



■ On the Occasion of the Commemoration of St. Xenia the Russian (24 January)

A.

The Wondrous Deliverance of an Arrested Man*

Mr. D. K., a resident of Nea Palatia, Oropos, Attika, deals in concrete for construction works.

On Friday, 13 January, 1995, he was arrested and indicted for an infringement. He was imposed a fine of 2,750,000 drachmas in order to be released and escape imprisonment.

In despair, because he naturally did not have such a sum in hand, nor was he able, at that time, to come up with it, Mr. D. K. urgently called his wife in Nea Palatia and told her what had occurred, begging her, if she was not able to do anything else, at least to pray for a miracle.

His wife, a faithful and pious parishioner of the Church of St. Xenia, immediately began fervently to pray, asking for the Saint's intervention and making a vow.

After just half an hour, the telephone at her house rang again! It was her husband, beside himself with joy. One of his clients, who had learned of the unfortunate event, had just arrived at the place where he was being held, bringing with him exactly 2,750,000 drachmas—the sum he had long owed the arrested man!

The only problem was that the road to Oropos was closed off on account of the snowfall. His wife said that, since the Saint had performed the great miracle, she would also perform one here. She therefore urged her husband to start off, reassuring him that he

would most certainly arrive safe and sound.

And, indeed, he arrived without any problem whatsoever!

They straightaway hurried to the Church of St. Xenia to thank her. At that moment, the parish Priest, Fr. Demetrios, and his Presbytera were preparing the Church for the Vigil on the Feast Day of St. Basil, according to the Old Calendar.

“Wondrous is God in His Saints”!

(According to the account by Mrs. M. K., wife of Mr. D. K. Address in our records)



B.

The Conversion of a Heterodox Man to Orthodoxy**

WE follow with an account by a resident of France, who was benefited by the Saint in our days.

A French dentist with a private clinic in Paris was injured in a car accident and had to stay in hospital for a few days.

Roman Catholic by creed, but indifferent to the faith, he watched as the patient next to him, a Russian émigré, would pray in the evenings in the ward, and would laugh behind his back.

Since the Russian's lengthy prayers were repeated for as many days as he remained there, the dentist saw fit to make fun of the praying man, and he joked around with those from the other rooms.

After that first evening of making fun with the others, it was impossible for him to fall sleep.

Suddenly, the door to the ward opened and a woman appeared,

wearing men's clothing and holding a cane in her hand. She was heading towards his bed.

He was startled. Unknown facial features. A sweet, strange face.

“What do you want, lady? I don't have any change. Who let you in here?”

“I came to tell you,” she said to him, as she lifted her cane, “to stop ridiculing Yuri, who is praying, because you will remain here a long time yet, and will seek his prayers....”

And indeed. Over the following days, he was diagnosed with serious cardiac insufficiency and remained three months in the hospital.

Yuri visited him at one point, and when the Frenchman revealed his vision to him, he began to tell him about St. Xenia and Orthodoxy.

Today, the Frenchman is an active member of the French Orthodox community and Baptized his newborn baby girl with the name Xenia last December, in honor of the Saint and in memory of his miraculous conversion.

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