

New Hieromartyr George of Neapolis (Asia Minor, +1797)

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Saint George, the new martyr of Christ, lived in the city of Neapolis of Cappadocia (now Nev-Shekir in Turkey) in the eighteenth century. He was a priest at the Church of the Dormition of the Theotokos and served his flock with righteousness and holiness as a true servant of the Most-high. Gifted with the qualities of love and meekness, brotherly love and forbearance, humble and spotless was his support and consolation of the Greek Christians who then lived under the yoke of the Turks. As an angel on earth the divine George willingly served his fellow men cultivating the divine gifts and pleasing to God.

✠ Ὁ ἍΓΙΟΣ ΓΕΩΡΓΙΟΣ
Ὁ ΝΕΑΠΟΛΙΤΗΣ ✠



In the year 1797 he was invited to the village Malakopi, located within six hours from Neapolis, to serve at some great feast and to bless their pious Christians, because their priest was ill, and or, in the opinion of others, was hiding from the fury of the Turks. The elder George now gladly accepted the invitation without considering the suffering and above all the risks.

Mounting his shabby donkey, he proceeded willing. He approached close to Malakopi, when suddenly at "Kobia Dere «, meaning "ravine", he experienced a

An icon of St. Basil the Great, Bishop of Caesarea. He is depicted with a long, flowing red beard and a stern expression. He wears a dark blue or black mitre (crown) with a cross on top. His outer garment is a light-colored, possibly white or gold, robe with a dark blue or black collar. He holds a long, unrolled scroll in his hands, which contains Greek text. The background is a golden halo with a red border. On the left side of the halo, the Greek letters 'Ο' and 'Τ' are visible. On the right side, the Greek letters 'ΓΕ', 'ΩΡ', 'ΓΙ', 'Ε', and 'Ο ΝΕΟ' are visible. The scroll he holds contains the following text: 'ΗΜΕΙΣ ΤΟΙΣ
ΠΑΤΕΡΑΣ
ΜΕΘΥΝΟΥΣ ΕΚ
ΠΙΝΚΑΜΕΝ
ΣΑΘΗΝ ΤΗΝ
ΑΓΙΑ ΔΟΞΑ
ΣΟΙ'.

Malakopi, but also not returning to Neapolis. Concerned citizens of Neapolis went in search of him. They found his holy body and his precious head and lamenting and weeping at his difficult death, a shepherd hastily buried him, fearing the fury of Turks. Above his grave a stone bore the simple inscription: "The Priest George".

Some time passed, until one night the holy hieromartyr appeared in a vision to a pious widow relating to her what happened and urging her to inform the Mayor to look to find the location in which he was buried. The woman did not give importance to it, but when after a few days the dream was repeated, she was fearful and did what the saint asked. Without delay the pious citizens of Neapolis led by a priest, called Neophytos, son also of priest Basilios, the fellow priest of Church of the Dormition, hastened and excavated the grave. Oh, the miracle! The relic of the Saint remained whole and incorrupt spreading heavenly fragrance and Grace! After they venerated it with reverence and awe, they placed in a wooden casket and carried it to the home of Fr. Neophytos, according to the desire of the Saint himself, and kept it in a cell.

There many came, locals and foreigners, to venerate the Saint and receive blessing from his venerable relic. Miracles began to occur: the sick and disabled were healed, childless couples bore children, spiritual illnesses disappeared, and further during drought the citizens of Neapolis fled to the Saint, that they might shortly see the blessed rain fall strongly. All confessed how miraculous St. George was shown to be!



The Holy and Incorrupt Relics of St. George of Neapolis. Church of St. Eustathios, Perissos (Attiki)

In 1924, with the exchange of populations, the Greeks of Cappadocia left for free Greece, each taking with him whatever he considered most precious. The then priest of the Church of the Dormition of the Theotokos archimandrite Ignatios, perceiving his first responsibility to safely transfer the miraculous and incorrupt relic of St. George, brought it from the shore of Mersinis by steamer to Attica. During the journey they had very rough seas, but they were lulled with a miracle of

the Saint.

In Attica the sacred relic was handed over to citizens of Neapolis, who placed it with reverence in the Church of St. Eustathios in New Neapolis, Perissos. Since then countless are the miracles and the healings which St. George worked to those who call on his name with faith.



The Reliquary containing the Holy and Incorrupt Relics of St. George of Neapolis, treasured by the Church of St. Eustathios, Nea Neapolis, Perissos (Attiki)



Apolytikion in the Fourth Tone

As a sharer of the ways and a successor to the throne of the Apostles, O inspired of God, thou foundest discipline to be a means of ascent to divine vision. Wherefore, having rightly divided the word of truth, thou didst also contest for the Faith even unto blood, O Hieromartyr George. Intercede with Christ our God that our souls be saved.

Through the prayers of New Martyr George of Neapolis, Lord Jesus Christ our God, have mercy on us and save us! Amen!

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