

HEALING OF THYROID CANCER

—The Testimony of Stella Gatanas—

In 2008 my doctor found a nodule on my thyroid. Over the years, I had a sonogram annually to monitor it. In July 2020, I was feeling extremely tired and unwell, but my primary doctor at the time blamed it on Covid and said my nodule and thyroid levels were stable. I began a new teaching job in September 2020 and I was also helping with my parents' house renovations. I thought I was exhausted from everything that was going on, until I collapsed at work. I went to see my endocrinologist. She sent me for a thyroid sonogram and my nodule had grown a small amount, but nothing alarming. However, my doctor did not like how tired I was feeling and wanted to do a biopsy. The genetic testing came back 70% malignant and 30% benign. At that point she said I needed to see a surgeon. I went to see the surgeon and she said it seems to have spread to my lymph nodes on my right side and she would need to remove my entire thyroid and I would most likely need a chemo pill. I was in shock and terrified. She said the surgery would take over 3 hours and they would remove everything.

I decided to come see Geronda Joseph and to pray to Saint Nektarios. Geronda Joseph crossed my neck and told me not to worry. He put me on the prayer list, and he gave me a prayer rope and holy oil. He told me to anoint my neck with the holy oil every day. I did. I prayed to Saint Nektarios every day and put the holy oil on morning and night.

On January 20, 2021, I went in for surgery. It was Covid time, so my parents had to drop me off at the hospital and leave. Everything went well. Glory to God! My recovery was difficult, but I prayed and continued to use the oil. When I went to see the surgeon, she told me she was amazed and that it was a miracle. She said the anticipated 3 hour surgery was only an hour and a half, and that she only removed the left lobe because the papillary carcinoma was encapsulated and had not spread at all.

I know it was a miracle, and I thank God, Geronda Joseph, and Saint Nektarios.