



# St Nektarios

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## The Romanian Miracle

This miracle was recorded when two visitors visited the island of Aegina at Saint Nektarios Monastery and it was full of Romanians. In 2009 the couple asked why they were so many Romanians here. Then they were told the story from a person who heard it from a Romanian pilgrim who was there. In a small village in Romania, no priests existed, and the

residents often went to the Patriarch and demanded him to fulfill the empty spot. However, the Patriarch did not have the means to satisfy the demand for a priest. The villagers went over and over again, but there was nothing their Patriarch said that was any different. That he did not have any extra priests, or else he would send one to the village. Meanwhile, people died unread (no services), and others had relationships and children without marriage vows. The children and adults alike were unbaptized. Then one day, outside of the church car pulled up and stopped, and out stepped a priest shouting. The village was astonished. The villagers went to the Church to welcome him and asked him, How did you come to the village after our Patriarch had said that he doesn't have a priest to send us?" The priest answered, Isn't that what you wished for? You wished for a priest? Now one has come." All the villagers were glad in the presence of the new priest. The priest began immediately working. He went to all the graves and read the (funeral) prayers. He baptized and married everyone in the village and administered Holy communion. One day he invited all the villagers to Church and told them, I must leave now. My mission work is done." The villagers were saddened and confused by his announcement and asked, "Now that you came, you are leaving?" However, the priest didn't change his mind and proceeded with his decision. When the villagers realized that there wasn't anything they could do, they thanked him. After days, the villagers went to the Patriarch, and they thanked him for sending them a priest and let him know that they would kindly appreciate it if he could send them another priest soon, but the Patriarch didn't know anything. He said to them, "I didn't send a priest because I don't have one, However, let me check with the (chancellor) to see if he had sent a priest to you to serve your needs " He phoned the (chancellor), but he too didn't send anyone. The Patriarch inquired, "what did this priest do for you? The villagers answered, he married us, baptized us, performed funerals for our parents, he did what any other priest would have performed for us." Then the Patriarch asked if he gave them any papers or logged the mysteries. Of course, said the villagers, he gave us papers, and he wrote them in the Church's books. "Then, did anyone see what he wrote? And with what name he signed? "All the documents were written in Romanian, and we are not well educated, and the signature he signed in a language we have not seen before." The Patriarch requested they go bring the books in order to see who this clergyman was. When they returned with the book, the Patriarch remained speechless. He couldn't believe his eyes. Indeed all the documents were written in Romanian while his name was written in greek with the name of his signature, Nektarios, Bishop of Pentapolis." May St. Nektarios intercede for all of us and help us!