

A Hymn in Honor of Saint Nectarios

Set to the melody of "Veselisja Vo Cistoti"

Holy father, blessed bishop,
True disciple of the Lord:
All the faithful, joined together,
Sing to you with one accord:

Refrain

Pray for us, pray for us,
Saint Nectarios:
Help of all the pious!

Your high virtue is a beacon
For the church in recent time.
Guide those who extol your greatness
And your holy life sublime!

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As a shepherd, you were slandered,
Taken from your sheep and mocked.
Now from heaven, in your glory,
Bless and keep your faithful flock!

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You preached Christ by word and action,
And showed love through every deed.
Good example of the Gospel:
May we follow in your lead!

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With God's blessing, you grant healing
From all manner of disease.
Many sick and suffering people
Call to you with words as these:

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You grew up in poor conditions,
Strewn with poverty and strife.
Aid the destitute and lowly,
All who struggle in this life!

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You were humble, full of meekness,
Pride had no place in your heart.
From all vanity and boasting
Grant us to not have a part!

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You endured so many hardships
And were faithful through them all.
Let us always do as you did
And pay heed unto God's call!

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From your island of Aegina
And the region of your birth
Your renown and fame has spread to
Every corner of the earth!

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You dwell with the King of Angels,
With God's Mother and the Saints,
Where you never cease entreaty
For those who cry out in faith:

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