener to those who **pray** to you.

Rejoice, giver of help to **those** in need.

Rejoice, channel of blessings for those who honor your **memory**.

Rejoice, Great **Martyr** and Healer Panteleimon!

### **Kontakion 7**

**Priest:** Myrrh was poured out on your soul, O divinely wise healer, from the Comforter Spirit ; and thereby 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!

**Choir / Faithful:** Alleluia Alleluia Alleluia.

### **Eikos 7**

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

Rejoice, you despised earthly **pleasures**.

Rejoice, you were above material **comforts**.

Rejoice, for you regarded as nothing all the beautiful **things** in this world.

Rejoice, for shook yourself free of fleeting **glory**.

Rejoice, you remained uncaught by the snares of the **devil**.

Rejoice, you vanquished the wiles of the **torturers**.

Rejoice, you spared your **life** for Christ.

Rejoice, enemy of **hostile** flesh.

Rejoice, you narrowed the scope of **idolatry**.

Rejoice, you who by the power of God did defeat the **idols**.

Rejoice, sharp arrow that wounds the **enemies**.

Rejoice, intercessor and defender of the **faithful**.

Rejoice, Great **Martyr** and Healer Panteleimon!

## Kontakion 8

**Priest:** 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 were thrown, and in the sea He untied the great stone from your neck and brought you unharmed to land. But again, you were brought before the emperor and did sing triumphantly to Christ our God: Alleluia!

**Choir / Faithful:** Alleluia Alleluia Alleluia.

## Eikos 8

**Priest:** While living in spirit wholly in heaven, you did not leave those below on earth, but remain with us through your holy relics, O Great Martyr of Christ, receiving from the Lord enlightenment and sanctification and giving it to those who cry to you thus:

**Choir / Faithful:** Rejoice, you are filled with divine **wisdom**.

Rejoice, channel of God's **care** for us.

Rejoice, delight of minds made **wise** by God.

Rejoice, gladness of souls who **love** God.

Rejoice, bright **pearl** of Christ.

Rejoice, you were sanctified in soul and **body**.

Rejoice, dweller in the courts of the first-born in **heaven**.

Rejoice, inhabitant of the ever-blessed **bridal-halls**.

Rejoice, beholder of the light of the **Trinity**.

Rejoice, fervent intercessor in your prayers to **God** for us.

Rejoice, you give illumination to souls.

Rejoice, you send comfort to those in **trouble**.

Rejoice, Great **Martyr** and Healer Panteleimon!

## Kontakion 9

**Priest:** All nature marveled, O Panteleimon, at the radiance of grace and wealth of virtues in you: your angelic purity, your great courage in cruel

sufferings, your strong love for Christ and great compassion for men, for whom you do glorious things, that they may sing: Alleluia!

**Choir / Faithful:** Alleluia Alleluia Alleluia.

### **Eikos 9**

**Priest:** Eloquent orators cannot worthily praise your struggles, O glorious victor, how by the invincible power of God, though young in years you conquered the old immemorial enemy and put to shame the delusion of idols. But we, filled with wonder, cry to you:

**Choir / Faithful:** Rejoice, joyful sight of **Angels**.

Rejoice, reverend **wonder** of men.

Rejoice, you shed your blood for Christ, and in death did **shed** milk.

Rejoice, you gave 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 conquered the ruler of **darkness**.

Rejoice, you who by thy victory gladdened **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 carry palms of **victory**.

Rejoice, Great **Martyr** and Healer Panteleimon!

### **Kontakion 10**

**Priest:** 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 sing your praises to God: Alleluia!

**Choir / Faithful:** Alleluia Alleluia Alleluia.

### **Eikos 10**

**Priest:** 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 martyr, we cry:

**Choir / Faithful:** Rejoice, precious **choice** of Christ.

Rejoice, pure **fragrance** of God.

Rejoice, firm **substance** of the Church.

Rejoice, unshakable tower reaching to **heaven**.

Rejoice, tamer of **visible** beasts.

Rejoice, crusher of invisible **dragons**.

Rejoice, you were reddened with your **blood** shed for Christ.

Rejoice, you have received **unfading** crowns.

Rejoice, granter of joy to **Angels** and men.

Rejoice, you have been glorified by God in **heaven** and on earth.

Rejoice, inhabitant of heaven, singing in choir with the **martyrs**.

Rejoice, you who are satisfied with the sweet **vision** of Christ.

Rejoice, Great **Martyr** and Healer Panteleimon!

### **Kontakion 11**

**Priest:** A funeral song we offer to your sacred immolation for Christ, in which blood and milk flowed from you, Great Martyr, and the olive tree under which you were beheaded was all covered with healing fruit. Therefore we cry fervently to Christ Who wonderfully glorifies those who glorify Him: Alleluia!

**Choir / Faithful:** Alleluia Alleluia Alleluia.

### **Eikos 11**

**Priest:** A luminous ray are you, O divinely wise martyr, to those sitting in the darkness of belief in many gods, leading them to the Sun of righteousness, Christ our God ; pray to Him that we who offer you these



glad praises may ever live in the light of His commandments :

**Choir / Faithful:** Rejoice, bright star, shining in the spiritual **firmament**.  
Rejoice, ray of light for Christian **people**.  
Rejoice, you were mystically illumined by the **Sun**, Christ.  
Rejoice, you in spirit run **round** the earth.  
Rejoice, beautiful abode of the Holy **Spirit**.  
Rejoice, honorable vessel pouring out **healing**.  
Rejoice, treasure 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**

**Priest:** You received an abundance of grace, thrice-blessed martyr, on account of the greatness of your love for Christ our God, which also made you a source of healing, for you cure free of charge the bodily ills and soul-sicknesses of those who come to you with faith and cry to God :  
Alleluia!

**Choir / Faithful:** Alleluia Alleluia Alleluia.

### **Eikos 12**

**Priest:** Singing of your much-suffering labors for Christ, O glorious martyr, we praise your great patience, we venerate your martyr's death, and honor your holy memory, O our defender and healer, and in praise we cry to you :

**Choir / Faithful:** Rejoice, sweet-sounding trumpet of **piety**.  
Rejoice, sword which cuts down **impiety**.  
Rejoice, you were scraped on a tree for Him Who stretched out His arms

on the **tree** of the cross.

Rejoice, for being burnt for Him, you extinguished the furnace of **delusion**.

Rejoice, you wounded the **enemies** by your wounds.

Rejoice, you dried by your blood the streams of **idolatrous** blood.

Rejoice, you were thrown into boiling **lead** for Christ.

Rejoice, you who were sunk in the **sea** for His name.

Rejoice, you remained unharmed therein by the **providence** of God.

Rejoice, you passed through tortures of fire and water into the peace of **heaven**.

Rejoice, you pour unending streams of mercy on the **faithful**.

Rejoice, gracious and compassionate physician who grants spiritual **healing**.

Rejoice, Great **Martyr** and Healer **Panteleimon!**

### **Kontakion 13**

**Priest:** O, much suffering and wonderful Martyr of Christ and Healer Panteleimon! Graciously accept from us this small offering, heal us of our many and various infirmities, and through your intercession protect us from visible and invisible enemies and pray to the Lord that we may be delivered from eternal torment, that we may ever sing in His Kingdom: Alleluia!

**Choir / Faithful:** Alleluia Alleluia Alleluia.

*This Kontakion is recited thrice; whereupon Eikos I and Kontakion I are repeated.*

### **Eikos 1**

**Priest:** 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 the angels and all the Saints standing before the throne of the Lord of Glory, you pray for all of us on earth, who venerate you with these invocations:

**Choir / Faithful:** Rejoice, torch of **piety**.

Rejoice, most glorious **light** of the Church.  
Rejoice, adornment of venerable **martyrs**.  
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Rejoice, Great **Martyr** and Healer Panteleimon!

### **Kontakion 1**

**Choir / Faithful:** Chosen martyr of Christ and gracious **healer**,/who grants free **healing** to the sick, /we praise you in songs, as our **protector**./ Asking you who has **boldness** with the Lord, / to intercede on **our** behalf, / free from all harm and sickness us who with love **cry** to you :// Rejoice, Great **Martyr** and Healer Panteleimon!

**Priest:** Again and again on bended knees let us pray to the holy Great martyr and Healer Panteleimon.

**Choir/Faithful:** O Holy Great Martyr and Healer Panteleimon, Pray to **God** for us.

### *Prayer to the Holy Great Martyr & Healer Panteleimon*

**Priest:** O Great and Just One of Christ, Martyr and Physician, Panteleimon of many-mercies! Show mercy to us, your sinful servants. Hear our lamentations and cries: Intercede for us to the Heavenly and Supreme Physician of our souls and bodies, Christ our God; that He grant us cure from the ailments afflicting us. Accept the prayer of us, the unworthy and most sinful of all men. Visit us with your grace. Despise not our ulcerous sins but anoint them with your oil of mercy and cure us. That being cured

in soul and body, we may, by the Grace of God, conduct the remainder of our days in repentance and in pleasing God and be made worthy to receive a blessed end to our lives. Indeed, O Divine Martyr, beseech Christ our God, that through your intercessions, He grant health to our bodies and salvation to our souls.

**Choir/ Faithful:** Amen.

**Priest:** Have mercy on us, O God, according to Thy great goodness, we pray Thee, hearken and have mercy.

**Choir/Faithful:** Lord have mercy (3)

**Priest:** Again we pray for His Beatitude, Metropolitan \_\_\_\_\_, His (*Grace /Eminence*), (*Arch*) Bishop \_\_\_\_\_, for priests, deacons, and all other clergy; and for all our brethren in Christ.

**Choir/Faithful:** Lord have mercy (3)

**Priest:** Again we pray for the president of our country, for all civil authorities and for our armed forces everywhere.

**Choir/Faithful:** Lord have mercy (3)

**Priest:** Again we pray for mercy, life peace, health, salvation and visitation for the servants of God \_\_\_\_\_, and for the pardon and remission of their sins.

**Choir/Faithful:** Lord have mercy (3)

**Priest:** Furthermore, we pray for the people here present, awaiting from Thee great and bountiful mercies for all the brethren and for all Christians.

**Choir/Faithful:** Lord have mercy (3)

**Priest:** For Thou art a merciful God, and loves mankind, and unto Thee we ascribe glory: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages.

**Choir/Faithful:** Amen.

**Priest:** Let us pray to the Lord.

**Choir/Faithful:** Lord Have Mercy.

### **Prayer for the Blessing of Oil**

O Lord Who, through Thy mercies and compassion, heals the disorders of our souls and bodies: Do Thou Thyself, O Master, sanctify this Oil, that it may be effectual unto them that are anointed with it for healing, and for the relief of every passion, of defilement of flesh and spirit, and of every ill; and that thereby may be glorified Thy most-holy Name: of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages.

**Choir/Faithful:** Amen.

### **Prayer of the Anointing**

**Priest:** O Holy Father, Physician of souls and bodies, Who sent Thine Only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, Who heals every infirmity and delivers from death: Do Thou heal Thy servants,\_\_\_\_\_, of the bodily and spiritual infirmities which possess them, and enliven them through the grace of Thy Christ: Through the prayers of our Most-holy Sovereign Lady, the Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary; by the protection of the honorable and bodiless powers of Heaven; by the power of the precious and life-giving Cross; through the honorable and glorious Prophet, Forerunner and Baptist John; of the holy, glorious and all-praised Apostles; of the holy, glorious and right-victorious martyrs; of our venerable and God-bearing Fathers; of the holy and unmercenary Physicians, Cosmas and Damian, Cyrus and John, Panteleimon, whom we commemorate today and

Hermalaeus, Sampson and Diomedes, Photius and Anicetus; of the holy and righteous Ancestors of God Joachim and Anna, and of all the Saints. For Thou art the Fountain of healing, O our God, and unto Thee do we send up glory, together with Thine Only-begotten Son, and Thy Spirit, One in Essence, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages.

**Choir/Faithful:** Amen.

**Priest:** Wisdom! Most Holy Theotokos, save us!

**Choir/Faithful:** More honorable than the Cherubim and more glorious beyond compare than the Seraphim! Without defilement you gave birth to God the Word; true Theotokos we magnify you.

**Priest:** Glory to Thee, O Christ our God and our hope, glory to Thee !

**Choir/Faithful:** Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Lord have mercy (3). Father bless.

**Priest:** [pronounces the dismissal and faithful venerate the Cross]

*Holy Great Martyr and Healer Panteleimon  
Pray Unto God For Us!*

*Glory Be To God For All Things!*

